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The 23rd OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum

**“Water governance in the OSCE area – increasing security and stability through
co-operation”**

SECOND PREPARATORY MEETING

Belgrade, 11-13 May 2015

Venue: Palace of Serbia, 2 Mihajla Pupina Boulevard

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

Monday, 11 May 2015

09:00 – 10:30 **Opening Session** (*open to Press*)

Welcoming remarks:

- **Mr. Aleksandar Nikolić**, State Secretary, Ministry of Interior, Serbia
- **Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yiğitgüden**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Keynote speeches:

- **Mr. Dražen Kurečić**, President, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River Basin, Ministry of Agriculture, Croatia
- **Mr. Marco Keiner**, Director, Environment Division, UNECE

Selected topics:

- Water governance in the context of disaster risk reduction
- Awareness-raising and public participation with regard to water governance
- Water governance as a catalyst for co-operation and confidence-building

Rapporteur: **Ms. Olivera Zurovac-Kuzman**, Environmental Adviser, Democratization Department, OSCE Mission to Serbia

Statements by Delegations / Discussion

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 12:30 **Session I: The 2014 flooding disaster in South Eastern Europe – Experiences and lessons learned in the context of water governance at regional level**

Selected topics:

- Assessment of the regional and international co-operation in flood response
- Security challenges associated with flooding
- Role of the OSCE Field Operations in flood response and recovery
- Environmental risks and challenges as opportunities for co-operation

Moderator: **Ambassador Tomislav Leko**, Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the OSCE and International Organizations in Vienna

Rapporteur: **Mr. Uroš Milanović**, Attaché, Permanent Mission of Serbia to the OSCE, 2015 Serbian OSCE Chairmanship

Speakers:

- **Mr. Predrag Marić**, Assistant Minister, Head of the Department for Emergency Management, Ministry of Interior, Serbia
- **Ambassador Jonathan Moore**, Head of Mission, OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Ms. Marta Bonifert**, Executive Director, Regional Environment Centre for Central and Eastern Europe
- **Dr. Marijan Babić**, Head of Project Implementation Unit for Implementation of Flood-protection Projects Financed by CEB Loans and EU Funds, Croatian Waters, Croatia

Discussion

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00 – 15:30 **Session II: Water, security and disaster risk reduction**

Selected topics:

- Security risks resulting from climate change and extreme weather events as related to water governance (floods and droughts)
- Water governance in the context of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030
- Security benefits of transboundary water co-operation with a focus on disaster risk reduction

Moderator: **Mr. Massimo Cozzone**, Senior Officer, Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea, Italy

Rapporteur: Ms. Nino Malashkhia, Associate Environmental Affairs Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Mr. Goran Ždrale**, Senior Officer for Analysis and Reporting, Mine Action Centre, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Mr. Luca Rossi**, Programme Officer, Regional Office for Europe, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction
- **Mr. Jakub Gibek**, Head, Water Policy Unit, Water Resources Department, Ministry of Environment, Poland
- **Ms. Aušra Semaškienė**, Ambassador at Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lithuania
- **Ms. Nilza Sena**, Vice-Chair, Second Committee, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Discussion

15:30 – 16:00 **Coffee Break**

16:00 – 17:30 **Session III: Sharing of experiences on water governance in the context of disaster risk reduction**

Selected topics:

- Best practices on flood and drought response in participating States
- OSCE activities on disaster risk reduction: from policy to action
- Effective governance approaches for addressing water-related disasters and climate change

Moderator: Ms. Irena Vojáčková-Sollorano, UN Resident Coordinator, UNDP Resident Representative for Serbia

Rapporteur: Ms. Alma Mirvić, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Ms. Indira Akbozova**, Head of the Kazakhstan part of the Secretariat of the Chu-Talas Commission and **Ms. Gulmira Satymkulova**, Head of the Kyrgyzstan part of the Secretariat of the Chu-Talas Commission
- **Mr. David Elkaïm**, Political Officer on Water and Sanitation, Climate and Environment Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France
- **Ms. Carolin Schärpf**, Scientific Officer, Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland
- **Mr. Movses Poghosyan**, Director, National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, Armenia

17:30	Side event on activities of the OSCE field operations and Aarhus Centres in South-Eastern Europe related to water and DRR
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19:00 **Reception hosted by the Government of Serbia**

Tuesday, 12 May 2015

09:30 – 11:00 **Session IV: Awareness-raising on the benefits of good water governance**

Selected topics:

- Mainstreaming water governance in foreign and security policies
- Water governance in the context of investments and development assistance
- Water stewardship approaches
- Water governance and the Sustainable Development Goals

Moderator: Ms. Dragana Milovanović, Head, Department for Participation in Strategic Planning, Management and International Water Co-operation, Water Directorate of the Republic of Serbia

Rapporteur: Ms. Jenniver Sehring, Environmental Affairs Adviser, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Ms. Daniela Scheetz**, Desk Officer, Division on Climate and Environmental Foreign Policy, Sustainable Economy, Federal Foreign Office, Germany
- **Mr. Srđan Sušić**, Senior Expert on Sustainable Growth, Regional Co-operation Council
- **Mr. Tagoimurod Gulov**, Head of Main Department on Water Resources, Ministry of Energy and Water Resources, Republic of Tajikistan
- **Mr. Toshiya Abe**, Resident Representative for Balkan Office, Japanese International Co-operation Agency

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee Break**

11:30 – 13:00 **Session V: Water governance from different stakeholders' perspectives**

Selected topics:

- Public participation in water governance
- Raising awareness among different stakeholders (civil society, local communities, youth)
- Gender and water governance

Moderator: Ms. Desirée Schweitzer, Deputy Co-ordinator/Head, Environmental Activities, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Rapporteur: Mr. Leonid Kalashnyk, Environmental Programme Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- **Ambassador Peter Burkhard**, Head of Mission, OSCE Mission to Serbia
- **Ms. Rozemarijn ter Horst**, Member of the Advisory Board, World Water Forum Working Group, Water Youth Network
- **Mr. Ilya Trombitsky**, Director, Eco-TIRAS, International Environmental Association of Dniester River Keepers, Moldova
- **Ms. Anastasiya Saidmakhmudova**, Team Leader on Strengthening Relationship with International Environmental NGOs and Movement, Ecological Movement of Uzbekistan

13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch Break**

Side event: Identifying hazards during flood response – Sharing the 2014 South Eastern Europe flood experience

14:30 – 15:30 **Concluding Session**

- Wrap-up
- Organizational remarks concerning the field visit

Moderator: **Ambassador Dejan Šahović**, Head of OSCE Task Force, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Serbia

Rapporteur: **Ms. Alma Mirvić**, Office of the Co-ordinator of Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yiğitgüden, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Closing Statements

16:30 **Departure on Field Visit**

Field Visit to May 2014 Flood-affected Areas

Tuesday, 12 May 2015

16:30	Departure from Belgrade, Palace of Serbia towards Bijeljina, Bosnia and Herzegovina
18:00	Crossing into Bosnia and Herzegovina at the Rača Border Crossing
18:30	Arrival at the Ethno-village Stanišići (Bijeljina, Bosnia and Herzegovina) with an overnight stay at the hotel
20:00	Dinner hosted by the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina

Wednesday, 13 May 2015

07:00 – 09:00	Breakfast at the hotel (including check-out)
09:00 – 09:05	Welcome by Ambassador Jonathan Moore, Head of the OSCE Mission to BiH
09:05 – 09:10	Welcome by Mr. Mijo Krešić, Deputy Minister of Security of BiH
09:05 – 09:35	Welcome and presentation by Mayor of Bijeljina, Mr. Mićo Mićić
09:35 – 10:00	Presentation by Assistant Minister of Security of BiH, Mr. Samir Agić
10:00 – 10:15	Placement in buses and departure from hotel
10:30 – 11:10	Stops at village Rača – sightseeing and press opportunity
11:30	Crossing into Serbia at the Badovinjeci Border Crossing
12:15 – 13:15	Visit to the town of Šabac
13:30 - 13:45	Visit to Mrđanovac village
14:15 – 15:30	Visit to the town of Obrenovac
15:00	Return transfer to Belgrade

Note:

Participants attending the Field Visit are requested to bring their luggage to the Forum venue (Palace of Serbia) on Tuesday, 12 May 2015, as the departure to the Field Visit is scheduled at 16:30 on that same day. Also, all luggage needs to be loaded on the buses by 09:00 on 13 May.

The return transfer will be provided to:

- a) Belgrade Airport – arrival to Nikola Tesla Airport is envisaged at 16:00 OR
- b) Belgrade city centre – arrival is envisaged at 16:00.