

## NGOs and «Almaty+5» process

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### **Role of citizens organizations:**

- Information and awareness activities;
- Participation in policy-making, elaboration of plans, programs etc.
- Analytical and expert activities;
- Concrete projects:
- Activities to defense citizens' rights.

*EfE and EAP related activities give possibilities to realize these functions in practice.*

## **NGOs and Almaty-2000**

EAP IG of the European Eco-Forum organized:

- Electronic discussion;
- 3 sub-regional meetings (Yerevan, Minsk, Almaty);
- NGOs preparatory Forum in Almaty.

NGOs preparation to Almaty-2000:

- 111 NGOs from EECCA took part;
- with support of Denmark, Finland, Norway, EAP Task Force.

## NGO «Almaty-2000» results:

- 1) NGOs position for Ministerial Conference in Almaty-2000  
(was included in Ministerial conference official documents set (CCNM/ENV/EAP/MIN(2000)9) and represented at official plenary session;
- 2) NGOs Forum resolution;
- 3) Paper «ROLE, STRATEGY OF NIS NGOs IN ADDRESSING WATER PROBLEMS AND INTEGRATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES»
- 4) NIS RECs related issues has been discussed.

## What we are planning now:

Based on the previous experience we suggest the following:

- National multistakeholders workshops (September 2005);
- NGOs preparatory conference in September-October, 2005;
- NGOs pre-conference in Yerevan (November, 2005).

Why wide and early consultations are important?  
(based on experience of previous consultations)

- allow to listen voice of wide range of NGOs;
- allow to “feel ownership”, give and impuls to NGOs activity on Ministerial decisions implementation.
- give a unique experience on public participation and multistakeholders cooperation, which is useful for the other processes;
- give real possibility to influence decision-making process.

Aim of NGOs Consultation process  
– to elaborate NGOs position on:

- 1) to assess progress in implementation of Almaty Guiding Principles;
- 2) «NGOs Role and Strategy in addressing water problems»

## (1) Aim of NGOs Consultation process

– to elaborate NGOs position on:

- 1) to assess progress in implementation of Almaty Guiding Principles and recommendations for further actions;
  - How effective were measures for water sector reforms and improving water services?
  - How effective was activity on financial mechanisms improving?
  - How effective was decentralization and increasing role of municipalities?
  - How effective was private sector reforming?
  - What was results of its activities?
  - What was social application of the reforms?
- assessment of partnerships between different stakeholders;
- assessment of partnerships at the international level (sub-regional, EECCA regional, East-West).

## (2) Aim of NGOs Consultation process

– to elaborate NGOs position on:

### **«NGOs Role and Strategy in addressing water supply and sanitation problems»**

- how effective was NGOs participation in Almaty-2000 decisions implementation? How our recommendations were taken into account?
- what progress has been achieved in implementation of Almaty NGOs Strategy?
- What were the main obstacles for more effective NGOs involvement in addressing water problems?
- How to increase NGOs role:
  - \* in public awareness and education?
  - \* in policy elaboration on water supply and sanitation issues?
  - \* in practical projects implementation?
  - \ \* in improving cooperation and partnerships with other stakeholders – governments, business, local authorities, academics.

## **Current States:**

- **Strong enthusiasm from NGOs community;**
- **Strong moral support from EAP Task Force;**
- **Absence of financial resources for organization of consultation process.**

**However we believe that our contribution is important and EAP IG of the European Eco-Forum hopes to organize it timely and effectively.**