

GWP CACENA MONTHLY REPORT **for** **APRIL 2013**

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

1) The Round Table "Zarafshan transboundary river - water resources use and its role in the valley environment" was held on 10 April 2013 in Samarkand organized by the Ecological Movement group of the Legislative Chamber of Oliy Kengash of the Republic of Uzbekistan and CWP Uzbekistan under support of the Samarkand Agricultural Institute.

The Round Table goal is to ensure equitable allocation of water resources to all water users considering environment support in the Zarafshan river basin. Participants: Legislative Chamber members, leaders of Ecological Movement's regional branches located in the Zarafshan Valley, the Head of local Basin Irrigation System Administration, administrators of large water management, municipal and industrial organizations, as well as representatives of agricultural sector, professors, teachers and holders of Master degree of the Samarkand Agricultural Institute. Representatives of CWP Uzbekistan were recommended to achieve close cooperation with water users and water management organizations for equitable allocation of water resources for all water users. This dialogue was demonstrated by TV within the Information Program of Uzbekistan.





2) ROUND TABLE “National Consultations on water in the post-2015 development agenda”, 11 April 2013, Tbilisi, Georgia.

The Round Table was organized by CWP-Georgia and UNDP under support of and in cooperation with UNECE. 27 participants from various organizations at high level attended this round table. During discussions the key national priorities for the sustainable development of water in Georgia were identified: water resources management, hydropower, irrigation, water supply and sanitation. Plans for improvement situation were presented as well: in order to achieve and maintain the appropriate quality of water resources Georgia intends to replace the existing administration principles in water resource management and introduce the integrated river basin management approach. A new legislation on water is under development to introduce this approach in Georgia.

The areas for future sustainable development targets for water were suggested. As a result of discussions it was considered that today the system of the effective WRM monitoring and reporting system is not in place. The participants of the meeting agreed that a Monitoring and Reporting program for the National IWRM Plan implementation should be developed to keep it on track, to ensure budget allocations are progressing, and other aspects. The reporting should be available to the public.



3) The Round Table "Nature Conservation Activity" on 19 April 2013, Tbilisi, Georgia.

CWP-Georgia was invited to participate in the Round Table "Nature Conservation Activity" organized by Mayor of Tbilisi. CWP-Georgia informed participants about GWP Mission and current activity of CWP-Georgia. The number of participants - 20 people.



4) Seminar on Environmental Problems on 22 April 2013 in Georgia

Georgian National Ethnographic Museum under initiative of young members of the Greens Movement of Georgia/Friends of the Earth - Georgia and young movement "Davitiani" and **GWP-Georgia** had organized a seminar aiming to discuss various environmental problems. The students made presentations on environmental issues, including "Climate Change". This seminar aroused a big interest among the students. CWP-Georgia informed about the IWRM Concept. It was decided to prepare a special lecture for students on IWRM principles in May 2013. The number of participated students from various higher education institutes - 25. After the seminar all the participants with the local population in Kojori took part in the planned "protest action" by planting trees.



5) The Round Table on Inter-sectoral cooperation on 29 April 2013 in Tbilisi, Georgia.

CWP-Georgia took part in the Round Table on Inter-sectoral cooperation organized by the National Platform of Civil Society, Government of Georgia and European Commission within the Eastern Partnership Programme.

Various issues related to inter-sectoral cooperation were discussed. Participants included Prime Minister of Georgia, Chairman of Parliament, ministers, members of parliament, ombudsman, representatives of civil society. Total: 100 participants.

6) CWP-Armenia prepares the regional training workshop

CWP-Armenia prepares the regional training workshop (it's supposed to be on 7-8 November 2013). The Workshop Conceptual Note has been prepared and disseminated. The proposal on financing the workshop was prepared to donors.

7) CWP-Armenia participated in local events

CWP-Armenia participated in the meeting on development of National Strategy on Human Rights. The aim of meeting was to discuss the issue concerning the activity related to environmental legislation. CWP-Armenia made presentation "Environmental impact assessment and environmental legislation".

Outcome Challenge 1.2: Capacity development for National IWRM plans

1) The first training on IWRM was held on 2 April 2013 at the Agrarian University in Tajikistan.

The first training on IWRM was organized by CWP-Tajikistan in cooperation with the Irrigation and Drainage Faculty of the Agrarian University for 33 people. The aim of training was to improve knowledge on IWRM and capacity building of participants. All the participants received "Guidelines on IWRM planning" and the document: "Integrated Water Resources Management: Situation and prospects in the Republic of Tajikistan". These materials are included to the Curricula of the Irrigation and Drainage Faculty of the Agrarian University in Tajikistan.

Strategic Goal 2: Address critical development challenges

Outcome Challenge 2.2: Practical steps to strengthening regional cooperation

1) On April 17, 2013 in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, a **workshop** was held to discuss the report on **Green Growth in the Aral Sea**, prepared by the Global Water Partnership (GWP) of Central Asia and the Caucasus, the Scientific Information Center of the Interstate Coordination Water Commission (SIC ICWC) of Central Asia with the support from the Global Green Growth Institute (Korea). The workshop was attended by officials from national water agencies and executive bodies of ICWC.

Prof. Dukhovny presented the summary of the concept of green growth and its application to water resources. In his presentation "Green Growth: As we understand it, and what to do for its implementation?" Prof. Dukhovny also informed about process for preparation of the project document, and how the proposed priority areas for green growth in the water sector in the countries of Central Asia were selected. These recommendations are approximate, and the list of priorities may be amended or supplemented for each country in the process of national master-plans development. In the end of his speech the reporter noted that the comments and suggestions submitted by the parties will be considered and included in the final report.

Then the country's opinions were expressed by the following representatives: Mr. Sulton Rakhimov, First Deputy Minister of Land Reclamation and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan; Mr. Ravsham Mamutov from MAWR of Uzbekistan; Mr. Zhienbayev voiced the views of the Committee for Water Resources of Kazakhstan; Mr. Djailoobaev, First Deputy General Director of the Department of Water Resources and Land Reclamation of Kyrgyzstan; Mr. Mohammadov, the Deputy Minister of Water Resources of Turkmenistan; Ms. Ekaterina Sakhvaeva, a representative of the Department of Water Resources and Land Reclamation of the Kyrgyz Republic; Mr. Hamidov, Head of BWO Syrdarya.

In conclusion, Prof. Dukhovny noted that the main purpose of the report was to identify the interest in green development for the region. He expressed the hope that the national experts and officials will send more comments to finalize report processing.



2) On 17-18 April 2013, CWP-Kazakhstan organized the meeting with the Akim of Kyzylordinskaya oblast for choosing a demonstration field and participants of the project "Drought Risk Management: IWRM solutions on water demand regulation for irrigation" (GWP Water and Climate Programme). This meeting was attended by the heads of organizations of water management and agriculture, of administration of natural and land resources, and by farmers.

3) CWP-Armenia developed the pilot project "Creating possibilities for treatment the degraded lands in the Bagramyan village in the Armavirsky district in Armenia by construction of the compact treatment plant for household sewage"

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Intended place for the treatment plant

4) CWP-Tajikistan participated in the preparation of the Third National Message of the Republic of Tajikistan on Climate Change.

CWP-Tajikistan has prepared presentation "Strategy on Adaptation of Population to Water Resources Use under Climate Change" to be included into the Third National Message of the Republic of Tajikistan on Climate Change. This presentation will be delivered to participants at the seminar to be held on 13 May 2013 in Dushanbe.

Strategic Goal 3: Reinforce knowledge sharing and communications

Outcome Challenge 3.1: IWRM knowledge accumulation and dissemination

1) GWP Technical Committee's Technical papers No 17 was translated by GWP CACENA into Russian and will be disseminated among the GWP CACENA partners.



2) Training courses for schoolchildren

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The trainings "Let's take a care for water resources" for schoolchildren of 11-13 years old, are being conducted from 29 April 2013 (till 4 May 2013). The main purpose is to raise awareness among schoolchildren by informing them about water challenges and involve them into protecting and managing water resources.

The training comprises physical -and- chemical monitoring of various water sources by means of the kits "World Water Monitoring Challenge" (WWMC), and imitation of biological monitoring of water, and possible impact of community development on water quality and environment.

Outcome Challenge 3.2: Involvement into global and regional processes

1) First meeting of the Task Force on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystem Nexus was held on 08 - 09 April 2013 in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Parties to the Water Convention have included in the Work Programme 2013-2015 an assessment of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus in selected transboundary basins and established the Task Force on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus to overview and guide its preparation.

The first meeting of the Task Force, which is the key step in the discussion and design of the assessment of the nexus, had the following objectives:

- Discuss the process of preparation of the Assessment;
- Explore the needs and preferences of the riparian countries, river basin commissions and stakeholders in the basins proposed to be assessed in the Water Convention Nexus Assessment in order to agree on the scope and objectives of the assessment and on deriving information and analysis needs;
- Review past and on-going efforts to analyze the nexus and to provide guidance for sectoral (and inter-sectoral) decision-making to learn from such exercises;
- Discuss and agree on the basins to be covered by the nexus assessment and agree on the next steps in the process.

The Task Force meeting was attended by representatives of the countries that are concerned by the case basin proposals submitted so far or that have expressed interest in participating in the assessment, representatives of organizations undertaking parallel initiatives, partners, experts and stakeholders. GWP CACENA was represented by Mr. Beglov I. Uzbekistan proposed the Aral Sea Basin as a pilot basin to be assessed against the nexus.

2) On 4 April 2013, CWP-Kazakhstan took part in the **International Conference "Water in the heart of science"** and interactive exhibition organized by French Alliance in Almaty within the International Year of Water Cooperation 2013. CWP-Kazakhstan and French Alliance agreed to prolong exhibition in the Kazakh State Agricultural Institute and other institutes of higher education which have theme "Water Resources and Water use " in its Curricula.



Strategic Goal 4: Build a more effective network

Outcome Challenge 4: Sustainability of the GWP network

1) Inter-Regional Consultation Meeting on GWP Strategy 2014 – 2020 for GWP Central Asia and Caucasus (CACENA), Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and Mediterranean (MED) was held in Kiev, Ukraine, April 8, 2013.

Purpose of the meeting:

- Review and provide overall comments on draft GWP Strategy 2014-2010
- Consider the 2 questions:
 - Does the draft GWP Strategy capture the focus and priorities for the regions and countries over the next six years, towards 2020? If not, suggest ways in which it can be improved.
 - Does the draft GWP Strategy cover the activities planned in the Regions? If not suggest additional activities

The CEE, CACENA and MED Secretariats provided reflections on the status of implementation of the present Work Programme and on future directions. These presentations were followed by reflections from a group of selected strategic Partners: The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and WaterLex.

The full presentations can be found at: <http://www.gwp.org/en/GWP-CEE/gwp-cee-in-action/events/Inter-Regional-Meeting/>.



George Dzamukashvili, GWP CACENA Regional Council member, at the Inter-Regional Consultation Meeting

2) GWP CACENA Regional Council meeting was held on 9 April 2013 in Kiev.

Participants: Regional Council Members (Azerbaijan – Teimur Osmanov; Armenia – Arevik Hovsepyan; Georgia – George Dzamukashvili; Kazakhstan – Bulat Essekin; Kyrgyzstan – Kasiet Musabarva; Tajikistan – Davlatkadam Siltonmamadov; Turkmenistan – Guldjamal Nurmukhamedova; Uzbekistan – Yusup Kamalov (Regional Council Chair); GWPO - Danka Thalmeinerova, acting Network Officer; Regional Secretariat – Ilkhom Babaev, Financial Manager; CWPs' representatives – Eduard Mesropyan (Armenia), Nino Chkhobadze (Georgia)).

AGENDA

- Discussion on GWP's Global Strategy
- Clarification of Yearly Work Plan and Budget
- Approval of ToR for Programme Manager

- Miscellaneous



3) CWP-Tajikistan organized 2nd meeting with its partners and stakeholders on 25 April 2013.

The accredited partners and participants approved the Work Plan (Roadmap) up to 2014. CWP-Tajikistan involved two new members to strengthen Country Water Partnership of Tajikistan. The meeting approved decision on establishing the official independent public organization "Water Partnership of Tajikistan" that will be registered in the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Tajikistan; the Statutes and other constituent documents are developed.

COMING EVENTS (with participation of GWP CACENA)

1. Kick-off meeting for WWF-7 in Daegu, Korea, on 14-15 May, 2013.
2. 2^d Asia-Pacific Water Summit, Chiang Mai, Thailand, on 19-20 May, 2013
3. Fourth Workshop on Water and Adaptation to Climate Change in Transboundary Basins (Transboundary climate change adaptation serving multiple purposes), Geneva, Switzerland, on 25-26 June 2013.
4. Sixth meeting of Task Force on Water and Climate (Convention of the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes), Geneva, Switzerland, on 27 June 2013.