

## MINUTES

Local Project Appraisal Committee Meeting  
“Integrated Water Resource Management and  
Water Efficiency Plan for Zarafshan River Basin” project

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Place: Ministry of Agriculture and Water  
Resources of Uzbekistan

### Participants:

#### Representatives of National Agencies:

1. Khamraev Sh. Deputy minister of Agriculture and Water Resources, Chairperson of Project Board;
2. Sheraliev U. Deputy Head of Division, Ministry of Economy;
3. Mirzaev T, Deputy Head of Department, Ministry of Finance;
4. Habirov R. a.i. 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy chairman of State Committee for Nature Protection;
5. Kadyrov B. 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy general director of Uzhydromet;
6. Mavlonov A. Director of GIDROINGEO Institute, State Committee on Mineral Resources;
7. Saidov K. Deputy general director of Uzbek Communal Services Agency “Uzkommunhizmat”»;
8. Makhmudov E. Director of Water Problem Institute, Academy of Sciences.

#### UNDP:

9. Ms. Kyoko Postill, UNDP Deputy Resident Representative
10. Mr. Abdurahmanov A., Head of Environment and Energy Unit
11. Mr. Maksudov F., Environmental Specialist of Environment and Energy Unit ;
12. Mr. Shaumarov M., Programme Associate of Environment and Energy Unit ;
13. Mr. Islamov U., Project Manager of “Capacity Building for the National Irrigated Land Reclamation Fund”.

### Introduction

- I. Mr. Abduvakkos Abdurahmanov – HoU, EEU, UNDP, Introduction
- II. Mr. Shavkat Khamraev – Deputy Minister, MAWR, Welcome speech
- III. Ms. Kyoko Postill – DRR, UNDP, Welcome note

### Discussion

Questions / comments	Answers /
Mr Mahmudov – Water Problems Institute: - All project components address water issues solely in the territory of Uzbekistan, whereas watershed starts from Tajikistan. It would be advisable that project to: a) emphasize national nature of the project	Mr U. Islamov: - transboundary water management issues are out of project objectives, and hence have to be considered on higher governmental level.

<p>b) include assessment and monitoring of water quality that flow from upstream</p> <p>c) cooperate with UNESCO which has projects protecting historical monuments in Zarafshan valley;</p> <p>c) consider integrated ground- and underground drinking water use for communities;</p> <p>d) build partnership relations with other donor agencies targeting Zarafshan and learn strategies of IWRM;</p>	<p>- We will consider building cooperation with UNESCO within the 3<sup>rd</sup> project component;</p>
<p>Mr Mavlonov - Goskomgeologiya:</p> <p>The context of this project proposal has been in my focus of study for a long time: Therefore, the Goskomgeologiya fully supports launching and implementation of this important project;</p> <p>- It is good that project pays attention to improvement of drinking water quality issues, since it is vital for rural communities of Zarafshan.</p>	
<p>Mr Kadirov – Uzhydromet:</p> <p>- The role of Project Board is not only to recommend, but also to assess project activities;</p> <p>- Uzhydromet could also contribute the project by providing forecast of water volumes/reserves located in Hymalay mountain glaciers for more effective IWRM, since it has purchased a special equipment which is able to measure and forecast formation of water reserves; However, participation of Uzhydromet specialists in project implementation is not foreseen.</p>	<p>Mr Abdurahmanov – UNDP:</p> <p>- The role of the Project Board is to assess recommend and coordinate activities to reach effective project objectives. These details are described in project structure part of the proposal.</p>
<p>Mr Habirov – Goskomprirody:</p> <p>- We fully support this project and ready to make contribution for its successful implementation.</p> <p>- It is advisable to make improvements to legal frameworks such as introduction of small payments for irrigated water use in agriculture in order to raise efficient use and distribution, like it is applied for central water system;</p> <p>- Waste water treatment is important issue in regions which raise many issues, and considerably has to be addressed in this project. In this context the broad experience and inventions of Water-Geo-Institute in building water treatment stations would be much applicable.</p>	
<p>Mr Saidov – Uzkommunhizmat:</p> <p>Water treatment construction projects are already being implemented in regions by WB and ADB; we could learn from their experience as well.</p>	<p>Mr A. Abdurahmanov – UNDP:</p> <p>This is right, we will engage wide experience of other international agencies and donors in building water treatment buildings in the regions within the 2<sup>nd</sup> component of the project for effective IWRM.</p>
<p>Mr Sheraliev - Ministry of Economy:</p> <p>- Please consider other project within MAWR and MinEconomy, so that you have no overlap with other projects;</p> <p>- Which institutional structures would be established for</p>	<p>Mr U. Islamov – UNDP:</p> <p>At this stage it is hard to say exactly what would be the structure of institutions to be established. The local socio-economic and natural</p>

integrated water management in local level?	specificities have to be taken into account. Mr A.Abdurahmanov – UNDP: Only after having results of baseline assessment we will be able to name institutional structure.
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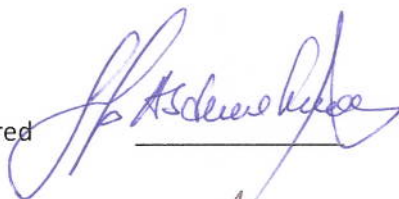
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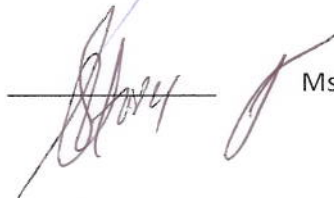
Mr Khamraev - water issues are in central focus in our republic; there is a big programme on melioration is being prepared which will have huge amounts of investments up to 2012; Uzbekistan is on transition to basin based management of its water resources; we thank UNDP for support and contribution on this new initiative; while making a baseline assessment, it would be very much appreciated if project will take into consideration not only problems, faults, weaknesses, but also improvements, i.e. all efforts that government addresses for welfare improvement of rural livelihoods.

Decision of LPAC

Discussed comments have to be addressed in project document and while project intervention.

The project has been endorsed by all members of the board for launching and further implementation.

Cleared  Mr. A.Abdurahmanov, Head of EEU, UNDP Uzbekistan

Approved  Ms. Kyoko Postill, DRR, UNDP Uzbekistan

