



REPUBLIC OF ARMENIA  
MINISTRY OF  
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## 21<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF THE INTER-MINISTERIAL STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE ON WATER ISSUES IN ARMENIA

**Date:**  
26 October 2023

**Venue:**  
Double Tree by Hilton Yerevan City Centre,  
4/2 Grigor Lusavorich, Yerevan, 0015, Armenia

**Time:**  
09:00-18:00

### DRAFT AGENDA

Time	Item	Speaker
09 <sup>00</sup> -09 <sup>30</sup>	Registration and welcome coffee	
09 <sup>30</sup> -10 <sup>00</sup>	<b>Item 1. Opening and welcoming statements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adoption of Agenda</li> </ul>	- Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Armenia - F. Hess, Head of Cooperation Section of EU Delegation to Armenia - A. Zinke, EU4Environment Water and Data Programme
10 <sup>00</sup> -11 <sup>00</sup>	<b>Item 2. Water as an economic asset: Valuing water in Armenia under increasing pressures</b>  The panel discussion will include progress on work on economic instruments under EU4Environment Water and Data, and interventions from representatives from ministries, the private sector, the European Commission, IFIs and ongoing water sector projects in Armenia.	Moderator: EU4Environment Water and Data Programme  - Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Armenia - EU4Environment Water and Data Programme - Water Committee, Ministry of Finance, Statistical Committee - European Commission - IFIs
11 <sup>00</sup> - 11 <sup>30</sup>	Coffee Break	

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11 <sup>30</sup> -13 <sup>00</sup>	<p><b>Item 3. Progress on river basin management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoption and implementation of river basin management plans</li> <li>• Water indicators and accounts</li> <li>• Addressing water pollution – update on current progress and priorities</li> <li>• Transboundary cooperation in the Khrami-Debed River basin and other basins</li> </ul> <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is progress on integrated river basin management sufficient and what could be done to speed up action?</li> <li>• What are the barriers to implementation of Programmes of Measures?</li> <li>• How will the results delivered under the ongoing initiatives help policymaking on the ground?</li> </ul>	<p>Moderator: Ministry of Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministry of Environment, Hydrometeorology and Monitoring Centre, Water Committee</li> <li>- EU4Environment Water and Data Programme</li> <li>- Representatives from other projects (including USAID, EU4Sevan)</li> </ul>
13 <sup>00</sup> -14 <sup>00</sup>	Lunch	
14 <sup>00</sup> -15 <sup>30</sup>	<p><b>Item 4. Water management for enhanced irrigation</b></p> <p>Session will cover the coordination of ongoing initiatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• KfW project on IWRM/Akhuryan River Construction of Kaps Reservoir and Gravity Irrigation System</li> <li>• AFD project on Construction and Vedi Reservoir and Irrigation Scheme</li> <li>• World Bank Water and Irrigation Services Enhancement project</li> <li>• Projects/interventions of other organisations, donors, IFIs, NGOs and academia</li> </ul> <p>Guiding policy question: How do these projects support the overall strategic priorities of Armenia’s water sector including contribution to River Basin Management Plan implementation? What lessons can be learned and replicated elsewhere in Armenia?</p> <p>The panel discussion will include interventions from high-level representatives from ministries, the European Commission and IFIs.</p>	<p>Moderator: Water Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EU4Environment Water and Data Programme</li> <li>- Projects representatives</li> </ul>
15 <sup>30</sup> -16 <sup>00</sup>	Coffee Break	

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16 <sup>00</sup> -17 <sup>15</sup>	<b>Item 5. Water and health agenda</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wastewater-based Epidemiology Monitoring</li> <li>• Water and Health Protocol</li> <li>• The Drinking Water Directive</li> </ul> <p>Guiding policy question: What are the current challenges and how to address them?</p> <p>Q&amp;A and discussion</p>	<p>Moderator: UNECE</p> <p>UBA, UNECE</p> <p>Interventions from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Infrastructure, Water Committee</p>
17 <sup>15</sup> -18 <sup>00</sup>	<b>Item 6. Concluding session:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting summary</li> <li>• Decisions and recommendations</li> <li>• An introductory overview of workshops on 27 October</li> <li>• Next steps</li> </ul>	<p>- Ministry of Environment of the Republic of Armenia</p> <p>- EU4Environment Water and Data Programme</p>
18 <sup>00</sup> -19 <sup>30</sup>	Networking Cocktail	