



Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.

Results of the meeting

*UNDP-GEF Project “Integrated Natural Resource Management
in the Baikal Basin Transboundary Ecosystem” (Lake Baikal Project)*
<http://baikal.iwlearn.org>

The Russian Federation and Mongolia

The Fourth Regional Steering Committee Meeting

Baikal State Nature Biosphere Reserve visitor centre
Tanhoy, Russia

July 29-30, 2015

Chairman: Mamaev Vladimir Olegovich, UNDP-GEF Regional Technical Advisor

Program of the meeting: download in [English](#), [Mongolian](#), [Russian](#)

List of participants: [download](#)

Presentations, reports, information materials: [download](#)

Purpose of the fourth Steering Committee meeting:

Presentation of results, achieved by the Project during 2012-2015 years; consideration of the SAP on mitigation of the Lake Baikal Basin ecosystem impact



Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.

The Fourth Regional Steering Committee meeting was held at the Baikal State Nature Biosphere Reserve Visitor centre on July 29-30, 2015 in Tanhoy, Russia.

Opening of the meeting

Vladimir O. Mamaev opened the meeting and briefly informed the participants about its purposes. The participants of the meeting were welcomed by:

- Arnold K. Tulokhonov, a Member of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation;
- Alexander A. Shekhovtsov, the National Project Technical Director in Russia, on behalf of Amirkhan M. Amirkhanov, the National Project Coordinator in Russia, acting Head of the Federal Service for Supervision of Natural Resource Usage of the Russian Federation (RosPrirodNadzor);
- Khurelsukh M., the Head of the delegation (Mongolia), Deputy Minister of Environment, Green Development and Tourism of Mongolia;
- Alexander V. Lbov, the Deputy Minister of Natural Resources of the Republic of Buryatia;
- Vladimir K. Blagov, the Head of the Angaro-Yenisei Basin Water Department of the Federal Water Resource Agency;
- Vladimir O. Mamaev, the UNDP-GEF Regional Technical Advisor, the UNDP Istanbul Regional Center for Europe and CIS.

Project's results achieved during 4 years of implementation

Kirk Bayabos, the Manager of Small Grants Cluster (UNOPS, GPSO) presented a report on financial results of the Project implementation, quantity of works (96) done within the scope of the realization of the Project, as well as activities (126) supported by the Project.

Further Sergey V. Kudelya, the Project Manager, the Head of the Project Management Unit, presented detailed information about the Project implementation results per different outputs and outcomes (according to the Project document).

The presented financial and technical results, achieved by the Project during 4 years, were approved and accepted by the Steering Committee.

Strategic Action Programme

The international consultant on SAP development, Paul Gremillion, gave a presentation on the SAP conception, structure, realization stages and partakers in implementation. During the last two years the SAP was developed by Russian and Mongolian experts, as well as by stakeholders of relevant departments of the ministries.

Further the National Project Technical Director in Russia, Alexander A. Shekhovtsov, stated that during the last year SAP was developed with participation of ministries and other stakeholders as it was recommended by the Mid-term evaluator of the Project. The final SAP version was reviewed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology of the Russian Federation. As a result, an appropriate letter was sent from N.R. Inamov, the Head of International Cooperation Department of Russian ministry natural resources and ecology, to A.M. Amirkhanov, National project coordinator in Russia, stating that the SAP meets goals and targets of the Ministry, and it is offered for approval at the Steering Committee meeting.

Vladimir O. Mamaev proposed the SAP for approval by the Steering Committee and asked the Project Manager to prepare set of documents for SAP approval at the country level. Sarantsetseg Borchuluun, transboundary water issue specialist of the Ministry of Environment, Green



Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.

Development and Tourism of Mongolia (MEGDT) mentioned that MEGDT did not authorize Mongolian delegation to approve the SAP.

In response, Vladimir O. Mamaev specified that at the moment this is not a stage of governmental approval (by MEGDT), what is being proposed now is the approval of the SAP by the Steering Committee, and after that the SAP will be sent to the ministries of both countries for approval at the country level.

In addition, Sergey V. Kudelya said that part of SAP experts' work was to introduce relevant departments of ministries with progress of the SAP development, and therefore comments of ministries were considered and included in the SAP.

After discussion the SAP was approved by the Steering Committee.

Vladimir O. Mamaev expressed hope for follow-up approval of the SAP by ministries before the Lake Baikal Project is over.

In conclusion Vladimir O. Mamaev submitted draft resolution with recommendation to make a ceremonial approval of the SAP with participation of international organizations, stakeholders and publicity after approval at the ministerial level.

Project's results achieved in 2012-2015 years

Alexander V. Lbov, Deputy Minister of Natural Resources of the Republic of Buryatia, thanked the Project for contribution in development of Baikal nature territory and gave a presentation on pilot projects of water ecosystem and biodiversity target orientation in mining industry.

Davaa G., Head of Hydrology department of Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology (Mongolia), presented a Program of harmonized water quality monitoring of water objects in the Lake Baikal Basin.

Larisa M. Sorokovikova, senior scientific researcher of the Limnological Institute SB RAS (Russia), gave a presentation on Results of water quality monitoring in the Selenga River delta.

Badrakh Ts., Secretary of Mongolian National Water Committee (Mongolia) had a presentation on Environmental state of the Lake Baikal Basin.

Victor M. Plyusnin, Head of editorial board of Ecological atlas of the Baikal Basin, Institute of Geography SB RAS (Russia), together with V.N. Bogdanov, senior scientific researcher at the Institute of geography SB RAS, presented a report on Ecological Atlas of the Lake Baikal Basin.

Tumurchudur S., the National Project Technical Director (Mongolia) presented a report on Groundwater resources in Shallow Transboundary Aquifers in the Baikal Basin: Current knowledge, protection and Management.

Alexander A. Shekhovtsov, the National Project Technical Director (Russia), gave a presentation on Improvement of economic instruments of water resource usage in Buryatia (work done in cooperation with OECD)

Vasili I. Sutula, Head of Baikal State Nature Biosphere Reserve presented a report "Precious necklace of Baikal. Joint development projects on educational tourism in the Baikal state nature biosphere Reserve".

Mikhail E. Ovdin, Head of the "Zapovednoye Podlemorie" Reserve gave a presentation about realization of the Lake Baikal project on the "Zapovednoye Podlemorie" Reserve territories.

Concluding session:

Arnold K. Tulokhonov thanked the Baikal State Nature Biosphere Reserve for organization of the meeting. Vladimir O. Mamaev submitted an appropriate resolution.



Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.

Badrakh Ts. expressed thankfulness to all participants of the Project, consultants and people involved in realization of the Project.

Alexander A. Shekhovtsov, the National Project Technical Director in Russia, on behalf of Amirkhan M. Amirkhanov, National project coordinator, expressed a high appreciation of work done. As the Russian national project technical director, he thanked the Russian Federation Council, the State Duma and Regional technical advisor Vladimir O. Mamaev.

Daria Yu. Lamzina, chief specialist–expert of state environmental monitoring department, Federal Service for supervision of natural resource usage noted strong tie of the Project’s goals with goals of the agency which she was representing during the meeting.

Vladimir O. Mamaev submitted the following resolutions for discussion at the meeting:

- Approval of work done by the Project;
- Preparation of application to UNDP for a new GEF Project on SAP implementation for Mongolia and Russia;
- On behalf of the Steering Committee express of thanks to the GEF, UNDP, UNESCO, OECD.

Vladimir O. Mamaev thanked everyone and closed the meeting.

In conclusion of the meeting Arnold K. Tulokhonov handed out state awards of Buryatia to the UNDP-GEF Regional coordinator and the Project Manager.

Khurelsukh M., the Deputy Minister of Environment, Green Development and Tourism of Mongolia, singled out some members of the Project management unit for Mongolian ministerial certificate of appreciation.

Alexander V. Lbov, Deputy minister of natural resources of the Republic of Buryatia, handed out awards of the ministry of natural resources and ecology of Russia and awards of the ministry of natural resources of the Republic of Buryatia to the UNDP-GEF Regional coordinator and Head of the Project management unit.

Closing of the meeting and decisions:

On grounds of presented reports, provided information and results of agenda discussions, the Steering Committee made the following decisions:

1. To take into account the results, achieved by the Project in 2012-2015 years and to entrust the Project Manager to make the final report on realization of the project after the completion.
2. To take into account the financial budget results of the Project and to entrust the Project Manager and UNOPS to present finance report upon completion of the Project.
3. To make final evaluation of the Project in October 2015 and present results of the evaluation to the Steering Committee members.
4. Approve the final version of the SAP and to entrust the Project Manager to send the SAP with cover letters for the SAP approval on country level.
5. To recommend to make a ceremonial approval of the SAP with participation of international organizations, stakeholders and publicity after approval at the ministerial level in both countries.
6. To express thankfulness to all national and international experts who participated in the Project.
7. In cooperation with national experts apply to UNDP with proposal for preparation of a new GEF project on implementation of the SAP for the Russian Federation and Mongolia, and send it to the national GEF coordinators in Russia and Mongolia.



*Empowered lives.
Resilient nations.*

8. To express gratitude to the GEF, UNDP, UNOPS, UNESCO and other organizations for the support in implementation of the Project and looking forward to further successful cooperation.
9. To express appreciation to the Government of Russia, the Government of Buryatia, management unit of the Baikal State Nature Biosphere Reserve for organization of the final Steering Committee meeting.