



**OPENING CONFERENCE CALL OF THE AMU DARYA BASIN NETWORK
WEDNESDAY 30 JUNE 2010, 1100-1230AM (CEST)**

AGENDA

- 1. Adoption of the agenda;**
- 2. Introduction to the project by representative of the EastWest Institute;**
 - a. Previous activities
 - b. Goals
 - c. Planned activities
- 3. Round of introductions of participants;**
 - a. Expertise
 - b. Current area of focus
- 4. Current state of affairs of bridging scientific research and policy community**
 - a. Good examples of cooperation between researchers and policy makers
 - b. Major challenges
 - i. Lack of transparency of policies and strategies
 - ii. Difficult access to policy makers
 - iii. Lack of political will
 - iv. Lack of regional perspective - linking local challenges to basin level challenges
 - v. Lack of capacity
 - vi. Access to research documents and expert contacts
 - vii. Engagement of key stakeholder Afghanistan
 - viii. Lack of policy coordination from donors
- 5. Priorities for the Amu Darya Basin Network**
- 6. Next steps**
 - a. Further build-up of the website www.amudaryabasin.net
 - b. Upcoming conference calls (July 29, August 26, October 7) and seminar (November, date TBC)
 - c. Outcome report