



Региональная встреча по оценке
прогресса в достижении целей Экологической
стратегии для стран ВЕКЦА

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Трансграничные проблемы и конвенции

Направления деятельности в разделе VII Стратегии



- *Присоединение к трансграничным природоохранным конвенциям*
- *Соблюдение конвенций*
- *Создание механизмов ответственности за соблюдение международных экологических обязательств*
- *Создание регистра трансграничных экологических проблем*
- *Разработка двух- и многосторонних программ действий*
- *Разработка механизма для оценки и возмещения трансграничного ущерба*
- *Разработка национальных процедур для реализации двусторонних соглашений и договоров*
- *Обмен экологической информацией между субрегиональными организациями*

CONVENTION ON LONG-RANGE TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION

Nine of the twelve EECCA countries are Party to the Convention on Long-range Transboundary air Pollution, but all acceded/succeeded before May 2003. We are aware that the three remaining non-Parties - Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan - are considering their path to accession, prompted by activities under UNECE's UNDA-funded CAPACT project.

Of the nine EECCA Parties to the Convention, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan are not party to any of the Convention's protocols. The others are not party to any protocol adopted since 1994. Several of the nine are signatories to recent protocols.

Concrete action in recent years judged on the above would seem disappointing. However, there is increased focus on work to assist EECCA countries. The Convention's own EECCA action plan, together with work directly or indirectly linked to the CAPACT project, is placing much emphasis on the ratification of protocols and several countries have indicated that they are moving towards accession to some of the Convention's protocols. The Convention is monitoring the situation carefully in order to stimulate activities and address any problems that might arise.

So, while there is no progress with regard to major steps taken by EECCA countries (i.e. ratification of protocols), we have seen improved participation from some countries at meetings and a more positive response to involvement with the Convention's work. The Russian Federation and Ukraine have had discussions with the Convention's experts to provide input to the work on integrated assessment modelling. We are hopeful that the efforts in EECCA countries will result in more concrete action over the next few years.

EXAMPLES OF SUCCESS STORIES



- *25 years of cooperation in the UNECE Air Convention. It is important that Central Asia is moving and will establish an EMEP monitoring station*
- *Application of Conventions' mechanisms for dispute resolution – e.g. the Bystroe Canal in the Danube Delta*
- *Danube (and possibly Dnepr and Black Sea) cooperation development with the support of GEF and EU Commission project funding*
- *Chu-Talas river cooperation between Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan*

CAPACITY BUILDING UNDER EIA CONVENTION



- *Central Asian countries adopted Guidelines for the implementation of the Convention*
- *Training Workshops will be organized in the 5 Central Asian countries in relation to the Guidelines*
- *There is a pilot project between Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, where the provisions of the Convention will be applied to the transboundary impacts of a goldmine*
- *There will be workshops on capacity building in Ukraine and Armenia in 2006*

The UNECE Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) was adopted in Kiev in 2003. Among the 37 signatories to the Protocol were four EECCA countries: Armenia, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine. These four countries, together with Belarus, chose to undertake an activity under the current workplan of the Espoo Convention to support implementation of SEA and of the Protocol. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC) and the UNECE secretariat supported the five countries to develop:

- National capacity-development needs analyses
- A subregional overview of legislation and capacity-development needs
- Pilot initiatives (pilot SEAs and capacity-development materials)
- National capacity-development strategies
- Subregional initiatives to support the national strategies.

These have been supplemented by a UNDP-REC-UNECE bulletin on the implementation of the Protocol in EECCA. In addition, a Resource Manual to Support Application of the Protocol on SEA is being prepared and is expected to be available soon, in English and Russian, as a 'draft for consultation'. The Manual provides guidance to those applying the Protocol or supporting others in doing so.

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SUPPORT UNDER TRANSBOUNDARY ACCIDENTS CONVENTION



High-level representatives of 17 countries of EECCA and South-Eastern Europe adopted in December 2005 a declaration, committing their governments to implement the Convention.

Representatives of Central and West European countries expressed their strong support and pledged financial resources.

BARRIERS TO PROGRESS



- Weak national policies and institutions
- Unwillingness of certain countries (e.g. Russia) to move in this area
- In certain cases political problems are the causes of bottlenecks: Armenia-Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan-Kyrgyzstan, Transdnestria-Moldova

RECOMMENDATIONS



- Assess benefits of individual UNECE convention and protocol
- Apply step-by-step approaches adapted to available financial and human resources
- Ratify UNECE agreements
- Develop a solid institutional setting at the national level to implement agreements

НЕКОТОРЫЕ АДРЕСА В ИНТЕРНЕТЕ ПО ТЕМЕ VII



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Вопросы для дискуссии

1. Намерения ратифицировать конвенции и протоколы ЕЭК ООН
2. Препятствия на пути соблюдения требований конвенций и протоколов ?
3. Какие стимулы помогли бы присоединиться и выполнять трансграничные соглашения ?
4. Примеры нерешённых трансграничных проблем стран ВЕКЦА