



National Round Table on Fire Management

Baku, Azerbaijan

OSCE Office, 5 July 2011, 09:30 – 12:30

Draft Agenda

1) Welcome remarks by OSCE / ENVSEC

2) Opening remarks by the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources and the Ministry of Emergency Situations

3) Introductory remarks by the Global Fire Monitoring Center (GFMC)

Introduction of the ENVSEC Project "Enhancing National Capacity on Fire Management and Wildfire Disaster Risk Reduction in the South Caucasus"(Phases II and III – Azerbaijan)

11:00 Coffee break

4) Review of the problem of the forest fires in Azerbaijan

Brief remarks or presentations by Round Table participants on the situation of forest fires and other wildland (other vegetation) fires in Azerbaijan

- Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources
- Ministry of Emergency Situations
- Other participating agencies and academic institutions
- National NGOs
- International programmes

5) Discussion of main issues affecting forest and other wildland fires in Azerbaijan

Themes to be addressed (other topics to be added during the discussion)

- Is there sufficient knowledge about fire causes, occurrence and fire impacts available in the country?
- Achievements in forest protection, fire protection, development of emergency response capabilities and legislation:
 - Capacity building: Training
 - Fire prevention
 - Fire suppression
 - Inter-agency cooperation
 - Legislation and law enforcement
- Role of civil society, e.g. volunteer firefighters and NGO involvement
- Need for the development of a national fire management policy as a cross-cutting inter-sectoral task
- Regional / international cooperation in fire management

6) Discussion and elaboration of priority issues

If further development of fire management capability in Azerbaijan is required;

- Definition of gaps
- Priority measures/needs
- Next steps for the second part of the project:
 - Legal review (study)?
 - Draft of a national fire management policy and implementation strategy (who to take the lead, where to be "embedded"?)
 - Implementation of a possible future national fire management strategy

13:00 Closing