
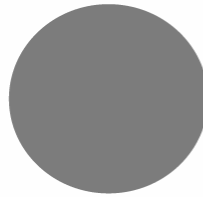




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## Overview of Ministerial Conference in Moscow

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# Background

- **Almaty conference in October 2000**
  - **Adoption by EECCA Ministers of Economy/Finance and Environment of Guiding Principles for the Reform of the Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Sector**
  - **Mandated EAP Task Force to monitor their implementation and to develop a work programme to support their implementation**
  - **Follow-up conference to be held in 2005**
- **World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, August 2002**
  - **Adoption of Millennium Development Goal : to halve proportion of people without sustainable access to safe water and basic sanitation**

# Conference dates, location and timing

- **Conference will be held in Moscow, upon invitation by Russian Federation government**
- **Bringing together EECCA Ministers for Water/Finance and Environment and their partners**
- **Dates: 17th and 18th November 2005**
- **Timing:**
  - **starting with Ministerial dinner on Wednesday 16th**
  - **Ending with lunch on Friday 18th**

# Proposed agenda

- **Four sessions:**
  - **Assessing progress on implementing the Almaty Guiding Principles and the water-related MDGs**
  - **The role of different sources of finance, including tariffs and social aspects of sector reforms**
  - **The role of central governments in improving the financial situation at the local level**
  - **Reforming relations between local governments and water utilities**

# **Proposed conference documentation to be prepared by TF secretariat**

- **Five background papers:**
  - **Progress on implementing the Almaty Guiding Principles for the Reform of the Urban Water Supply and Sanitation Sector in EECCA (outline in document 7)**
  - **Meeting the MDG Drinking Water and Sanitation Target in the EECCA region: a goal within reach ? (outline in document 9)**
  - **How can central authorities financially strengthen sub national levels of government for environmentally related services (outline in document 10)**
  - **Reforms of the Municipal Services Sector in EECCA (outline in document 11)**
  - **Fianningc strategies for the Water Supply and Sanitation Sector in EECCA (outline in document 32)**



# Objectives of session

- Feedback on main messages contained in the outline papers
- Feedback on proposed issues for discussion
- Feedback on overall structure of the agenda and the proposed timing
- Guidance on output: negotiated text or Chair's summary



## Next steps

- Preparation of full background papers and a possible draft declaration
- Discussion of these at the second preparatory meeting to be held in Paris on 5th and 6th of June.
- Finalisation of background papers by September 2005
- Ministerial Conference in November 2005