



PRESS RELEASE

NGO Forum

A busy time for water in the Caucasus!

The change in seasons reminds of us our precious natural resources and the need to protect them. The UNDP/GEF Kura Aras River Basin Project "*Reducing Transboundary Degradation of the Kura Aras River Basin*" is helping to do that! An NGO Forum focusing on biodiversity and water management bringing together NGOs from Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia was hosted by the Ministry of Environment Protection of Georgia 26 March 2012. Fifteen NGOs were represented throughout the region, and agreement was reached on the need to include the valuation of ecosystem services and improved information exchange for water projects. Many of the NGOs present established new contacts and agreed to continue to work together to strengthen the role of civil society in water management. Our special thanks to the Ministry of Environment Protection and National Focal Point Ms. Marina Makarova for great support of the project!

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