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Draft Agenda: ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EAP TASK FORCE

7-8 October 2015
Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Agenda item: 1.
ACTION REQUIRED: For discussion and endorsement.

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Draft Agenda: ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EAP TASK FORCE**7-8 October 2015****Tashkent, Uzbekistan***Hotel "Windham" (Former Dedeman)**Address: 7, Amir Temur Str., C 4, 100084, Tashkent**Meeting room "Silk Road"***Wednesday, 7 October 2015, starting at 11:00****11:00 -11:15 1. Welcome and approval of the draft Agenda****Relevant documents:**

Draft agenda

Summary of the 2014 EAP Task Force meeting, 25-26 November 2014, Paris, France

Action(s): For approval**11:15 - 12:30 2. Introduction session: "Environment for Europe" Ministerial Conference (Batumi, June 2016) contributions from the EAP Task Force** ENV/EPOC/EAP(2015)7/REV

The EAP Task Force mandate has been linked to the "Environment for Europe" Ministerial Conferences. The objective of this session will be to update participants on preparations for the 8th "Environment for Europe" Ministerial Conference that will be held on 8-10 June 2016 in Batumi, Georgia, and its expected results. The session will also provide an opportunity to discuss the possible contributions from the EAP Task Force to the Conference.

Relevant documents:

Note by the Secretariat

Action(s): For discussion**12:30 - 14:00 Lunch****14:00 - 15:15 3. Access to private finance for green investments**

Commercial banks have a potentially important role to play in providing lending for green investments. The objective of this session is to introduce the project on Access to private finance for green investments and present the preliminary results from the review of the experience of the Export-Import Bank of Ukraine (Ukreximbank) with financing green investment projects. Ukreximbank currently holds the largest portfolio of IFI-supported environmental credit lines and has developed substantial in-house capacity to identify, appraise and finance green investments, particularly industrial energy efficiency projects. The discussion during the session will focus on the role of governments in creating demand for green investments and providing stronger incentives for domestic commercial banks to invest in green projects.

Relevant documents:

[Report "Environmental lending in EU Eastern Partnership Countries"](#)

Action(s): For discussion

15:15 - 15:45 **Coffee break**

15:45 - 17:15 **4. Creating market incentives for greener products**

Many EECCA countries are interested in expanding the use of economic instruments for managing environmentally harmful products, including taxes to reduce the consumption of harmful goods (such as fossil fuels, motor vehicles, pesticides and fertilisers), and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) schemes for packaging, electric and electronic equipment, tyres or batteries. This session will review lessons learned from reform of product-related instruments in [Moldova](#) and [Ukraine](#) and will present good practices for applying EPR schemes.

Relevant documents:

[Policy Manual "Creating market incentives for greener products"](#)

Pilot project reports on the current practices and recommendations for reform of product-related economic instruments in Moldova and Ukraine

Action(s): For discussion

17:15 - 17:45 **5. Progress report and planned activities: Policies for greening growth** ENV/EPOC/EAP(2015)13

This session will review progress in implementing the EAP Task Force work programme on policies for greening growth and discuss proposed activities for 2015-16 under three programme activities: 2.1. Integrating fiscal and environmental policies; 2.2. Fostering incentives for private sector contribution to green growth; 2.3. Strengthening institutional frameworks and capacity.

Relevant documents:

Progress in implementing the EAP Task Force programme of work (November 2014 – September 2015) and draft programme of work and budget for 2015-2016 (October 2015 – September 2016)

Action(s): For discussion

19:00 - 21:30 **Cocktail reception**

A bus will be arranged from the hotel/meeting venue and it will depart at 18:30.

Thursday, 8 October 2015, starting at 09:00

9:00 - 10:30 **6. Benefits of trans-boundary cooperation on water management** ENV/EPOC/EAP(2015)11

The objective of this session will be to discuss the results of a project that evaluates benefits of transboundary cooperation in shared river basin of the Kura river in Georgia and Azerbaijan. The discussion will include the presentation of the project results and lessons learned.

Relevant documents:

Report: Benefits of trans-boundary cooperation: the case of the Kura River Basin

Action(s): For discussion

10:30 - 10:45 **Coffee break**

10:45 - 12:00 **7. Water Supply And Sanitation in Small Towns and Rural Areas** ENV/EPOC/EAP(2015)8

The objective of this session will be to discuss the results of a project that evaluated existing business models for water supply and sanitation in small towns and rural areas in Kazakhstan. The discussion will include the presentation of the project results and possible extension of analysis to other EECCA countries.

Relevant documents:

Report: Sustainable Business Models for Water Supply and Sanitation in Small Towns and Rural Areas in Kazakhstan

Action(s): For discussion

12:00 - 12:30 **8. Progress report and planned activities: Strengthening water management** ENV/EPOC/EAP(2015)13

This session will review progress in implementing the EAP Task Force work programme on strengthening water management and discuss proposed activities for 2015-16 under two programme activities: 1.1: Strengthening the economic and financial dimensions of water management, including adaptation to climate change; 1.2: Strengthening institutions for water supply and sanitation.

Relevant documents:

Progress in implementing the EAP Task Force programme of work (November 2014 – September 2015) and draft programme of work and budget for 2015-2016 (October 2015 – September 2016)

Action(s): For discussion

12:30 - 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 - 15:00 **9. Highlights of ongoing and planned work by RECs**

In 2009, the EAP Task Force members decided that their annual meetings should provide a platform for the Regional Environmental Centres (RECs) to share information on projects that are synergetic with the OECD-implemented work programme. The representatives of RECs will inform the participants about the latest developments in the cooperation with countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia.

Relevant documents:

Oral interventions

Action(s): For discussion

15:00 - 17:30 **10. The EAP Task Force beyond the 2016 “Environment for Europe” Ministerial Conference** ENV/EPOC/EAP(2015)7/REV

The objective of this session will be to discuss possible options for the future orientation of work under the EAP TF, including possible ‘re-branding’, in light of expected outcomes on the theme of “greening the economy in the pan-European region” and other policy priorities.

Relevant documents:

Note by the Secretariat

Action(s): For discussion

15:30-15:45 **Coffee break**

17:30 - 18:00 **11. Closing remarks**

Relevant documents:

Oral interventions

Action(s): For discussion
