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## MEETING ON THE NATIONAL WATER POLICY DIALOGUE IN KAZAKHSTAN

7 December 2017, Astana, “Hilton Astana” Hotel

### PROVISIONAL AGENDA

09:30 – 10:00	<b>Registration</b>
09:30 – 10:00	<b>Welcome coffee</b>
<i>Opening</i>	
10:00 – 10:40	<p><b>Welcome speeches:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Yerlan Nyssanbaev, Vice Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan</li> <li>• Ms. Francesca Bernardini, Head of the Secretariat, UNECE Water Convention</li> <li>• Ms. Snejana Popova, EU Delegation to Kazakhstan</li> <li>• H.E. Urs Schmid, Ambassador of Switzerland to Kazakhstan and Tajikistan</li> <li>• H.E. Rolf Mafael, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Germany to Kazakhstan</li> <li>• H.E. Peter Juza, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Slovak Republic</li> <li>• Ms. Munkhtuya Altangerel, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP in Kazakhstan</li> <li>• OSCE Office in Astana</li> </ul>
<i>Session 1. Role of Water Convention and International Water Assessment Centre in developing transboundary water cooperation</i>	
10:40 – 11:00	<b>Water Convention contribution to development of transboundary water cooperation, Ms. Francesca Bernardini, Head of the Secretariat, UNECE Water Convention</b>
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Coffee-break</b>
<i>Continued: Session 1. Role of Water Convention and International Water Assessment Centre in developing transboundary water cooperation</i>	
11:30 – 12:30	<p><b>Experience of the International Water Assessment Centre in implementing Water Convention, Mr. Boris Minarik, Slovak Hydrometeorological Institute and Mr. Jos Timmerman, Wageningen Environmental Research, Netherlands</b></p> <p><b>International Water Assessment Centre in Kazakhstan: role, objectives and future perspectives, Mr. S. Akhmetov, IWAC Director</b></p> <p><b>Questions &amp; Answers</b></p>
12:30 – 12:50	<b>Press Briefing</b>
12:30 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
<i>Session 2. National Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water Recourses Management in Central Asia</i>	
14:00 – 15:30	<b>EU Water Initiative and National Policy Dialogues on IWRM, Mr. Peep Mardiste, UNECE consultant</b>

	<p><b>CAREC Strategy 2030</b>, Mr. Giovanni Capannelli, Country Director, Asian Development Bank in Kazakhstan</p> <p><b>Experience of National Dialogues in the Central Asian Countries</b>  Mr. Yerbol Tashimov, Expert of the Transboundary Rivers Department, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan  Mr. Erkin Orolbaev, National Policy Dialogue Coordinator in Kyrgyzstan  Mr. Yarash Pulatov, National Policy Dialogue Coordinator in Tajikistan  Mr. Arslan Berdyev, National Coordinator of the National Dialogue Project in Turkmenistan</p> <p><b>Questions &amp; Answers, discussions</b></p>
<b>Session 3. Cooperation of Central Asian Countries, Russia and China on Transboundary Rivers</b>	
<b>15:30 – 17:00</b>	<p><b>Cooperation of the Central Asian Countries, Russia and China on Transboundary Rivers</b>  Mr. Muslim Zhiendaev, Head of Department for Transboundary Rivers, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan  Mr. Anatoly Bykov, Head of the Lower Volga Basin Water Authority, Federal Agency of Water Resources, Russian Federation  Mr. Hu Wenjun, Deputy Head of the Center for International Technical and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Water Resources of the People's Republic of China  Mr. Saulat Toreshov, Leading Specialist, Department for Water Resources Development and Implementation of Innovation Technologies, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan  Expert from Kyrgyzstan  Expert from Tajikistan  Expert from Turkmenistan</p> <p><b>Questions &amp; Answers, discussions</b></p>
<b>17:00 – 17:15</b>	<b>Coffee-break</b>
<b>Session 4. Priority thematic areas of the National Policy Dialogue in Kazakhstan</b>	
<b>17:15 – 18:30</b>	<p><b>OECD Projects on Water Resources Management and "Nexus"</b>  Mr. A. Martusevich, OECD Water Program</p> <p><b>Transboundary Groundwater Problems</b>, Mr. Oleg Podolny, <span style="float: right;">LLP</span>  Hydrogeoeological Research and Production, Design Firm "KAZGIDEK"</p> <p><b>Scientific and Educational Components of the Berlin Process</b>, Mr. Almas Kitapbaev,  Project Coordinator "Water in Central Asia", Kazakh-German University in Central Asia</p> <p><b>Questions &amp; Answers, discussions</b></p> <p><b>Draft NPD Work Plan for 2018 and proposals to the Sixth NPD Steering Committee Meeting agenda, discussion</b></p> <p><b>Wrap-up and closure</b></p>