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“Water governance in the OSCE area – increasing security and stability
through co-operation”

CONCLUDING MEETING

Prague, 14 – 16 September 2015

Venue: Czernin Palace, Loretánské nám: 5, 118 00 Prague

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Monday, 14 September 2015

09:30 – 11:30 **Opening Plenary Session** (*open to the press*)

Moderator: **Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yigitgüden**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Rapporteur: **Ms. Jenniver Sehring**, Environmental Affairs Advisor, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Welcoming remarks:

- **H.E. Jakub Kulháněk**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic
- **H.E. Lamberto Zannier**, Secretary General, OSCE

Keynote Speeches:

- **H.E. Ivica Dacic**, OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia
- **H.E. Didier Burkhalter**, Head of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

Selected topics:

- Good water governance as a response to increasing water challenges
- Water governance as a tool to increase resilience to environmental challenges and disasters

Statements by Delegations / Discussion

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee/Tea break

Opening of the Exhibition „Helsinki +40“ by H.E. Lamberto Zannier, OSCE Secretary General, (ground floor)

12:00 – 13:00 **Review of the implementation of the OSCE commitments in the field of water governance**

Selected topics:

- Presentation of the UNECE Review Report
- Forward looking discussion on the Review Report's main findings and recommendations

Moderator: **Ambassador Dejan Šahović**, Head of the OSCE Chairmanship Task Force

Rapporteur: **Mr. Edvardas Aleksandras**, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Mr. Sergiusz Ludwiczak**, Acting Director of Environment Division, UNECE (tbc)
- **Ms. Sonja Koepfel**, Secretariat of the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes, UNECE

Discussion

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 16:00 **Session I: The benefits of good water governance across different levels**

Selected topics:

- Co-operative approaches as a factor for security and stability
- Water-food-energy-ecosystems-nexus
- Framework for multi-level, multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder co-ordination
- Measuring the benefits of water governance and co-operation

Moderator: **Ambassador Thierry Béchet**, Permanent Representative of the European Union Delegation to the OSCE

Rapporteur: **Ms. Dana Bogdan**, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Mr. Eugene Z. Stakhiv**, lecturer and researcher at John Hopkins University, and visiting scholar at the Corps' Institute for Water Resources US
- **Mr. Ahmet Saatci**, President, Turkish Water Institute
- **Ms. Aziza Akhmouch**, Head - Water Governance Programme, Regional Development Policy Division, Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate, OECD
- **Mr. Massimo Cozzone**, Chairperson of the Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes
- **Mr. Gazmend Turdiu**, Deputy Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council

Discussion

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee/Tea break

16:30 – 18:00 **Session II: Water governance at national level – best practices and new approaches in the OSCE region**

Selected topics:

- Best practices in OSCE participating States
- Methods for monitoring and assessing
- Fostering transparency and anti-corruption in the water sector
- Sustainable financing of water management

Moderator: **Ambassador Andreas Papadakis**, Permanent Representative of Greece to the OSCE

Rapporteur: **Mr. Uros Milanovic**, Attaché, Permanent Mission of Serbia to the OSCE, 2015 Serbian OSCE Chairmanship

Speakers:

- **Mr. Berdi Berdiyev**, Head of the Department of Coordination of the Ecological Programmes, Ministry of Nature Protection, Turkmenistan
- **Mr. Rob Uijterlinde**, Netherlands Association of Regional Water Authorities
- **Ms. Lotte Feuerstein**, Programme Coordinator, Water Integrity Network, Germany
- **Ms. Tatsiana Minzhurava**, Chief Expert, Ministry of Natural Resources, Belarus

18:30 **Reception hosted by the Serbian 2015 OSCE Chairmanship**

Tuesday, 15 September 2015

09:30 – 11:00 **Session III: Water governance and co-operation at transboundary level: lessons learnt for water diplomacy**

Selected topics:

- The role of regional organizations for enhanced water co-operation
- Water diplomacy as a tool for conflict prevention and trust building
- Good practices in information and data sharing
- Bottom-up approaches and public participation in transboundary context

Moderator: **Mr. Jan Dusik**, ENVSEC Chair, Director of UNEP Regional Office for Europe

Rapporteur: **Mr. Leonid Kalashnyk**, Environmental Programme Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Mrs. Marina Seliverstova**, Head of the Federal Agency of Water Resources, Russian Federation
- **Mr. Oliver Magnin**, Water Policy Advisor, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
- **Mr. Sulton Rakhimzoda**, Deputy Minister of Energy and Water Resources, Republic of Tajikistan
- **Mr. Benedikt Mandl**, Public Participation and Communication, ICPDR Secretariat
- **Mr. Ramiro Martínez**, General Coordinator, Mediterranean Network of Basin Organizations (MENBO), Spain

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee/Tea break

11:30 - 13:00 **Session IV: Panel debate - Water governance and sustainable development**

Selected topics:

- Water governance for socio-economic development and environmental protection
- Water and security in the context of the post-2015 Development Agenda
- Effective institutional and legislative frameworks for good water governance at all levels

Moderator: **Ms. Biljana Filipović**, Head, Department of International Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, Republic of Serbia

Rapporteur: **Ms. Nino Malashkia**, Associate Environmental Affairs Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Mr. Jan Dusik**, ENVSEC Chair, Director of UNEP Regional Office for Europe
- **Mr. Andrei A. Begeneev**, Member of the Committee on Ecology and Nature, Majlis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- **Dr. Marian Patrick Neal**, SIWI, Manager UNESCO-Centre for Water Co-operation
- **Dr. Wilhelm Vogel**, Head of the Unit Surface Water, Austrian Environmental Agency

Discussion

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 16:00 **Session V: Facilitating effective water governance in the context of new environmental challenges**

Selected topics:

- Water in the context of the global climate change agenda
- Adaptation to new environmental challenges in transboundary river basins
- Adaptation to new environmental challenges at community level

Moderator: **Ms. Marta Bonifert**, Executive Director, Regional Environment Centre for Central and Eastern Europe

Rapporteur: **Mr. Bernd Forster**, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Federal Republic of Germany to the OSCE

Speakers:

- **Mr. Benjamin Pohl**, Senior Project Manager, Adelphi, Germany
- **Mr. Yuriy Nabyvanets**, Deputy Director on Science, Ukrainian Hydrometeorological Institute
- **Mr. Iskandar Abdullaev**, Executive Director, CAREC
- **Mr. Paolo Angelini** Head of Delegation to the Alpine Convention, Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea, Italy

Discussion

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee/Tea break

16:30 - 18:00 **Session VI: Governing waters for effective disaster risk reduction**

Selected topics:

- Co-operative water governance as a catalyst for preventive action
- Water and security in the context of the follow-up to the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030
- Water-related DRR as a tool for trust-building at all levels, including with its gender aspects

Moderator: tbc

Rapporteur: **Mr. Darren Perdue**, Political Officer, United States Mission to the OSCE

Speakers:

- **Mr. Pavel Puncochar**, Director General, Water Section Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Czech Republic
- **Dr. Ursula Schaefer-Preuss**, Chair Global Water Partnership, Germany
- **Mr. Jan Lueneburg**, Head of Democratization Department, OSCE Mission to Serbia
- **Ms. Paola Albrito**, Head of the Regional Office for Europe, UNISDR
- **Mr. Jože Papež**, Head of Development and Projects Department, Hidrotehnik, Slovenia

Discussion

18:00 **Reception hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities**

Wednesday, 16 September 2015

09:00 – 10:30 **Session VII: Strengthening participation and awareness raising for effective water governance**

Selected topics:

- The growing role of civil society– experience from OSCE participating States
- Fostering participation and raising awareness: the role of Aarhus Centers
- The role and engagement of the private sector in addressing water challenges

Moderator: **Ms. Désirée Schweitzer**, Deputy Co-ordinator / Head, Environmental Activities, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Rapporteur: **Mr. Zhaslan Nurtazin**, Associate Environmental Governance Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Ms. Biljana Filipović**, Head, Department of International Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, Republic of Serbia
- **Mr. Aleksandar Perovic**, Manager, Aarhus Centre representative, Montenegro
- **Mr. Kim Skibsted**, Vice President, Group Communications, Grundfos
- **Mr. Andreas Beckmann**, Managing Director of WWF, Danube – Corp programme

Discussion

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/Tea break

11:00 – 12:30 **Concluding Plenary Session – Follow-up to the 23rd OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum**

- General Discussion
- Closing statements

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Rapporteur: **Mr. Edvardas Aleksandras**, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Ambassador Vuk Žugić**, Permanent Mission of Serbia to the OSCE, 2015 Serbian OSCE Chairmanship
- **Ambassador Antje Leendertse**, Head of the Task Force for the 2016 German OSCE Chairmanship, Federal Foreign Office, Germany