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Tajikistan Hosts the Europe and Central Asia (ECA) Regional Forum on Social Accountability in the Water Sector

Together with the Global Partnership for Social Accountability (GPSA) and the Water Partnership Program (WPP) of the World Bank, Oxfam is organizing the Europe and Central Asia Forum (ECA Forum) on Social Accountability in the Water and Sanitation Sector on May 23-25, 2017 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

The ECA Forum aims to facilitate knowledge exchange among practitioners from European and Central Asian countries working on social accountability initiatives in the water and sanitation sector. The ECA Forum also offers a platform for networking and provides the opportunity to meet and interact with policy makers, donors, researchers, academia, private sector, media, CSOs, international agencies, and experts in social accountability.

Over 110 participants from various countries in Europe and Central Asia - Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Tajikistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Poland and the United Kingdom will share diverse experiences and elaborate on the key factors for enhancing social accountability. Over the course of 3 days the participants will learn and reflect on social accountability principles and context relevant mechanisms for constructive engagement of all stakeholders for efficient service delivery in the water sector. Particular attention will be given to the gender aspects of social accountability programming.

The ECA Forum opening plenary will be delivered by high level Representatives from the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan. The Republic of Tajikistan was one of the first countries that joined the Global Partnership for Social Accountability, recognizing the need for responsible, fair and sustainable management of water resources.

About GPSA

GPSA provides strategic and sustained assistance to CSO’s social accountability initiatives aimed at strengthening transparency and accountability. It builds on the World Bank’s direct and ongoing engagement with public sector actors, as well as on a network of more than 300 global partners, to create an enabling environment in which citizen feedback is used to solve fundamental problems in service delivery and to strengthen the performance of public institutions worldwide.

The project “Improving Social Accountability in the Water Sector” (TWISA) is implemented by Oxfam in Tajikistan in partnership with Consumers Union of Tajikistan NGO and supported by Global Partnership for Social Accountability (GPSA).

For more information about the Forum, please visit www.bit.ly/ECAForum or scan this QR-code
About WPP

The Water Partnership Program (WPP) aim is to augment and support World Bank’s lending and assistance by improving project designs and program strategies at critical stages of development. Funded by the governments of the Netherlands, United Kingdom, Denmark and Austria, the program funded over 200 activities in more than 60 countries.

About OXFAM

Oxfam’s purpose is to help create lasting solutions to the injustice of poverty. Working in 51 countries around the world, Oxfam programs reach more than 10 million people directly every year. Oxfam started in Tajikistan in 2001, with programs concentrated in rural areas in the northern and southern regions of the country. The main areas of Oxfam’s work here are safe drinking water and sanitation, economic development, and improving the capacity for disaster response. The cross cutting themes in Oxfam’s work in Tajikistan are good governance, gender, and adaptation to climate change. Oxfam also operations at national and local levels, working with a number of Tajik NGOs, various ministries and departments of the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan.

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