

Joint Meeting Regional Council and Regional Advisory Committee of the Global Water Partnership Caucasus and Central Asia

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Current and operational issues related to development of water partnership in the South Caucasus and Central Asia countries as well as activity results in 2009 and work plan for 2010 have been discussed at the meeting. Based on discussion results the following decisions have been taken:

1. To adopt the regional report for 2009 presented by Nino Chkhobadze, including additions from Vadim Sokolov as well as the national reports presented by coordinators from each of eight countries.
2. The Country Water Partnership network's activity reports for 2009 should be presented to the Secretariat by all national coordinators through RC members (in electronic format) – by 25th of December 2009.
 - The Secretariat should send out the revised regional report for 2009 to all partners by 5th of January 2010
 - Any comments or remarks on the regional report should be submitted to the Secretariat by 15th of January 2010.
3. To adopt the work plan, the budget and the calendar of events for 2010 presented by the Regional Secretariat (Sokolov), including comments and remarks made during discussions.
4. With regard to the RC members' and GWP CACENA Chair's authorities rotation or extension:
 - Though in accordance with the Charter of GWP CACENA the Chair's term expires in December of 2009, Nino Chkhobadze is requested to continue performing Chair's functions until the next RC meeting. During this period the Regional Secretariat (V. Sokolov) is entrusted to select candidates for Regional Council upon consultations with all CWPs.
 - Regular meeting of the Regional Council is to be held in May of 2010 within the framework of the regional workshop on adaptation to climatic changes. New members of RC are to be approved at the meeting; decision regarding the GWP CACENA Chair's election for the period of 2010-2013 is to be taken as well.
 - Contract with Vadim Sokolov working as GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator is to be extended by 31st of December 2010. GWP CACENA Chair, Nino Chkhobadze, is instructed to sign the aforesaid contract.
5. With regard to GWP CACENA Charter:
 - Amendments and updates to GWP CACENA Charter made in the course of consultations held in February – December of 2009 should be adopted. The text of

the Charter dated 10th of December 2009 should be treated as the final version and should be placed at the web-site for further discussions.

- The Regional Secretariat should present the final version of the Charter for adoption at the 8th Conference of GWP CACENA partners that will be held in December 2010.

6. With regard to finalized list of accredited partners of GWP CACENA:

- Secretariat should circulate the list of accredited partners by 31st of December of 2009 in order to enable countries to introduce respective updates. Finalized list should be presented by 15th of January 2010.

7. The next meeting of RC is to be held in May of 2010 within the framework of the regional workshop on the issues of adaptation to climatic changes. Secretariat should hold consultations with the Partners and submit a proposal on the meeting's date and venue to the RC members via email in order to know their opinion by the end of January 2010. The following agenda of RC meeting envisaged for May of 2010 should be approved:

- Rotation or extension of authorities of the RC members and election of GWP CACENA Chair.
- GWP CACENA delegation to the Meeting of Asia and Pacific Water Leaders to be held in Singapore on 28 June – 2 July of 2010 (two representatives) and delegation of GWP CACENA to the Annual Conference of GWP Consulting Partners to be held in Stockholm on 3-4 September of 2010 (nine representatives).
- Decision on date and venue of the 8th Conference of GWP CACENA stakeholders.
- Other issues.

8. By 31st of January 2010, agenda of the regional workshop to be held in May of 2010 within the framework of climate change adaptation challenges should be elaborated.

9. Bjorn Gutterstam and the Regional Secretariat (Sokolov) should be requested to discuss with Helsinki University of Technology the list of activities – as continuation of 2008 activities – focusing on the Southern Caucasus countries and involving students from all eight countries.

10. The Regional Secretariat should announce through its web-site and using CWPs a vacant position of the ToolBox Focal Point. By the end of January 2010 the Election Commission, consisting of Danka, Vadim, Eduard and Abdibay, should select an expert on the competitive to fill this position and should conclude a contract with him/her for 2010.

11. By 15th of January 2010, all partners should review the GWP CACENA web-site (www.gwpcacena.net) for the purpose of any eventual proposals on improvement of Secretariat work.

12. To remind all coordinators of the country partnerships about regular presentation (by 25th day of each month) of brief information on activities performed within the framework of GWP CACENA to the Secretariat.