





Copernicus Assisted Environmental Monitoring Across the Black Sea Basin - PONTOS

Brainstorming Event

How information from space may assist in making a decision on Earth sharing a common sea sharing a common future

Date: July 14, 2021 **Time:** 11 am - 3 pm

Venue: Manoogian Hall, American University of Armenia, 40 Marshal Baghramyan Ave. Yerevan 0019,

Republic of Armenia

Topic	Presenter	Time		
Opening and introduction				
Opening and welcome remarks	Mr. Alen Amirkhanian, Director, AUA Acopian Center for the Environment Mr. Vrezh Galoyan Deputy head of the Environmental Protection and Mining Inspection Body of the Republic of Armenia Ms. Astghik Hayrapetyan Specialist Department for Coordination of Loan and Grant Programs, Office of Deputy Prime Minister Mher Grigoryan Ms. Madlen Proshyan Department of Europe Ministry of Foreign Affairs Republic of Armenia	10 minutes		
Introduction to the meeting agenda, goals, expected results	Ms. Aghavni Harutyunyan, Project Manager AUA Acopian Center for the Environment	5 minutes		
General introduction of the PONTOS Project: Overall and Specific Objectives Project Partners Pilot Sites Project description Main outputs	Ms. Aghavni Harutyunyan, Project Manager AUA Acopian Center for the Environment	10 minutes		

Common borders. Common solutions.









Q/A	All participants	5 minutes		
Introduction to EO technologies, Copernicus products, and their application in environmental monitoring				
Introduction to EO technologies and Copernicus Data and Services	Dr. Alexander Arakelyan, Researcher AUA Acopian Center for the Environment	15 minutes		
Q/A	All participants	5 minutes		
Introduction to Copernicus Open Access Hub and Earth Explorer, data extraction from those platforms	Dr. Artak Piloyan, Researcher AUA Acopian Center for the Environment	20 minutes		
Q/A	All participants	5 minutes		
Introduction to PONTOS platform	Ms. Aghavni Harutyunyan, Project Manager AUA Acopian Center for the Environment	15 minutes		
Break (50 minutes) 12:30 pm - 1:20 pm				
Research activities within the pilot site				
Assessment on forest cover changes and its consequences for the environment Objectives Methodology Preliminary results	Ms. Yeva Danielyan, Researcher AUA Acopian Center for the Environment Mr. Mikayel Santrosyan & Mr. Karen Eroyants, Researchers Environmental Protection and Mining Inspection Body of the Republic of Armenia	10 minutes		
Q/A	All participants	5 minutes		
Assessment on changes in wetland and floating vegetation cover Objectives Methodology Preliminary results	Dr. Artak Piloyan, Researcher AUA Acopian Center for the Environment Mr. Armen Ghlijyan, Researcher Environmental Protection and Mining Inspection Body of the Republic of Armenia	10 minutes		
Q/A	All participants	5 minutes		
Assessment on chlorophyll concentration and eutrophication dynamics Objectives Methodology Preliminary results	Dr. Garabet Kazanjian, Researcher AUA Acopian Center for the Environment Mr. Armen Ghlijyan, Researcher Environmental Protection and Mining Inspection Body of the Republic of Armenia	10 minutes		
Q/A	All participants	5 minutes		







Assessment on agricultural water balance, water productivity and water stress indices Objectives Methodology Preliminary results	Dr. Alexander Arakelyan, Researcher AUA Acopian Center for the Environment	10 minutes	
Q/A	All participants	5 minutes	
Brainstorming about the needs and challenges/ideas related to capacity building Participant's expectations from the	All participants	30 minutes	
PONTOS project			
Summary			
Summary and closing remark	Mr. Alen Amirkhanian, Director, AUA Acopian Center for the Environment	5 minutes	