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Ninth Steering Committee Meeting of the National Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water Resources Management

BISHKEK – Ninth Steering Committee meeting of the National Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water Resources Management in Kyrgyzstan (NPD) took place on 13 March 2013. The UNECE-led event was hosted by the Department of Water Management and Melioration of the Ministry of Agriculture and Melioration of Kyrgyzstan and supported by “Water Management and Basin Organisations in Central Asia (WMBOCA)” project, which is funded by the European Union and implemented by [Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit \(GIZ\) GmbH](#), Transboundary Water Management in Central Asia Programme.

Policy makers, including representatives of the ministries of agriculture, health, natural resources, as well as other authorities, international organisations and enterprises, gathered for the meeting.

Ambassador Chantal Hebberecht, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the Kyrgyz Republic encouraged Kyrgyzstan in implementation of IWRM and emphasized that water issue is of particular interest, especially as to achievement of water-related Millennium goals.

Following activities implemented in the framework of WMBOCA were presented: draft of basin planning manual and basin planning concept and basin planning approach for Isfara river.

Policy brief on the National Policy Dialogue and agreement on general direction of further IWRM implementation activities in Central Asia were outcomes of the meeting.

Note to Editors:

The EU-supported National Policy Dialogues on IWRM programme assist governments of the countries of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia in promoting implementation of the IWRM in line with the principles of the UNECE Water Convention, the Protocol on Water and Health, the EU Water Framework Directive and other UNECE and European Union instruments.

National Policy Dialogues on IWRM are the main operational instrument of the European Union Water Initiative (EUWI), an international partnership that aims at contributing to the achievement of the water related Millennium Development Goals. The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) is the strategic partner to support the policy dialogue process on integrated water resources management. The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is the strategic partner for water supply and sanitation.

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