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| **ROADMAP FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGY FOR IMPROVED LEGISLATION ON PARTICIPATORY, TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT** |

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| **№** | **Action/Event** | **Person in Charge and Coordinator** | **Deadline** | **Source of Funding** | **Objective Cross Checking Criteria** |
| **I** | **A number of key legal acts adopted within the RoA water legislation; a set of newly defined and/or clarified concepts used in the RoA Water Code and related legal acts.** | | | | |
| 1 | Development of RoA Draft Law “On Environmental Policy” | RoA Ministry of Nature Protection | 2018 | State Budget | RoA Draft Law “On Environmental Policy” |
| 2 | Development of a concept paper of RoA Law “On Drinking Water” | RoA Public Services Regulatory Commission  RoA Ministry of Health  RoA Ministry of Nature Protection | 2020 | International Donor Organizations | RoA Draft Law “On Drinking Water” |
| 3 | Development of a Concept Paper for RoA Law “On Irrigation Water” | State Committee for Water Resources of the RoA Ministry of Energy Infrastructures and Natural Resources  RoA Ministry of Agriculture  RoA Ministry of Health  RoA Ministry of Nature Protection | 2019-2020 | International Donor Organizations | Concept Paper for RoA Law “On Irrigation Water” |
| 4 | Development of Irrigation Water quality standards | RoA Ministry of Nature Protection  RoA Ministry of Agriculture  RoA Ministry of Health | 2018-2020 | International Donor Organizations | Draft Water Standards |
| 5 | Definition of new concepts in the RoA Water Code; clarification of existing concepts | RoA Ministry of Nature Protection  State Committee for Water Resources of the RoA Ministry of Energy Infrastructures and Natural Resources  RoA Public Services Regulatory Commission | 2018-2019 | State Budget | RoA Draft Law on “Amendments and Additions to RoA Water Code” |
| **II** | **Improved System of State Monitoring of Water Resources and Water Resources State Cadastre; improved mechanisms for access to information.** | | | | |
|  | Establishment of public control system over the services linked to supply of drinking and irrigation water | RoA Ministry of Energy Infrastructures and Natural Resources  Ministry of Agriculture of RA  Ministry of Healthcare of RA  Public Services Regulatory Commission of RA | 2019-2020 | International Donor Organizations | Draft Concept on the System of Public Monitoring over the services linked to supply of drinking and irrigation water |
| 1 | Review of the RoA Government Decree “On Approval of Procedure for Water Resources Monitoring and Reporting”, considering the nature of monitoring as a routine process | RoA Ministry of Nature Protection | 2018-2019 | State Budget | RoA Draft Government Decree “On Amendments and Supplements to the RoA Government Decree on Approval of Procedure for Water Resources Monitoring and Reporting” |
| 2 | Define the principles and methodology of monitoring and the peculiarities of monitoring of various resources in the RoA Draft Law “On Environmental Policy” | RoA Ministry of Nature Protection  RoA Ministry of Energy Infrastructures and Natural Resources | 2018-2019 | State Budget | RoA Draft Law “On Environmental Policy” |
| 3 | Create an integrated online platform with environmental monitoring data | RoA Ministry of Nature Protection | 2020-2022 | International Donor Organizations | An integrated online platform with environmental monitoring data |
| 4 | Create legal basis for the establishment of the public monitoring institution for the use and protection of water resources and relevant services | RoA Ministry of Nature Protection | 2019-2020 | International Donor Organizations | RoA Draft Government Decree “On Approval of the Concept Paper on Development of Public Monitoring Institution for the Use and Protection of Water Resources and Relevant Services” |
| 5 | Post the content of issued water use permits on www.wrma.am | Water Resources Management Agency of the RoA Ministry of Nature Protection | 2018-2019 | International Donor Organizations | Publicly accessible water use permits on [www.wrma.am](https://translate.google.com/translate?hl=en&prev=_t&sl=hy&tl=en&u=http://www.wrma.am) |
| 6 | Define an ecological (environmental) information access mode, including necessary definitions and specifications in the relevant legislation | RoA Ministry of Nature Protection  RoA Ministry of Justice | 2019-2020 | State Budget | Relevant legal acts |
| 7 | Develop a sample list of water-related information for local self-governing authorities | RoA Ministry of Nature Protection  RoA Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development  RoA Ministry of Agriculture  RoA Ministry of Health | 2018-2019 | State Budget | List of water related information |
| **III** | **Improved water use permitting procedure and revised water use permit conditions.** | | | | |
| 1 | Involve representatives of environmental non-governmental organizations and academia in the RoA National Water Council | RoA Ministry of Nature Protection | 2018-2019 | State Budget | RoA Draft Government Decree “On Supplements to the RoA Government Decree on Approval of the Charter and Composition of the RoA National Water Council” |
| 2 | Define water use limits ​​and other criteria as a basis for differentiation between free and special water use | Water Resources Management Agency of the RoA Ministry of Nature Protection | 2019-2020 | International Donor Organizations | RoA Draft Government Decree “On Supplements to the RoA Government Decree on Approval of Free Water Use Procedure” |
| 3 | Prepare an exhaustive list of water use permits by their purposes and priorities | Water Resources Management Agency of the RoA Ministry of Nature Protection | 2019-2020 | State Budget | RoA Draft Law “On Supplements to RoA Water Code” |
| 4 | Develop an online tool for water use permit applications and the relevant procedure | Water Resources Management Agency of the RoA Ministry of Nature Protection | 2018-2019 | International Donor Organizations | RoA Draft Government Decree “On Supplements into the RoA Government Decree on State Program of Midterm Expenses for 2017-2019 of the Republic of Armenia”    RoA Draft Government Decree “On Amendments and Supplements into the RoA Government Decree on Approval of Water Use Permit Template and Water Use Permit Forms, Procedures for Water Use Permitting and Extension, Specifications of Water Source and Borehole, Geotechnical Sections of Borehole Design” |
| 5 | Review of the structure and content of the water use permit template | Water Resources Management Agency of the RoA Ministry of Nature Protection | 2018-2019 | International Donor Organizations | RoA Draft Government Decree “On Amendments and Supplements into the RoA Government Decree on Approval of Water Use Permit Template and Water Use Permit Forms, Procedures for Water Use Permitting and Extension, Specifications of Water Source and Borehole, Geotechnical Sections of Borehole Design” |
| **IV** | **Improved public participation mechanisms for decision-making on water resources and water systems.** | | | | |
| 1 | Define an imperative wording for the composition of bidding committee for the handover of state-owned water systems into trust management and concession, with the involvement of a non-governmental organization | State Water Committee of the RoA Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources  RoA Ministry of Nature Protection  RoA Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development | 2018-2019 | State Budget | RoA Draft Government Decree “On Amendments and Supplements into the RoA Government Decree on Approval the Procedure for Handover of the State-Owned Water Systems into Trust Management”  RoA Draft Government Decree “On Amendments and Supplements into the RoA Government Decree on Approval the Procedure for Transferring the Right of Use of the State-Owned Water Systems based on Concession Agreement” |
| 2 | Awareness raising of community leaders and local self-governing authority staff on community ownership and, in particular, on the management of water systems | RoA Ministry of Territorial Administration and Development  State Water Committee of the RoA Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources | 2018-2022 | International Donor Organizations | Training program and guidelines on community ownership disposition |
| 3 | Improve public discussion procedures within the framework of environmental impact assessment and expertise | RoA Ministry of Nature Protection | 2018-2019 | State Budget | RoA Draft Government Decree “On Amendments and Supplements into the RoA Government Decree on Approval of Procedure for Public Notice and Public Discussions” |
| 4 | Improve the procedures for public discussions on draft legal acts | RoA Ministry of Justice | 2018 | State Budget | RoA Draft Government Decree “On Amendments and Supplements into the RoA Government Decree on Approval of Procedure for Organizing and Holding Public Discussions” |
| 5 | Improve the procedures for public notice on water use permits and public participation | Water Resources Management Agency of the RoA Ministry of Nature Protection | 2018-2019 | International Donor Organizations | RoA Draft Government Decree “On Amendments and Supplements into the RoA Government Decree on Approval of Procedure for Public Notice and Publication of Documents Developed by the Water Resources Management and Protection Authority” |
| 6 | Improve the official website of the Water Resources Management Agency of the RoA Ministry of Nature Protection with a view of raising the effectiveness of public notice on water use applications and public participation | Water Resources Management Agency of the RoA Ministry of Nature Protection | 2018-2020 | International Donor Organizations | Improved official website of the Water Resources Management Agency of the RoA Ministry of Nature Protection |
| **V** | **Improved operation of WUAs; improved legal acts regulating participatory management of WUAs.** | | | | |
| 1 | Review the typical template of irrigation water supply agreement | State Water Committee of the RoA Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources  RoA Ministry of Agriculture | 2019-2020 | International Donor Organizations | RoA Draft Government Decree “On Amendments and Supplements into the RoA Government Decree on Approval of Rules on Irrigation Water Supply and Use; on Defining a Sample Contract on Irrigation Water Supply; and on Revocation of the RoA Decree №418, dated 27 July 2000” |
| 2 | Define differentiated tariffs for irrigation, introduce a payment system with instalments | State Water Committee of the RoA Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources  RoA Ministry of Agriculture | 2020-2025 | International Donor Organizations | RoA Draft Government Decree “On Amendments and Supplements into the RoA Government Decree on Approval of Rules on Irrigation Water Supply and Use; on Defining a Sample Contract on Irrigation Water Supply; and on Revocation of the RoA Decree №418, dated 27 July 2000” |
| 3 | Review the scheme of subsidies for irrigation water fees | State Water Committee of the RoA Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources  RoA Ministry of Finance  RoA Ministry of Agriculture | 2020-2022 | International Donor Organizations | RoA Draft Government Decree “On Amendments and Supplements into the RoA Government Decree on Approval of the Main Provisions for the Reforms of State Financial Assistance of Water Users Associations and the Norms of Water Supply Losses” |
| 4 | Review the RoA Law “On Unions of Water Users Associations and Water Users Associations Unions” | State Water Committee of the RoA Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources  RoA Ministry of Agriculture | 2019-2020 | State Budget | RoA Draft Law “On Amendments and Supplements into the RoA Law on Unions of Water Users Associations and Water Users Associations Unions” |
| **VI** | **Improved advocacy mechanisms for the protection of interests of water users and the users of drinking water supply, sewerage and wastewater treatment and irrigation water supply services.** | | | | |
| 1 | Improve the efficiency of the Dispute Resolution Commission of the RoA National Water Council, the Regulatory Council and the Dispute Resolution Commissions of Water Users Associations | RoA Government  State Water Committee of the RoA Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources | 2020-2022 | International Donor Organizations | Drafts for amendments and supplements into the charters of the Dispute Resolution Commission of the RoA National Water Council, the Regulatory Council and the Dispute Resolution Commissions of Water Users Associations  Capacity-building events to improve the efficiency of the above-mentioned bodies |
| 2 | Introduce the institution of the Ombudsman or the Mediator for the resolution of disputes in the public service sector including water supply and use | State Water Committee of the RoA Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources | 2020-2022 | International Donor Organizations | Draft legal acts regulating the Ombudsman’s institution in the sector of public services |
| 3 | Recruit relevant environmental specialists for the staff of the RoA Human Rights Defender | RoA Human Rights Defender’s Office  RoA Ministry of Finance | 2020-2021 | State Budget | Staff of the RoA Human Rights Defender added with environmental specialists |
| 4 | Improve the legislation regulating administrative offenses associated with the management, use and protection of water resources | RoA Ministry of Justice  RoA Ministry of Nature Protection  State Water Committee of the RoA Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources | 2019-2020 | State Budget | RoA Draft Law “On Amendments and Supplements into the RoA Code on Administrative Offenses”  Or  RoA Code on Administrative Offenses |
| 5 | Review the deadline for filing an administrative complaint or an administrative claim | RoA Ministry of Justice  RoA Ministry of Nature Protection | 2019-2020 | State Budget | RoA Draft Law “On Amendments and Supplements into the RoA Law RoA Law “On Fundamentals of Administration and Administrative Proceedings” and the RoA Code on Administrative Proceedings |
| 6 | Provide free legal aid to support socially vulnerable users to protect their breached rights | RoA Ministry of Justice  Legal Clinics under the Law Department of Armenian Universities | 2018-2022 | State Budget  International Donor Organizations | RoA Draft Law “On Supplements into the RoA Law on Advocacy” |