



**UNDP/GEF project “Integrated Natural Resource Management  
in the Baikal Basin Transboundary Ecosystem”**

The Russian Federation and Mongolia

**Inception Workshop**

21 November, Ulan-Ude, Russia

**The purpose of the Inception Workshop:**

Presentation of the project to the project team, partners and expert community; detailed review of the project goals, objectives, outcomes and activities; discussion on the implementation and management arrangements; review of GEF M&E requirements. Discussion on the roles of various partners and stakeholders in the project implementation.

**Agenda**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Moderators / Speakers</b>
<b>11:00 – 12:40</b>	<b>Session 1: Introduction to the project</b>	<b>Moderated by: Arnold Tulokhonov and Vladimir Mamaev</b>
11:00 – 11:30	1. Short introductory comments: UNDP, UNESCO, Russian Federation, Mongolia, Republic of Buryatia	<b>Arnold Tulokhonov</b> , Director of Baikal Institute of nature management SB RAS, Russia  <b>Vladimir Mamaev</b> , UNDP/GEF Regional Technical Advisor, UNDP, Europe and the CIS, Bratislava Regional Centre  <b>Sergey Kudelya</b> , Project manager
11:30 – 11:40	2. Introductory comment - International cooperation at Baikal: results and reflections	
11:40 – 11:55	3. Review of the workshop’s goal and expected results	
11:55 – 12:15	4. Introduction to GEF, MFA focal area and regional projects	
12:15 – 12:30	5. Introduction to the Project / Введение в проект	
<b>12:15 – 12:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>Session II. Project implementation, monitoring and evaluation</b>	<b>Moderated by: Alexander Shekhovtsov</b>
12:30 – 12:50	1. Project implementation, coordination and management arrangements.	<b>Nataly Olofinskaya</b> , Head of Environment Unit UNDP Russia <b>Uriel Heskia</b> , Portfolio Assistant, UNOPS  <b>Vladimir Mamaev</b> , UNDP/GEF Regional Technical Advisor, UNDP, Europe and the CIS, Bratislava Regional Centre  <b>Bunchingiv Bazartseren</b> , Rural Development Specialist, UNDP Mongolia. Project Technical Director, Mongolian side <b>Nataly Olofinskaya</b> , Head of
12:50 – 13:15	2. Overview of the UNDP/GEF M&E requirements. Project Logical Framework.	
13:15 – 13:30	3. Overview of co-financing arrangements. Q&A	

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<b>13:30 – 14:30</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>14:30 – 17:00</b>	<b>Session III. Discussion on project components and work plan</b>	<b>Moderated by: Sergey Kudelya and Nataly Olofinskaya</b>
14:30 – 16:00	<b>Outcome 1: Strategic policy and planning framework</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis and Strategic Action Programme</li> </ul>	<b>Alexander Shekhovtsov</b> , Advisor to director of Center for International Projects, National Technical Director, Russia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Study on the Selenga Delta habitat and water quality</li> </ul>	Prof. <b>Andrey Khristoforov</b> MGU, Prof. <b>Larisa Radnaeva</b> BINM RAS, Russia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transboundary surface and ground water study</li> </ul>	<b>Holger Treidel</b> , Programme Specialist, Division of Water Sciences Natural Sciences Sector, UNESCO
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pollution hot spot assessment</li> </ul>	Ministry of Nature and Environment of Mongolia <b>Alexander Lbov</b> , The first Vice-Ministry of natural resources of the Buryat Republic, Russia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biodiversity conservation standards</li> </ul>	<b>Sergey Bazha</b> , Deputy head of Russia-Mongolia expedition, Russia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sub-basin watershed management plans</li> </ul>	<b>Khishigjargal Kharkhuu</b> , Officer of Sustainable Development and Strategic Planning Department, Ministry of Nature, Environment and Tourism, Mongolia
16:00 – 17:00	<b>Outcome 2: Institutional Strengthening for IWRM</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Joint Commission for the Baikal / Selenga Basin</li> </ul>	<b>Valery Molotov</b> , Head of Lake Baikal Water Resources Agency Federal Water Resources Agency, Russia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inter-ministerial committees established at national</li> </ul>	<b>Badrakh Tsend</b> , Head of Water Authority, Mongolia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training program on enhanced transboundary management</li> </ul>	<b>Prof. Nina Dagbaeva</b> , Director of Baikal Information Centre “Gran”, Russia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The harmonized Water Quality Monitoring programm</li> </ul>	<b>Vasiliy Pronin</b> , Head of Buryat Republican Center for Gydrometeorology and Nature Monitoring, Russia <b>Davaa Gombo</b> , Head of Surface Water Research Department, Institute of Hydrology and Meteorology, Mongolia
<b>17:00 – 17:15</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>17:15 – 18:45</b>	<b>Session IV. Discussion on project components and work plan (cont-d)</b>	<b>Moderated by: Munkhbat Tserendorj</b> , National Technical Director, Mongolia
	<b>Outcome 3: Demonstrating methods and approaches for water quality and biodiversity mainstreaming</b>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pilot projects on biodiversity conscious mining approaches</li> </ul>	<b>Bator Tsyrenov</b> , Vice Director of Investment and Financial Company METROPOL, Republic of Buryatia, Russia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Problems of biological disposal utilization in the Republic of Buryatia</li> </ul>	<b>Petr Evdokimov</b> , Buryatia Department of veterinary control service, Russia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pilots for the mainstreaming of biodiversity into tourism</li> </ul>	<b>Viktor Boychenko</b> , Deputy Director of Baikal State Biosphere Reserve, Russia
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baikal Information Center, NGO Forum and Business Partnerships</li> </ul>	<b>Alexander Lbov</b> , The first Vice-Ministry of natural resources of the Buryat Republic, Russia
<b>18:45-19:00</b>	<b>Session V: Next steps and Closing remarks.</b>	<b>Moderated by: Vladimir Mamaev and Arnold Tulokhonov</b>