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ANNUAL MEETING
of the EAP Task Force for the Implementation of the Environmental Action Programme
for Central and Eastern Europe (EAP Task Force)

15-16 October 2009, Paris (France)

Agenda Item: 1.

*This document presents the draft agenda for the annual meeting of the EAP Task Force
(15-16 October 2009, Paris).*

Action Required: For discussion and approval.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EAP TASK FORCE

*15-16 October 2009, Paris***OUTLINE OF THE AGENDA**

Thursday, 15 October 2009		
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3.	Approval of the Summary Record of the EAP Task Force, 23-24 October, 2008	ENV/EPOC/EAP/M(2008)2
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5.	Roundtable discussion on environmental cooperation in the context of green growth i. Green growth ii. Cooperation involving IFIs iii. Cooperation involving bilateral donors	C/MIN(2009)5/ADD1/FINAL Room documents
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7.	Dates and location of the next EAP Task Force meeting	
8.	Other business	
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	Special session on Water Sector Reform	

ANNOTATIONS TO THE AGENDA

Thursday, 15 October 2009	
8:30-9:30	<p>Registration and informal consultations</p> <p><i>In view of the resignation recently announced by Ms. Violeta Ivanov, former Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Moldova, delegates will be invited to hold informal consultations in order to agree upon a high-level governmental official to serve as the EECCA co-Chair of the EAP Task Force.</i></p>
Item 1. 9:30-9:45	<p>Welcome and adoption of the agenda ENV/EPOC/EAP/A(2009)2/REV1</p> <p><i>The Chair will welcome delegates, open the meeting, and will invite delegates to adopt the draft agenda.</i></p> <p>ACTION REQUIRED: the EAP Task Force is invited to adopt the draft agenda.</p>
Item 2. 9:45-10:15	<p>Elections of the EECCA Co-Chair and designation of new Bureau members</p> <p>i. EECCA Co-chair of the EAP Task Force</p> <p><i>The EAP Task Force is co-chaired by a representative of donor countries, and a representative of EECCA countries. In February 2007, the Task Force agreed on the following criteria that could facilitate the process of the EECCA Co-chair election:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>[...] preference should be given to individuals who have been actively involved in EAP Task Force projects;</i> • <i>it is expected that the EECCA Co-Chair would be at ministerial level (full minister or deputy); the ability to communicate in English would be an important advantage.</i> <p><i>Furthermore, the Task Force has generally sought to promote sub-regional rotation of its EECCA co-chairs. The previous two co-chairs were from Central Asia (Kazakhstan), then Eastern Europe (Moldova).</i></p> <p>ii. New Bureau members</p> <p><i>The secretariat will inform the EAP Task Force of the candidates proposed for nomination to the Bureau. The vacancies on the Bureau arose, following several job reassignments of former Bureau members.</i></p> <p>ACTION REQUIRED: the EAP Task Force members are invited to (i) elect a new EECCA co-chair; and (ii) designate new members of the Bureau.</p>
Item 3. 10:15-10:30	<p>Approval of the Summary Record of the EAP Task Force, 23-24 October, 2008 ENV/EPOC/EAP/M(2008)2</p> <p><i>The last meeting of the EAP Task Force took place in Astana (Kazakhstan).</i></p> <p>ACTION REQUIRED: the EAP Task Force members are invited to approve the Summary Record of their last annual meeting.</p>
10:30-11:00	Coffee-break

Item 4. 11:00-12:30	Work Programme Implementation by the OECD Secretariat and EECCA RECs i. Progress achieved in 2009 ii. Proposed work in 2010 iii. Budgetary situation in 2009 and estimated financing needs in 2010 <i>The EAP Task Force's work programme is based on two main pillars: environmental policy reform and water supply and sanitation. For each of these areas, representatives of OECD and EECCA RECs will present a progress report and outline proposed work for 2010. Also the budgetary situation from the perspective of OECD and the EECCA RECs will be presented.</i> ACTION REQUIRED: the Task Force is invited to: (i) discuss the implementation of activities in 2009; (ii) provide guidance on the implementation of activities in 2010; and (iii) discuss how the finances required to implement activities in 2010 could be raised.	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2009)1/REV1 ENV/EPOC/EAP(2009)2 ENV/EPOC/EAP(2009)3/REV1 ENV/EPOC/EAP/REPIN/M(2009)1
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break	
Item 5. 14:00-15:30	Roundtable discussion on environmental cooperation in the context of green growth i. "Green growth" ii. Cooperation involving IFIs iii. Cooperation involving bilateral donors <i>In order to kick off roundtable discussions, the secretariat will brief participants about initiatives in OECD and EECCA countries to stimulate green growth as a vehicle for economic recovery, and the role of international cooperation in promoting green growth. In this context, IFIs and donor countries will be invited to present their views on environmental cooperation involving EECCA countries, in particular:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>recent trends in aid flows to EECCA, and the possible impacts of the economic and financial crises;</i> • <i>their thematic priorities and countries of focus;</i> • <i>contribution to regional cooperation;</i> • <i>mechanisms of assistance, particularly for donors making greater use of sectoral and general budget support.</i> ACTION REQUIRED: the Task Force is invited to take note of oral communications and discuss how finance provided to EECCA countries could be optimised, particularly in light of the economic and financial crises and opportunities to promote green growth. Also the Task Force may wish to consider whether specific activities on green growth promotion in EECCA should be included in the EAP Task Forces' work programme.	C/MIN(2009)5/ADD1/FINAL Room documents
15:30-16:00	Coffee-break	

<p>Item 6. 16:00-16:30</p>	<p>The Astana Ministerial Conference: Possible Contributions from the EAP Task Force ENV/EPOC/EAP(2008)4/REV2</p> <p><i>In response to a request from the EAP Task Force Bureau, the Secretariat identified key outputs, in particular three flagship reports, that would be available by the time of the Astana Ministerial Conference, and that could possibly feature on the Conference agenda. Activities carried out by the network of Regional Environmental Centres (RECs) may result in additional suggestions.</i></p> <p>ACTION REQUIRED: the Task Force is invited to discuss how the EAP Task Force's work could contribute to Astana Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference.</p>
<p>Item 7. 16:30-16:45</p>	<p>Dates and location of the next meeting</p> <p>The Task Force members are invited to propose and agree dates for their next meeting. At their Astana meeting in October 2008, the Bureau considered that EECCA RECs might have responsibility for the logistical organisation of the 2010 EAP Task Force meeting, subject to the provision of adequate funding.</p>
<p>Item 8. 16:45-17:00</p>	<p>Other Business</p> <p>EAP Task Force members may wish to raise other issues for discussion.</p>

Friday, 16 October 2009

SPECIAL SESSION ON WATER SECTOR REFORM

Background

At its meeting in October 2008 in Astana, the Bureau requested the EAP Task Force secretariat to prepare a proposal for a special session on water as part of the next EAP Task Force meeting. The EAP Task Force water programme was initiated at the October 2000 Almaty Conference on water supply and sanitation of Ministers of Finance/Economics and Environment from Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia (EECCA). It has focused on the financial and economic aspects of reforming the water supply and sanitation sector, and the achievement of the water-related millennium development goals.

Since 2005, the EAP Task Force water programme has been implemented in close cooperation with the EU Water Initiative (EUWI) EECCA Working Group, which is now chaired by Romania. There is now a strategic partnership between the two activities and, effectively, a joint work programme for activities related to water supply and sanitation. Work is overseen by joint annual meetings of the EUWI EECCA Working Group and the EAP Task Force's Group of Senior Officials for Water Sector Reform. UNECE is also a strategic partner of the EUWI EECCA Working Group and is responsible for leading work on water resources management.

Objectives and structure of session

The objectives of the session are (i) to provide an update on key challenges in the water sector in EECCA and to outline the activities to address these challenges that are being carried-out in the framework of the EAP Task Force and the EUWI EECCA Working Group, (ii) to present some of the results achieved, and (iii) to provide information on donor/IFI interventions and (iv) to discuss possible future work in this framework.

9:00-9:15	<p>Welcome and opening</p> <p>Constantin Gheorghe, EUWI EECCA Chair Brendan Gillespie, OECD/EAP Task Force Secretariat</p>
9:15-10:30	<p>Overview of EECCA water sector and key EAP/EUWI activities</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key challenges in the EECCA water sector (OECD/EAP TF Secretariat – WSS, UNECE – IWRM) • EUWI EECCA work programme (Gheorghe Constantin, EUWI Chair) • EAP TF water programme (Peter Börkey, OECD/EAP TF Secretariat) <p>Discussion</p>
10:30-11:00	<p>Coffee-break</p>

11:00-12:30	<p>Results achieved</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations from 2-3 EECCA officials involved in the EUWI/EAP TF water programme <p>Discussion</p>
12:30-14:00	Lunch break
14:00-15:00	<p>Update on sector-specific donor aid to EECCA</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short donor/IFI interventions to present their respective water sector interventions and to identify possible synergies with the EUWI/EAP TF
15:00-16:30	<p>Possible future work</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of proposed EUWI EECCA work in 2010 • Presentation of proposed EAP TF work on water in 2010-11 <p>Discussion and conclusions</p>

LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR THE EAP TASK FORCE MEETING**15-16 October 2009, Paris, France**

<i>Agenda Item No.</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Document no.</i>	<i>Availability</i>	
			<i>Eng.</i>	<i>Rus.</i>
1.	Draft Agenda of the EAP Task Force Meeting, 15-16 October 2009, Paris	ENV/EPOC/EAP/A(2009)2/REV1	X	X
3.	Summary Record of the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Task Force for the Implementation of the Environmental Action Programme for Central and Eastern Europe	ENV/EPOC/EAP/M(2008)2	X	X
4.	Programme of Work and Budget of the EAP Task Force for 2010	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2009)2	X	X
4.	Progress Report on the Implementation of the EAP Task Force Programme of Work for 2009 by the OECD Secretariat	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2009)1/REV1	X	X
4.	Progress Report on the Implementation of the EAP Task Force Programme of Work for 2009 by EECCA RECs	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2009)3/REV1	X	X
4.	Summary Record of the 2009 Annual Meeting of the Regulatory Environmental Programme Implementation Network	ENV/EPOC/EAP/REPIN/M(2009)1	X	X
5.	Declaration on Green Growth (Adopted at the Council Meeting at Ministerial Level on 25 June 2009)	C/MIN(2009)5/ADD1/FINAL	X	X
5.	Environmental Cooperation in the Context of Green Growth: Briefing Note by the OECD/EAP Task Force Secretariat	Room document	X	X
6.	Main Outputs of the EAP Task Force that will be available at the time of the Astana "Environment For Europe" Ministerial Conference	ENV/EPOC/EAP(2008)4/REV2	X	X