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23rd OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum

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

FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING

Vienna, 26 - 27 January 2015
OSCE Congress Centre, Hofburg, Heldenplatz, 1010 Vienna

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Monday, 26 January 2015

09:30 – 11:00 Opening Session (open to Press)

Welcoming Remarks

- Ambassador Vuk Žugić, Chairperson of the Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Serbia to the OSCE, 2015 OSCE Serbian Chairmanship
- Ambassador Lamberto Zannier, OSCE Secretary General
- Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yiğitgüden, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Keynote speeches

- Ms. Stana Božović, State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, Republic of Serbia
- Prof. John Anthony Allan, Professor of Geography, King’s College, London
- Dr. Mohamed Ait Kadi, Chair, Global Water Partnership Technical Committee, Ministry of Agriculture and Marine Fisheries, Kingdom of Morocco

Rapporteur: Mr. Andrew Peebles, EU Delegation to the International Organizations in Vienna

Statements by Delegations / Discussion
11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 Session I: Water governance – approaches, elements, actors

Selected topics:

- The concept of water governance
- Principles of Good Water Governance
- Best practices in implementing good water governance
- Water diplomacy in the OSCE context

Moderator: Ambassador Tomislav Leko, Permanent Representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the International Organizations in Vienna, Chairperson of the Economic and Environmental Committee

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

Speakers:
- Mr. Håkan Tropp, Managing Director, Knowledge Services Department, Stockholm International Water Institute
- Mr. Peter Glas, President, Netherlands Association of Regional Water Authorities, Chair of OECD Water Governance Initiative
- Dr. Benjamin Pohl, Senior Project Manager, Adelphi
- Ms. Eileen Hofstetter, Water Policy Advisor, Global Programme Water Initiatives, Swiss Agency for Development and Co-operation

Discussion

13:00 – 14:30 Buffet lunch hosted by the 2015 OSCE Serbian Chairmanship
(Neuersaal Foyer, 2nd floor)

14:30 – 16:00 Session II: Water governance across sectors: Fostering food and energy security

Selected topics:

- Best practices in cross-sectoral dialogue and co-ordination of water policy
- The water-energy-food nexus
- New approaches to sustainable hydropower and efficient irrigation

Moderator: Mr. David Wiberg, Acting Director of the Water Programme, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis

Rapporteur: Mr. Manav Sachdeva, Environmental and Economic Officer, OSCE Centre in Bishkek/Osh Field Office
Speakers:
- **Mr. Gheorghe Constantin**, Director, Ministry of Environment, Romania, Chair of the EU Water Initiative’s Working Group on Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia
- **Mr. Cameron Ironside**, Programme Director, Sustainability, International Hydropower Association
- **Mr. Nicholas Bonvoisin**, Secretary, UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes
- **Mr. Tom Mollenkopf**, Senior Vice-President, International Water Association

Discussion

16:00 – 16:30   Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:00  Session III: Water governance and the environment: Protecting ecosystems and increasing water efficiency

Selected topics:
- Security-related benefits of sustainable management of water ecosystems
- Climate change and water governance - adaptive capacity
- Partnership frameworks for environmental protection and efficient use of water at local, national and transboundary level
- Technological innovations for efficient collection, treatment and re-use of water

**Moderator: Mr. Walter Kling**, Secretary General, International Association of Waterworks in the Danube Catchment Area

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

Speakers:
- **Dr. Dejan Komatina**, Secretary, International Sava River Basin Commission
- **Mr. Rolf Olsen**, Senior Technical Lead, Institute for Water Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alliance for Global Water Adaptation
- **Ms. Ekaterina Strikeleva**, Head, Water Initiatives Support Programme, the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia
- **Ms. Jovana Husemann**, Research Associate, Institute for Sanitary Engineering, University of Stuttgart

Discussion

18:15   Cocktail hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, Hofburg, Ratsaal Foyer (5th floor)
Tuesday, 27 January 2015

09:30 – 11:00 Session IV: Water governance at different levels

Selected topics:
- Community-based water governance approaches at local level
- Basin management approaches across administrative boundaries
- Challenges and opportunities in implementing water sector reforms

Moderator: Mr. Marco Keiner, Director, Environment Division, UNECE

Rapporteur: Ms. Dilara Abdullayeva, Third Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the OSCE

Speakers:
- Dr. Aslihan Kerç, Project Development and Implementation Co-ordinator, Turkish Water Institute
- Mr. Andre Matoso, Regional Director, Alentejo River Basin District Administration, Portuguese Environment Agency
- Mr. José Anguel Rodrigues Cabellos, Head of Planning Office, Guadiana River Basin Authority, Spain
- Ms. Biljana Filipović, Head, Department of International Co-operation, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, Republic of Serbia

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 Session V: Good water governance and transparency

Selected topics:
- Transparency in the water sector at local and national level: security benefits
- Fighting corruption in the water sector and promoting integrity
- Economic instruments for increasing water efficiency
- The role of civil society and the business sector in good water governance

Moderator: Mr. Jan van de Venis, Director of Legal Desk, Waterlex

Rapporteur: Ms. Magdalena Stankowska, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the OSCE

Speakers:
- Mr. Teun Bastemeijer, Chief Adviser, Water Integrity Network
- Dr. Carlos Mario Gómez Gómez, University of Alcalá, Spain
Ms. Susanne Brandstetter, Chair, Public Participation Expert Group, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River

Ms. Sabina Jukan, Manager, Aarhus Centre Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Discussion

13:00 – 14:30  Lunch Break

14:30 – 16:00  Session VI: Opportunities for exchange of knowledge and experience in water governance

Selected topics:

- Global and regional platforms for knowledge and information sharing on water
- Water governance in the global context
- Examples of sharing of technology and innovative methods of water management, including through private sector investments

Moderator: Ambassador Slavica Milačić, Permanent Representative of Montenegro to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Mr. Elton Qendro, Project Assistant, Governance, Economy and Environmental Issues Department, OSCE Presence in Albania

Speakers:
- Mr. Soontak Lee, Co-chair, International Steering Committee, 7th World Water Forum, Republic of Korea
- Professor András Szöllösi-Nagy, Co-Chair of the Political Processes Commission 7th World Water Forum, World Water Council
- Mr. Martin Krause, Practice Leader, Environment and Energy, Regional Centre for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States, UNDP
- Ms. Dragana Milovanović, Head, Department for Participation in Strategic Planning, Management and International Water Co-operation, Water Directorate of the Republic of Serbia

Discussion

16:00 – 16:30  Coffee/Tea break

16:30 – 18:00  Concluding Session

- Wrap-up of the discussions, lessons learned and identifying priority areas for future discussion and increased co-operation.
- Outlook to the 2nd Preparatory Meeting in Serbia
Moderator: Ambassador Vuk Žugić, Chairperson of the Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Serbia to the OSCE, 2015 OSCE Serbian Chairmanship

Rapporteur: Mr. Bernhard Romstorfer, Intern, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:
– Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yiğitgüden, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
– Ambassador Thomas Greminger, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE
– Ms. Christine Weil, Deputy Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Germany to the OSCE

Closing Statements