



THE USAID REGIONAL WATER AND VULNERABLE ENVIRONMENT ACTIVITY

NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON ROBUST DECISION SUPPORT (RDS) PROCESS FOR THE AMUDARYA RIVER BASIN

Organizers: USAID Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity (WAVE) and Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI)

Venue: Ashgabat city, hotel “Archabil”

Date: December 13, 2022

Event format: in-person participation

Project overview: Water, energy and food security are closely intertwined in Central Asia, forming a relationship that extends beyond the borders of the five states of Central Asia - Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The goal of the USAID Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity (WAVE) is to strengthen regional capacity to manage transboundary water resources and reduce environmental risks in the Syrdarya and Amudarya river basins.

The Activity uses a multi-level management approach to address complex regional challenges by enhancing collaboration through stakeholder dialogues; developing a shared vision for integrated and sustainable river basin management using actual data and modeling; and promoting collaborative action across sectors and levels of government.

Goals of the workshop:

The workshop will identify the following key elements:

- Goals and objectives: transformation of goals and objectives into specific parameters that determine the success of the task;
- Planning approaches: identification of infrastructure solutions and/or behavioral changes controlled by stakeholders;
- Critical uncertainties: factors beyond the control of stakeholders that could have a significant impact on future results with unknown future values. Critical uncertainties will be selected to create scenarios against which planning approaches will be tested.

Participants:

- Representatives of ministries and departments of Turkmenistan;
- Team of the USAID Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity (WAVE).



AGENDA

Time	Description
Moderator: Ms. Anna Inozemtseva, IWRM Coordinator, USAID Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity (WAVE)	
14. ⁰⁰ -14: ³⁰	Registration of participants
14: ³⁰ -15: ⁰⁰	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Representative of the State Committee for Water Management of Turkmenistan</i> • <i>Representative of the USAID Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity</i> • <i>Representative of the Stockholm Environment Institute</i>
15. ⁰⁰ -15: ¹⁵	Introduction of participants
15: ¹⁵ -16: ⁰⁰	Overview of the RDS Process: general information and context on the Robust Decision Support Process and Modeling Tools <i>Speaker: Ms. Annette Huber-Lee, Senior Scientist and Project Manager, Water-Energy-Food Nexus, Stockholm Environment Institute</i>
16. ⁰⁰ -16: ³⁰	<i>Coffee break</i>
16: ³⁰ -17: ⁰⁰	Determination of indicators for the success of task implementation: Review of previous case studies in the Water-Energy-Food nexus and examples of indicators of success of implementation; participatory exercise to identify the key objectives of the Water-Energy-Food nexus analysis <i>Speaker: Mr. Jason Veysey, Deputy Director, Energy Modeling Program, Stockholm Environment Institute</i>
17. ⁰⁰ -17: ³⁰	Critical uncertainties: Process overview; collaborative exercise to identify critical uncertainties for the project <i>Speaker: to be confirmed</i>
17: ³⁰ -18: ⁰⁰	Discussions: discussing and summarizing the results of the two previous exercises <i>Speaker Ms. Annette Huber-Lee and Mr. Jason Veysey</i>
18. ⁰⁰ -18: ⁴⁵	Planning strategies and approaches: discussing options for infrastructure planning, international cooperation, and policy measures <i>Speaker: to be confirmed</i>
18: ⁴⁵ -19: ⁰⁰	Debriefing: Summary of next steps and Q &A session