

National Seminar
UNECE Water Convention and its role in international law
Almaty, 18-19 October 2010
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Venue: Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia, Mkr. Orbita – 1, 40, Almaty

1st Day	18 October 2010
9.00-9.30	Registration of participants
9.30 -10.00	<p>Opening</p> <p>..., Ministry of Environmental Protection</p> <p>..., Committee of Water Resources of the Ministry of Agriculture</p> <p>Ms. Francesca Bernardini, Secretary to Water Convention, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)</p> <p>..., GTZ</p> <p>Mr. Talaybek Makeev, Director, Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia</p>
10:00-11.00	<p>Session 1: Water Convention: its place and role in international law</p> <p>Introduction to international water law: sources and principles (20 min incl. questions, ?ALEXIS)</p> <p>Water Convention: major principles and obligations (15 min incl. questions, FRANCESCA)</p> <p>Water Convention: “obligations for all Parties” (20 min incl. questions, ?ALEXIS OR HEIDE)</p>
11.00-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-13.00	<p>Session 2: Riparian cooperation</p> <p>Water Convention: “obligations for Riparian Parties”. Joint bodies: international experience and best practice (30 min incl. questions, IULIA)</p> <p>Individual joint bodies:</p> <p>International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine and bilateral commissions of Germany (20 min incl. questions, ?HEIDE)</p> <p>International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (20 min incl. questions,</p>

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13.00 -14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 15.30	<p>Session 2: Riparian cooperation (continued)</p> <p>Russian-Finnish Commission (20 min incl. questions, ?ASK LEA)</p> <p><u>Discussion:</u> Achievements and challenges in riparian cooperation of Kazakhstan</p> <p>Introduction by: (20 min)</p> <p>Discussion moderated by (50 min – ?SERIK)</p>
15.30-16.00	Coffee break
16.00-17:30	<p>Session 3: Building synergies with other legal instruments</p> <p>Consultations between riparians: the role of the Espoo Convention (20 min incl. questions, NICK/SANDRA)</p> <p>Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (20 min incl. questions, FB TO WRITE TOBIAS)</p> <p>UN Convention to Combat Desertification (20 min incl. questions, SERIK – IS THERE A LOCAL OFFICER?)</p>
17.00 – 17.45	<p>Session 4: The topical issues in international water law</p> <p>Water allocation and criteria (15 min incl. questions, IULIA)</p> <p>State responsibility in international law, including case studies (20 min incl. questions, ?ALEXIS)</p>
19.00	Reception

2nd Day	19 October 2010
9.00- 10.30	<p>Session 5: Water Convention – an engine for broader cooperation to protect the environment</p> <p>Protocol on Water and Health (30 min incl. questions, FRANCESCA)</p> <p>Climate change and water resources (30 min incl. questions, FRANCESCA-POSSIBLY SONJA)</p> <p>Monitoring and data exchange at transboundary rivers, including water quality cooperation (30 min incl. questions, ?ZUZA)</p>
10.30-11.00	Coffee break
11.00-13.00	Session 5: Water Convention – an engine for broader cooperation to protect the environment (continued)

	<p>Payments for ecosystem services (20 min incl. questions, ?CAREC)</p> <p>Prevention of industrial accidents and contingency planning at transboundary waters (20 min incl. questions, ?P.KOVAC)</p>
13.00 -14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 15:30	<p><u>Discussion:</u> Needs of Kazakhstan to strengthen implementation</p> <p>Introduction by: (20 min)</p> <p>Discussion moderated by (50 min, – ?SERIK)</p>
15.30 – 15.45	Conclusions