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### **Workshop with the Water Users' Associations**

“Euroconsult Mott Mac Donald” company, which is implementing the Institutional Strengthening component of Irrigation Entities Sub-Activity of the Millennium Challenge Account-Armenia program, held a workshop to present the component to its key stakeholders. The purpose of the workshop was to provide background information on the activities and works implemented by the consultant, as well as its future actions. Information was provided on the work done with 52 Water Users' Associations (WUA) and 3 Water Supply Agencies (WSA), including a recent assessment of their capacity, as well as progress to date on the development of their Management Improvement Plans. Representatives of WUAs and WSAs were among the participants.

Ara Hovsepyan, MCA-Armenia CEO and Andranik Andriasyan, Head of the State Committee for Water Management addressed the invitees with opening remarks. Institutional Strengthening component of Irrigation Entities Sub-Activity was presented by “Euroconsult Mott Mac Donald” expert Onno Schaap.

The main objective of the Institutional Strengthening component is to develop institutional and technical capabilities in water management entities to ensure reliable and timely water delivery, promote greater ownership of the water delivery system by water users, and create a basis for technical and financial sustainability of the irrigation system through training and technical assistance interventions.

For more information regarding the Institutional Strengthening component and the MCA-Armenia program, please visit:

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