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WITHIN THE EUROPEAN UNION WATER INITIATIVE,  
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**The Eighteenth Steering Committee Meeting of the National Policy Dialogue  
on Integrated Water Resources Management in Kyrgyzstan**

**3 February 2023, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**

**Novotel Hotel, 16 Manas Avenue, Grand Ballroom Conference Hall**

**AGENDA**

*Chairman – Mr Abdybai Jaiлоobaev, Deputy Director of the Water Resources Service under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Kyrgyz Republic*

<b>9.00-9.30</b>	<b>Registration of participants</b>
<b>9.30 - 9.45</b>	<p><b>Opening of the meeting</b></p> <p><b>Greeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Mr Abdybai Jaiлоobaev , Deputy Director of the Water Resources Service under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Kyrgyz Republic</i></li> <li>• <i>Mr Hans Farnhammer, Head of Cooperation, Delegation of the European Union to the Kyrgyz Republic</i></li> <li>• <i>Ms Tamara Kutonova, National Policy Dialogue Programme Manager, UNECE</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Presentation of the goals, agenda and participants of the meeting</i></p>
<b>9.45-10.15</b>	<p><b>Session 1: Legal and institutional aspects of water management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>On the development of the Water Strategy of the Kyrgyz Republic. Ms Gulnara Zhunushova, Lead Specialist of the Section for Water Management, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>On the new version of the Water Code of the Kyrgyz Republic. Mr Nurlan Baibosunov, World Bank PIU Specialist</i></b></li> </ul> <p>Questions and answers Discussion</p>
<b>10.15-11.15</b>	<p><b>Session 2 : International and cross-border cooperation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>UN Water Conference 2023. Participation of Kyrgyzstan. tbc</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>National Action Plan for the Chu and Talas River Basins. Short info. Ms Gulnara Zhunushova, Lead Specialist of the Section for Water Management, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ecology and Technical Supervision</i></b></li> <li>• <b><i>Proposal for investment project to support the implementation of the plan. Mr</i></b></li> </ul>

	<p><i>Jon Marco Church, UNECE Consultant (online)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sources and risks of pollution of the Syrdarya River. Review results.</b> <i>Mr Erkin Orolbaev, UNECE consultant</i></li> <li>• <b>UNECE tools for transboundary cooperation.</b> <i>Ms Tamara Kutonova, National Policy Dialogue Programme Manager, UNECE</i></li> <li>• <b>Protocol on Water and Health.</b> <i>Mr Alexander Belokurov, Environmental Affairs Officer, UNECE</i></li> </ul> <p>Questions and answers Discussion</p>
<b>11.15-11.40</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11.40-13.00</b>	<p><b>Session 3 : Coordination of activities of partners and projects on water issues in Kyrgyzstan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Upcoming IKI project.</b> <i>Mr Matthew Griffiths, Senior Programme Manager and Mr Takayoshi Kato, Environmental economist, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, OECD (online)</i></li> <li>• <b>USAID Regional Water and Environment Project. Result of implementation in Kyrgyzstan.</b> <i>Ms Zeinep Isakova, Project Management Specialist, USAID mission in Kyrgyzstan</i></li> <li>• <b>Project "Management of National Water Resources". Implementation results. Project "Improvement of climate resilient water services". Implementation plans.</b> <i>Mr Ulanbek Torogeldiev, Director AF_NWRMP project</i></li> <li>• <b>Regulation of the water and energy complex of Central Asia.</b> <i>Mr Arman Akhunbaev, Head of the Center for Infrastructure and Industrial Research, Eurasian Development Bank</i></li> <li>• <b>Promoting the assessment of the relationship between water, energy, food and ecosystem resources in the countries of Central Asia.</b> <i>Ms Ekaterina Gorshkova, Kazakh-German University.</i></li> </ul> <p>Questions and answers Discussion</p>
<b>13.00 -14.00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>
<b>14.00-15.00</b>	<p><b>Session 4: Economic and financial aspects of water resources management and water management systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Introductory information.</b> <i>Mr Alexander Martusevich, UNECE consultant (online)</i></li> <li>• <b>Legal support of the approach to compensation for damage to water resources and water bodies in Kyrgyzstan.</b> <i>Mr Uran Tursunaliyev, consultant</i></li> <li>• <b>A short message on updating the time series for selected indicators of water security in Kyrgyzstan, including indicators reflecting the transboundary dimension of water security.</b> <i>Ms Nazira Kerimalieva, National Statistical Committee</i></li> <li>• <b>Contribution of the WECOOP project and the USAID regional project to strengthening the expert capacity in the Kyrgyz Republic and Central Asia:</b> <b>(a) Finalization of the training manual "Economic Management Instruments for</b></li> </ul>

	<p><b><i>Sustainable Development of Water Management and Improvement of Water Security” within the framework of the WECOOP project. Ms Cholpon Toktosunova and Ms Dinara Tursunalieva, Kyrgyz Economic University (KEU)</i></b></p> <p><b><i>( b) Use of training manual materials in the development of training modules and in pilot courses based on them, within the framework of a regional USAID project – Ms Kasiet Musabaeva, National Water Partnership of the Kyrgyz Republic, Ms Cholpon Toktosunova and Ms Dinara Tursunalieva, KEU</i></b></p> <p>Questions and answers Discussion</p>
<p><b>15.00-15.30</b></p>	<p><b>Summing up the meeting and future work</b> <i>Chairman – Mr Abdybai Jailoobaev</i></p>
<p><b>15.30</b></p>	<p><b>Tea coffee</b></p>