

**International Steering Committee of the High Level International
Conference on the implementation of the International Decade for Action “Water for Life”,
2005-2015**

_____ June 2015, Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Background

The Government of the Republic of Tajikistan in accordance with UN General Assembly Resolution of 19 December 2014 (A/RES/69/215) entitled “International Decade for Action “Water for Life“, 2005-2015 and further efforts to achieve sustainable development of water resources” in collaboration with UN agencies, international and regional organizations and other partners will host a High-level International Conference on the implementation of the International Decade for Action “Water for Life”, 2005-2015. The Conference will be held on 9-10 June 2015 in Dushanbe.

The primary goal of the Conference is a comprehensive discussion of the issues of implementation of the International Decade for Action “Water for Life”, 2005-2015, which will later play a crucial role in conducting comprehensive review of the implementation of the International Decade with bringing its results to the notice of wider international community.

For holding the Conference there has been established an Organizing Committee under the chairmanship of the Prime Minister of Tajikistan.

With the aim of facilitating the successful preparation and holding of the Conference, as well as developing a comprehensive Programme of the Conference with the participation of all categories of water users and decision-makers, there will be established an International Steering Committee from among the representatives of the partner countries, international and regional institutions, river basin organizations, NGOs, the private sector and other stakeholders.

Steering Committee tasks

The main tasks of the International Steering Committee are as follows:

1. Providing assistance to the Organizing Committee in the preparation and holding of the Conference;
2. Providing assistance in involving politicians, leading scientists and experts as keynote speakers of the Conference;
3. Providing advisory support in the development and coordination of the Programme of the Conference, terms of reference for different sessions;
4. Facilitating the involvement of more stakeholders in the preparatory process and participation in the Conference;
5. Informing the public through their offices and a network of partners;
6. Participation in the Committee meetings;
7. Providing support in development of the draft outcome document of the Conference;
8. Other activities, aimed at achieving the goals of the Conference.

Members of the Steering Committee

The International Steering Committee will consist of prominent politicians, scientists and experts, dealing with water issues. Preferably, the members will represent all regions of the world, various sectors and different stakeholders. The Steering Committee is composed of ____members. At the first meeting of the Steering Committee the Co-chairs of the Committee will be elected.

The activity of the Steering Committee

The Committee will carry out its activity in close collaboration with the National Organizing Committee and the Working Group of the Conference. Detailed Working Plan of the Steering Committee will be discussed and approved in the framework of its first meeting.

The Steering Committee members will be constantly informed about all the activities related to preparation of the Conference through all available means of communication. The exchange of views also occurs through audio and video conferencing.

Steering Committee meetings

The Steering Committee will hold three meetings:

- The first meeting will be held in mid-February 2015 in Dushanbe;
- The second meeting will be held in the framework of the 7th World Water Forum in April 2015 in the cities of Gyeongju and Daegu, South Korea; and
- The third meeting will be held a day before the Conference in June 2015, in Dushanbe.

There is also a possibility of holding a mid-term meeting in the framework of the Interactive high-level dialogue on the outcome of the International Decade “Water for Life”, 2005-2015 on 31 March 2015 in New York, USA.