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23rd OSCE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

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

CONCLUDING MEETING

Prague, 14 – 16 September 2015

Venue: Czernin Palace, Loretánské nám: 5, 118 00 Prague

DRAFT AGENDA

Monday, 14 September 2015

09:30 – 11:30 **Opening Plenary Session** (*open to the press*)

Keynote Speeches

Selected topics:

- Good water governance as a response to increasing water challenges
- Water governance as a tool to increase resilience to environmental challenges and disasters

Statements by Delegations / Discussion

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee/Tea break

12:00 – 13:00 **Review of the implementation of the OSCE commitments in the
field of water governance**

Selected topics:

- Presentation of the UNECE Review Report
- Forward looking discussion on the Review Report's main findings and recommendations

Discussion

- 13:00 – 14:30** Lunch break
- 14:30 – 16:00** **Session I: Benefits of good water governance across different levels**
- Selected topics:**
- Co-operative approaches as a factor for security and stability
 - Water-food-energy-ecosystems-nexus
 - Frameworks for multi-level, multi-sectoral and multi-stakeholder co-ordination
 - Measuring the benefits of water governance and co-operation
- Discussion**
- 16:00 – 16:30** Coffee/Tea break
- 16:30 – 18:00** **Session II: Water governance at national level – best practices and new approaches in the OSCE region**
- Selected topics:**
- Best practices in OSCE participating States
 - Methods for monitoring and assessment
 - Fostering transparency and anti-corruption in the water sector
 - Sustainable financing of water management
- Discussion**
- 18:30** **Reception hosted by the Serbian 2015 OSCE Chairmanship**

Tuesday, 15 September 2015

9:30 – 11:00 **Session III: Water governance and co-operation in the OSCE region: lessons learnt for water diplomacy**

Selected topics:

- The role of regional organizations for enhanced water co-operation
- Water diplomacy as a tool for conflict prevention and trust building
- Good practices in information and data sharing
- Bottom-up approaches and public participation in transboundary context

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee/Tea break

11:30 - 13:00 **Session IV: Panel debate - Water governance and sustainable development**

Selected topics:

- Water in the context of socio-economic development and environmental protection
- Water and security in the context of the post-2015 Development Agenda
- Effective institutional and legislative frameworks for good water governance at all levels

Discussion

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 16:00 **Session V: Panel debate - Facilitating effective water governance in the context of new environmental challenges**

Selected topics:

- Water in the context of the global climate change agenda
- Adaptation to new environmental challenges in transboundary river basins
- Adaptation to new environmental challenges at community level

Discussion

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee/Tea break

16:30 - 18:00 **Session VI: Panel debate - Governing waters for effective disaster risk reduction**

Selected topics:

- Co-operative water governance as a catalyst for preventive action
- Water and security in the context of the follow-up to the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030
- Water-related DRR as a tool for trust-building at all levels

Discussion

18:00 **Reception hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities**

Wednesday, 16 September 2015

09:00 – 10:30 **Session VII: Strengthening participation and awareness-raising for effective water governance**

Selected topics:

- The growing role of civil society – experience from OSCE participating States
- Fostering participation and raising awareness: the role of Aarhus Centres
- The role and engagement of the private sector in addressing water challenges

Discussion

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/Tea break

11:00 – 12:30 **Concluding Plenary Session – Follow-up to the 23rd OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum**

- General Discussion
- Closing statements