

GWP CACENA MONTHLY REPORT for MARCH 2013

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According to the GWP CACENA Regional Work Plans for 2013 the following activities were implemented by GWP CACENA in March 2013:

Strategic Goal 1: Ensure water is a key part of sustainable national development ***Outcome Challenge 1.1: Enabling policy environment for National IWRM plans***

- The Round Table "National Consultations on water in the post-2015 development agenda" was held on 11 March 2013 in Tashkent (the ICWC Training Center), Uzbekistan. This Round Table was conducted by GWP CACENA and CWP-Uzbekistan under support of UNECE and SIC ICWC. The round table goal was to ensure a deep understanding of national priorities in water sector in the post- 2015 period. The Round Table consisted of two parts: 1 - Priorities of the post-2015 development program for water management in Uzbekistan; and 2 - Key elements of monitoring and information support of water management in Uzbekistan. The Round Table was attended by water professionals, officials of water management organizations, water administrators, hydrometeorological service, mass media (total: 34 participants). The detailed report will be submitted to GWPO/UNECE in April 2013.



Working moments during the national consultations in Training Center of ICWC on 11 March, 2013



Presentation from Mr. Akhmadjonov, Head of Water Balance Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of Uzbekistan

- CWP-Kyrgyzstan attended the 9th meeting of the Steering Committee of the National Policy Dialogue (NPD) on integrated water resources management (IWRM) in Kyrgyzstan that was held on 13 March 2013 in Bishkek.

- The Round Table "Water resources and their effective use" organized by the Caucasus Institute of Regional Security under support of the Embassy of Switzerland in Georgia was held on 22 March 2013 in Tbilisi, Georgia. CWP-Georgia took part in the round table and made two presentations: 1 - "National policy dialogues - Integrated Water Resources Management within the EU Water Initiative" (George Dzamukashvili); and 2 - "Transboundary Cooperation between countries in Southern Caucasus" (Nino Chkhobadze).



- The conference "Water - the best way of cooperation" was organized by CWP-Georgia and the Environmental organization "Green Alternative" and held on 22 March 2013 at the Ethnographical Museum. Presentations were related to IWRM, water cooperation, water problems of river basins in Georgia. Representatives of national and public organizations participated in this conference. The "Cleaning action" was conducted around the venue.



- On 30 March 2013, CWP-Georgia and the Environmental organization "Green Alternative" organized the meeting with students from various institutes of high education in Georgia aiming to discuss problems of hydropower engineering. Representatives of the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Energy of Georgia also took part in the meeting. The negative and positive sides of hydropower engineering were considered. Students (total: 34 people) were informed about hydropower engineering development tendency in Georgia.



- CWP-Armenia and the commercial organization "SPRING" PR Group developed and implemented the social and environmental project: "Let us be caring, Armenia - International Water Day 2013." Within the framework of the project several activities were organized mainly aiming to raising public awareness about the importance of water resources and their careful use, and identifying the problems of water cooperation between various water users in the country. On March 21st, the project authors were the guests of the program "Good Morning Armenians" of the "Armenia TV channel" and presented the project. On the same day, CWP-Armenia organized a press conference at the press club "Slack" (Arrow), where speakers presented their views on the problems existing in the management of water resources and urban water. All interested media were invited to attend the national conference.



- CWP-Armenia participated in the national conference on "Integrated Urban Water Management" that was held on 25 March 2013 at Business Center "Yerevan Plaza". The aim of the conference was to identify problems related to access of population to infrastructure and water and sanitation services, and to consider ways for implementation of integrated urban water management principles. The conference was attended by representatives of various ministries, the State Water Committee of Water System of Armenia, 5 large water utilities, local governmental bodies, consulting companies, NGOs and mass media. The conference participants adopted a resolution and presented it to the stakeholders dealing with water management (www.cwp.am).



Strategic Goal 2: Address critical development challenges

Outcome Challenge 2.1: Enabling policy environment for regional cooperation

The Regional Workshop: "IWRM as a Practical Approach to Climate Change Adaptation in Caucasus and Central Asia" under support by and in cooperation with SDC was held on 18-19 March 2013 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. The purpose was to bring together key stakeholders from sectors: hydrological institutes, water management agencies and agriculture sector, and identify where IWRM approaches fit into sectors' plans. Also, GWP CACENA informed SDC about the CCA and IWRM initiative.

The workshop was consisted of three sessions:

- 1) “Scientific”: addressing to specific topics of adaptation to answer question “HOW?”
- 2) “Implementation” of climate change adaptation program – possible ways for GWP CACENA to answer questions: “WHAT? WHO? WHEN?”
- 3) Partnership and cooperation

In the result of two days discussions there were agreed the following joint points for cooperation between SDC and GWP CACENA within the agenda of Adaptation to Climate Change:

Focus	Swiss Cooperation Water Program (Global and Regional)	Proposed GWP-CACENA CCA program
Global	SDC contribution to GWP (ongoing and 2014-16) WMO-GWP Integrated Drought Mgmt Program: <i>WMO support TBD</i>	WP1: Reg. cooperation; WP8: Governance and Fundraising
Caucasus & Central Asia	SDC contribution to UNECE, incl. water-food-energy-env nexus	WP1; WP2: National planning (through NPDs)
Central Asia Regional Level	CA Energy-Water Development Program (Swiss-WB-DfID-EU+others) and support to IFAS organizations (<i>TBD: institutional, data mgmt, FV shared water-climate, canal automation</i>)	WP1; WP4: Prep projects WP5: Demo Projects WP6: Capacity devt. WP7: Knowledge
Central Asia Trans-boundary	Kyrgyz-Kazakhstan (Chu Talas 2013-16) Tajikistan-Kyrgyz (South FV TBD) Uzbekistan-Kazakhstan (Dustlik canal) Kyrgyz-Uzbekistan (DRR TBD)	WP1; WP4; WP5; WP6; WP7
Central Asia National Level	Kyrgyzstan IWRM+ (2013-20, WB, GAFSP cofin.) Tajikistan IWRM+ (2013-20, cofin.) Uzbekistan IWRM+ (2013-20, ADB, WB cofin.)	WP1; WP2: National planning (through NPDs) WP4; WP5; WP6; WP7



CACENA Regional Council Members in front a local restaurant – jurtas



Christophe Bosch presenting the SDC Wide Program for Central Asia

Outcome Challenge 2.2: Practical steps to strengthening regional cooperation

The meeting on the project "Green Growth Framework for water security in the Aral Sea Basin" was held on 26-28 March, 2013, in Seoul (Korea). This meeting was attended by five Central Asian countries located in the Aral Sea Basin.

Participants considered the report, summarized comments to improve the report, and defined main priorities for further implementation of the project: 1 - development of national master-plans for green growth, and regional strategy to support their implementation; 2 - water saving; 3 - IWRM, as well as risk management on the basis of Korean technologies for monitoring and warning. Consultations with donors concerning the next phase of project implementation was agreed to be held in the next month after improving the report.



Participants of the workshop on Green Growth held in Seoul, Korea



Central Asian delegation in the Han River Flood Control Office

Strategic Goal 3: Reinforce knowledge sharing and communications

Outcome Challenge 3.1: IWRM knowledge accumulation and dissemination

- The ToolBox workshop was held on 22-23 March 2013 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, at the Kyrgyz – Russian Slavic University. The workshop aimed at introducing ToolBox in education area in Kyrgyzstan. The workshop was initiated by CWP KYR. The workshop was organized for universities lecturers and young PhD students aimed to introduce GWP ToolBox and seek opportunities to apply it in the education. The workshop was also aimed to encourage professors of universities to develop IWRM curricula based on the Toolbox. The training course was attended by 15 participants from Kyrgyzstan, mainly professors of Kyrgyz- Russian Slavic University and Agriculture University in Bishkek. The participants (both senior lecturers and young PhD students) were from the following departments: water resources management, hydro-technical engineering, irrigation, ecology and the environmental protection. This training course comprised lectures (presentations and case studies), group work, and brain storming sessions, exercises and discussion. At the end of the training, all participants were requested to provide a feedback, in order to learn lessons and applicability in their region. The training course met its objectives.



During the coffee break in lecturers cabinet



Participants received a ToolBox Certificate



- GWP Technical Committee's Technical papers No 11, 13 and 16 (50 pcs. each) were published in Armenian and distributed among all participants of the national conference "Integrated Urban Water Management" that was held on 25 March 2013 at Business Center "Yerevan Plaza".



Strategic Goal 4: Build a more effective network

Outcome Challenge 4: Sustainability of the GWP network

- GWP CACENA Regional Council Meeting was held in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, on March 20, 2013. The following meeting items were discussed:

- Revision of the Workplan of the CACENA program on Climate Change Adaptation and IWRM in CACENA;
- RWP will introduce changes into the Work plan and Budget 2013 to be submitted to GWPO.
- Strategy development (for discussing at the meeting in Kiev);
- Calendar of CACENA activities was discussed and approved;
- Governance issues of CACENA (rotation of council members and approval of candidatures for Regional Secretariat, as well as venue and terms of next Council meeting).

- Preparation of Inter-regional GWP CEE/CACENA meeting (Kiev, Ukraine, April 8-9, 2013) was finalized.

COMING EVENTS (with participation of GWP CACENA)

1. Inter-regional GWP CEE/CACENA meeting, April 8-10, 2013, Kiev, Ukraine.
2. UNECE Task Force meeting on the Water/Food/Energy/Ecosystem Nexus, April 8-9, 2013, Geneva, Switzerland.
3. Kick-off meeting for WWF-7 in Daegu, Korea, on 14-15 May, 2013.
4. 2^d Asia-Pacific Water Summit, Chiang Mai, Thailand, on 19-20 May, 2013