



Environment and Security Initiative (ENVSEC)

ENVSEC National Workshop in Armenia

Ani Plaza Hotel

April 4, 2008 Yerevan

AGENDA

09:00 - 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 10:15 Opening Session: Welcome and Introductions

- Ambassador Sergey Kapinos, Head of OSCE Office in Yerevan
- Ms. Consuelo Vidal Resident Representative, UNDP Country Office in Armenia
- Mr. Aram Harutunyan, Minister of the Nature Protection

10:15 – 11:30 ENVSEC in the South Caucasus

Moderator: David Swalley, Economic/Environmental Affairs Officer, OSCE Secretariat

- Overview of the ENVSEC Initiative and objectives in the South Caucasus (David Swalley, OSCE)
- ENVSEC priorities and work programme in Armenia (David Swalley, OSCE)
- Brief statements by ENVSEC National Focal Points Ministry of Environment and, Ministry of Foreign Affairs(Ms. Ruzanna Davtyan, Ms. Nouneh Zastoukhova)
- Question and Answer session

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee Break

12:00 – 13:00 Update on Work Programme Implementation in South Caucasus

Moderator: Mr. Christoph Opfermann Economic/Environmental Officer, OSCE Office in Yerevan

Cluster 1 Environmental degradation and access to natural resources in areas of conflict: ENVSEC projects in conflict zones (Mr.David Swalley, OSCE)

Cluster 2: Management of cross-border environmental concerns: water and biodiversity management, and industrial and military legacies.(Part 1)

- Cooperation for the Protection and Sustainable Development of Mountainous Regions in the Caucasus, (Tamara Mitrofanenko, UNEP GRID-Arendal)
- Transboundary water management projects: Dr. Armen Saghatelyan (OSCE/NATO South Caucasus River Monitoring Project) and Nino Malashkhia (UNDP/GEF Kura-Aras Project)

Questions for Roundtable Discussion

1. ENVSEC approach to address transboundary environmental degradation issue?



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2. What should be focus of the ENVSEC: Technical Assistance to Armenia in preparation for ratification/or implementation of transboundary conventions? Transboundary conservation areas? Land degradation?

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:00 Update on Project Implementation in South Caucasus

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Cluster 2: Management of cross-border environmental concerns: water and biodiversity management, and industrial and military legacies (Part 2)

- Mining projects in Syunik and Lori regions (Tamara Mitrofanenko, UNEP)
- Kajaran Survey – Mayor of Kajaran city (Mr. Vardan Gevorgyan)

"Local Environmental Action Plan in Kajaran" Mr. Georgi Arzumanyan

Programme Manager, Conservation and Sustainable Use of Natural Resources
Environmental Governance Portfolio UNDO Country Office in Armenia

15:00 – 16:00 Update on Project Implementation in South Caucasus

Moderator: Armen Martisosyan (UNDP)

Cluster 3: Population growth and rapid development in capital cities

- GEO Cities (Ms. Karine Danielyan, "Association for Human Sustainable Development" President)

Questions for Roundtable Discussion

1. How can ENVSEC assist in the development of local environmental management plans on the municipal level?
2. What actions can ENVSEC take to promote sustainable environmental practices in urban settings?

Cluster 4: Cross-cutting and Public Awareness and Participation Activities in 2008

- Public Environmental Information Centres and Regional Aarhus Centres (Gohar Ghanzinyan, OSCE Office in Yerevan)
- Introduction of the Project Proposal on the "Research Centre on Environmental Rights" (Ms. Aida Iskoyan)

Questions for Roundtable Discussion

1. How can ENVSEC further promote public awareness and involvement in environmental decision-making in Armenia?
2. How can ENVSEC assist in training the judiciary on the Aarhus Convention and other multi-lateral environmental agreements?



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16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:30 Roundtable Discussion

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OSCE Secretariat

- Brief statements from representatives of ministries and non-governmental organizations about the potential areas for cooperation with ENVSEC. What are common interests and how participants see this cooperation

Questions for Roundtable Discussion

1. Cooperation with ENVSEC
2. Mainstreaming Environment and Security considerations into national development policies
3. Creation of National Advisory/Coordination board

17:30 Concluding remarks