

**DNIPRO RIVER  
PROJECT:  
DECLARATION OF  
COOPERATION**

A *Declaration of Cooperation by the Government of Canada and the Government of Ukraine on the Environmental Management Development in Ukraine (EMDU) program: Dnipro River Basin*, was signed in Kyiv on 31 March. According to this declaration, EMDU will:

- help establish the capacity of Ukrainian institutions to manage the Dnipro River system and the uses that are made of it;
- contribute to a reduction in water pollution in the southern Dnipro sub-basin, particularly in the Zaporizhzhia oblast and;
- forge long term collaborative links between Canadian and Ukrainian public and private sector environmental organizations and encourage the exchange of information and experience.

The International Development Research Centre (IDRC) will implement this program according to the following principles:

- 1) Dynamic, iterative program development approach which provides flexibility to respond to evolving needs and priorities;
- 2) Regional focus on the southern Dnipro sub-basin, more precisely the city and oblast of Zaporizhzhia and;
- 3) Low-cost impact solutions which can be replicated in other enterprises and water treatment plants in Ukraine.

IDRC will negotiate a detailed Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Ukraine on the rights, obligations and contributions to the program.

The program is to involve collaboration with various Ukrainian research institutes, municipal entities, environmental training centres and environmental non-governmental organizations, including the State Committee for Water Resources and the Ukrainian Scientific Centre for the Protection of Waters and Vodokanal.

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