

**EAP Task Force  
СРГ ПДОС**

**Regional Meeting on Progress in Achieving the Objectives of the  
EECCA Environment Strategy**

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**Facilitating Achievement of EECCA Environment Strategy Objectives  
Overall: Extract from the Programme of Work of  
the EAP Task Force in 2006**

***Document 6***

This document will facilitate the discussion under the Agenda Item 7 (Overall Facilitation of the EECCA Environment Strategy). It presents the activities of the EAP Task Force to facilitate the achievement of objectives of the EECCA Environment Strategy overall in 2006, as well as progress in implementing them from October 2005 to February 2006 (see Annex).

*ACTION REQUIRED: The participants will be invited to take note of this document.*

## **PROGRAMME AREA 4: FACILITATING ACHIEVEMENT OF EECCA ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY OBJECTIVES OVERALL**

**Objective:** To facilitate and support the efforts of EECCA countries and their partners to achieve the EECCA Environment Strategy objectives.

**Background:** At the 2003 Kiev “Environment for Europe” Conference, Ministers adopted the EECCA Environment Strategy. Its main goal is “to contribute to improving environmental conditions and to implement the WSSD Plan of Implementation in EECCA countries”. The Strategy focuses on seven objectives covering a wide range of areas dealing with common environmental problems in the EECCA region. Achieving the objectives will require strengthened co-operation between EECCA countries and their partners. EECCA governments themselves have the responsibility to identify areas, within and among the seven Strategy objectives, in which environmental actions are needed.

In Kiev, the Ministers invited the EAP Task Force to “lead efforts to facilitate and support the achievement of the objectives of the EECCA Strategy” overall and other international organizations to provide assistance and support EECCA countries, in accordance to their mandates. In October 2004 the EECCA Environment Ministers and their Partners met in Tbilisi, Georgia and discussed how to provide further support and impetus to this process.

**Activities:** **PROJECT 4.1 MONITORING AND FACILITATING PARTNERSHIPS**

### **TASK 4.1.1 MONITORING PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

The objective of this activity is to facilitate the development of successful partnerships by identifying gaps and sharing lessons learnt in developing and implementing partnerships. In 2006 work will focus on:

- *Monitoring Partnership Development.* The Secretariat will continue to collect and update information on concluded, ongoing and proposed partnerships using the recently launched Partnership Database. A Progress Report on Partnerships will be prepared for the 4<sup>th</sup> Joint Meeting of the PPC/EAP Task Force, highlighting gaps.
- *Sharing Best Practices and Lessons Learnt for Partnership Development in EECCA.* Work to assess the environmental effectiveness and economic efficiency of partnerships carried out as part of the OECD work programme will be used when reviewing partnerships and preparing documentation on this issue for the Belgrade Ministerial meeting.

## **TASK 4.1.2 FACILITATING COUNTRY-DRIVEN PARTNERSHIPS FOR INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING**

This project aims to enhance the engagement of EECCA Environment Ministers in efforts to achieve the objectives of the EECCA Environment Strategy and, more generally to address obstacles to environmental policy reform.

- *Organising informal consultations with environment ministers.* The Secretariat will invite environment ministers from selected (2-4) EECCA countries for informal consultations to discuss future plans and the main challenges they face in implementing the EECCA Environment Strategy, and how the EAP Task Force could assist them in those efforts.
- *Facilitating a Policy Dialogue.* Based on experience with Georgia in 2005, a second policy dialogue will be organised involving an EECCA country and interested partners. These policy dialogue focus on “strategic and over-all management functions” of Environment Ministries and, amongst other things, aim to identify how partnerships could help to better implement such functions.

## **PROJECT 4.2 ASSESSING PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE EECCA ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY**

### **TASK 4.2.1 DESIGN, EXECUTION AND DISSEMINATION OF 2007 EECCA STRATEGY PROGRESS ASSESSMENT REPORT**

Building on the “Stocktaking Report” prepared for the 2004 Tbilisi meeting of EECCA environment ministers and their partners, a second report will be prepared assessing progress in achieving the objectives of the EECCA Environment Strategy. This report will aim to provide a solid review of actions taken by EECCA countries to achieve the objectives of the EECCA environment strategy and environmental policy objectives more generally. Close cooperation with other international organisations, particularly the European Environment Agency, and EECCA countries will be essential to achieve this objective.

## **PROJECT 4.3 PROMOTING EFFECTIVE CO-OPERATION AND COMMUNICATION AMONG PARTNERS**

### **TASK 4.3.1 FACILITATING CO-OPERATION AMONG PARTNERS THROUGH BETTER COMMUNICATION**

The objective of this activity is to clarify the roles of different organisations in supporting the Strategy and to facilitate more efficient and transparent communication and co-operation among partners supporting the Strategy and avoid duplication of work. In 2006 the work will include:

- *Facilitating inter-agency co-operation.* The Secretariat will (i) maintain an updated list of the organisations/contact points of Facilitating organisations for each objective; (ii) facilitate exchange of information on activities planned and

implemented under each objective, (iii) strengthen contacts with the UNDP Country Offices and Conventions Secretariats as specified in the Kiev Declaration; and (iv) coordinate the preparation of joint documents for the Joint PPC and EAP TF meeting, in particular the “snapshot” overview of activities on each Strategy objective. If needed, the Secretariat will also organise meetings with the Facilitating Organisations.

- *Establishing a web-based communications framework.* The Secretariat will (i) keep the web-pages updated (ii) develop further the EECCA Database of Environmental Partnerships to be used as a main tool for reporting progress on implementing partnerships and activities carried out by the Facilitating Organisations in EECCA; and (iii) publish an electronic newsletter.
- *Facilitating Co-operation with Regional Environmental Centres:* The EAP Task Force Secretariat has cooperated with the RECs on specific projects and also provided direct support for institutional development. The objective of this activity is to continue (i) to co-operate in implementation of selected EAP Task Force activities as well as in facilitating achievement of the specific EECCA Environment Strategy objectives and (ii) to co-operate in disseminating Task Force results in the EECCA region.

**PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE EAP TASK FORCE PROGRAMME OF WORK, OCTOBER 2005 - FEBRUARY 2006**

<b>Work Programme Area 4: FACILITATING ACHIEVEMENT OF EECCA ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY OBJECTIVES</b>				
<b>Project 4.1: Monitoring and Facilitating Partnerships</b>				
<b>Task</b>	<b>Status of Implementation</b>	<b>Planned Outputs/ Planned Meetings</b>	<b>Financial Status</b>	<b>Links to Overall Objectives</b>
<b>4.1.1. Monitoring Partnership Development</b>  <i>Eija Kiiskinen</i> <i>Carla Bertuzzi</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A draft report on evaluating effectiveness and efficiency of partnerships is being finalised; the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the project planned to be launched in March; this project is carried out under the OECD EPOC programme of work and the lessons learnt from the project will be shared with EECCA and donor countries;</li> <li>- The Partnership Database in English was launched in November 2005; all partners were requested to review and update the information in the Database; the launch of the Russian version of the Database is delayed until mid March 2006.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress Report on Partnerships (September 2006)</li> <li>• Paper on Evaluating of Effectiveness and Efficiency of Partnerships (3<sup>rd</sup> Q 2006)</li> </ul>	EC/TACIS, Switzerland	This activity responds to the mandate given to the EAP Task Force by the Kiev and Tbilisi Ministerial Meetings to facilitate and support the achievement of the EECCA Environment Strategy objectives overall.
<b>4.1.2. Facilitating Country-Driven Partnerships for Institutional Strengthening (IS)</b>  <i>Eija Kiiskinen</i> <i>Roberto Martin-Hurtado</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A brief document evaluating the experience on the Georgian Policy Dialogue for Institutional Strengthening (IS) was prepared for the November EAP TF/PPC meeting;</li> <li>- Conclusions from the Policy Dialogue for IS in Georgian Ministry of Environment were finalised; follow-up activities are being launched by selected donors and the Georgian MoE;</li> <li>- A process for identification of the 2<sup>nd</sup> pilot country of the Policy Dialogue on IS is being worked out;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Informal Consultations with Environment Ministers from Ukraine and Azerbaijan (2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Q 2006)</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Policy Dialogue for Institutional Strengthening (October/ November 2006)</li> </ul>	EC/TACIS, Switzerland ----- In-kind support for the pilot in Georgia from Estonia, Germany, the Netherlands and UK  In-kind support sought for the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Policy Dialogue	This is a new activity developed as a follow-up to the Conference of EECCA Environment Ministers and their Partners held in Tbilisi in October 2004 to respond to the Ministers' request for institutional strengthening and more targeted support to the Ministries of Environment in the EECCA region.

Project 4.2 Assessing progress in achieving the objectives of the EECCA Environment Strategy				
Task	Status of Implementation	Planned Outputs/ Planned Meetings	Financial Status	Links to Overall Objectives
<b>4.2.1. Developing and Piloting Monitoring Framework for Progress Assessment Report</b>  <i>Roberto Martin-Hurtado, Carla Bertuzzi</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The Stocktaking Report on Environmental Management in EECCA in Russian was distributed widely in the EECCA region;</li> <li>– A draft outline, a timetable and a questionnaire for the preparation of the 2007 EECCA Strategy Progress Assessment Report are being developed;</li> <li>– Bilateral consultations with experts from different Facilitating Organisations on the elements of the draft outline of the Report are being carried out;</li> <li>– Preparations for the Regional Workshop have started.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Workshop (2<sup>nd</sup> Q 2006)</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the Final Progress Assessment Report (January 2007)</li> <li>• The Final Progress Assessment Report (April 2007)</li> </ul>	The Netherlands, EC/TACIS, Switzerland, UKDEFRA	At the Kiev 2003 Ministerial Conference the EAP Task Force was invited to monitor progress in achieving the objectives of the EECCA Environment Strategy. This task is to be carried out in co-operation with other international bodies and on the basis of information provided by the EECCA countries. For the 2004 Tbilisi Ministerial a Stocktaking Report was prepared to provide a baseline against to which the progress could be measured in 2007.
Project 4.3 Promoting effective co-operation and communication among partners				
Task	Status of Implementation	Planned Outputs/ Planned Meetings	Financial Status	Links to Overall Objectives
<b>4.3.1. Facilitating co-operation among partners through better communication</b>  <i>Aziza Nasirova, Shukhrat Ziyaviddinov</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The EECCA strategy web-page was updated and linked with the Partnership Database;</li> <li>– A Brochure on the EECCA Environment Strategy is being prepared.</li> <li>– Negotiations started with a consultant to expand the Partnership Database to include activities implemented by International Organisations in the EECCA region (snapshot document)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Brochure on the EECCA Environment Strategy (2<sup>nd</sup> Q 2006)</li> <li>• A Newsletter (2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Q 2006)</li> </ul>	Switzerland. EC/TACIS, UKDEFRA	The EECCA Environment Strategy invited the EAP Task Force to establish, as appropriate, work-sharing arrangements with Facilitating and Co-operating Organisations. Effective communication and exchange of information will be essential to facilitate the co-operation. Special efforts are needed to communicate effectively with NGOs and private sector.

<p><b>4.3.2. Facilitating Co-operation with the Regional Environmental Centers</b> <i>Aziza Nasirova</i></p>	<p>– Currently there are no specific funds available for this activity. Involvement of EECCA RECs in the EAP Task Force activities is integrated into specific programme areas.</p>			<p>This activity was developed to support EECCA RECs capacity development and enhance closer co-operation between EAP Task Force Secretariat and the RECs through implementing joint activities and disseminating Task Force results in the EECCA region.</p>
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