



Global Water Partnership Central Asia and Caucasus (GWP CACENA)

# Report

## For November 2019

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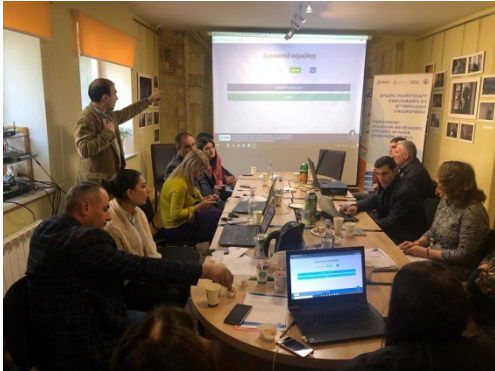
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## 1. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE "RATIONAL USE OF WATER RESOURCES - KEY FOR ACHIEVING THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS"

<https://www.gwp.org/en/CACENA/News/turkmenistan-hosted-international-conference-on-rational-use-of-water-resources2/>

## 2. TRANSPARENCY PORTAL PRESENTATION AND TRAINING

On November 19, within the frameworks of USAID-funded PURE-Water Project, a training was organized on “Skills for Obtaining Water Use Permits through Online System”. The goal of the training was to transfer knowledge and skills to the Project stakeholders on obtaining water use permits via the online system, developed with the support of the Project. The training was attended by the Project partner communities’ representatives and water users.



During the training the participants got acquainted with the cases foreseen by RA legislation for WUP issuance, list of required documents for obtaining WUPs; they also registered in the online system and filled in test applications to be submitted to the RA Ministry of Environment.

For the purpose of facilitating the access and the use of the online system, the Project has also developed a “Manual on Obtaining Water Use Permits through Online System”, which will further be distributed among the Project partner communities

## 3. WORLD TOILET DAY 2019



CWP Armenia Youth Network members celebrated World Toilet Day in the framework of 15th European Youth Parliament for Water. They presented the importance of the day giving the important messages to other participants.

The theme of World Toilet Day 2019 is “Leaving no one behind”, which is the central promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This year, we want to show that a toilet is not just a toilet; it’s a life-saver, dignity-protector and opportunity-maker.

#### 4. 15TH EUROPEAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT FOR WATER

On November 17-24, young people from Armenia participated in 15th edition of European Youth Parliament for Water - EYPW .

2 Members of CWP Armenia Youth Network, Liana Hovsepyan and Davit Mejlumyan, were in Armenian delegation.

During one week young people debated, exchanged ideas on water related issues. The theme for 15th EYPW was: “The river basin: backbone of regional development”.

At the end of the Parliament, participants came up with a “Common commitment” declaration gathering Youth’s vision on the Parliament’s theme.



#### 5. Meeting of the Georgian National Platform of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum

**Date:** 28 November 2019

**Place:** Tbilisi, Information Centre on NATO and EC



**Organizer:** CWP-Georgia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia

**Participants:** NGOs, Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Agriculture (Total: 30 people).

The meeting has considered the following issues:

1. Forest Code
2. The adoption of the new Law on Water Resources
3. Development of an action strategy for the Black Sea

At the meeting, some comments on the water legislation prepared by the Georgian Greens Movement were discussed.

The participants agreed that it is necessary to hold a meeting with the ministry responsible for the water legislation.

## 6. The working meeting on the project "Strengthening the capacity of women representatives of Turkmen and Azerbaijani non-governmental organizations in the fields of natural resource management & climate change adaptation through training activities and knowledge sharing with Georgian civil society"

**Date:** 7 November 2019

**Place:** Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

**Organizer:** CWP-Georgia.

**Participants:** CWP-Georgia, CWP-Azerbaijan, CWP-Turkmenistan (Total: 6 people).

Participants discussed and came into agreement on a calendar of events in each country and the training topics. Some technical issues were discussed too.



## 7. OSCE training for trainers

**Date:** 19 November 2019

**Place:** Tashkent

**Organizer:** OSCE

**Participants:** teachers of higher educational institutions of Central Asia

CWP-Kyrgyzstan participated in the training for trainers: "How to integrate a gender perspective in water management".



### **The objectives of the event:**

Presentation of the Manual prepared in the framework of the project "Women, Water Resources Management and Conflict Prevention - Stage II", implemented by the OSCE Coordinator Office on Economic and Environmental Activities in cooperation with the OSCE Gender Section.

The Manual on Gender Aspects of Water Management provides an overview of the role of gender in water management and governance with a particular focus on Central Asia. The manual provides practical recommendations on how gender aspects can be taken into account by water professionals at different levels and serve as a guide for interested water professionals and as educational material for students.

## 8. Lecture "Best sanitation technology"

**Date:** 22<sup>nd</sup> of November 2019

**Place:** Khuvsgul province, Murun town, Mongolia

**Organizer:** CWP-Mongolia

**Participants:** nomadic families (Total: 150 people)

CWP-Mongolia Chairman Prof. Basandorj made a presentation “Innovation technology of best sanitation”. The main purpose of that presentation was to do a first step to SDG6.2 implementation. As a result, the local administration selected 50 families for installation of simple sanitation technology in summer of 2020. All participants agreed that improvement of sanitation is most important for safety of life conditions.



## 9. CAR@WAN Consultative Meeting



**Date:** 27 November 2019

**Place:** Almaty, Kazakhstan

**Organizer:** Center “Cooperation for Sustainable Development”

**Participants:** representatives of the Central Asian regional network CAR@WAN

The meeting discussed cooperation perspectives and coordinating actions on the near future.

CWP-Uzbekistan Coordinator made a presentation “Innovative solutions to support of reforms in the water sector of Uzbekistan”.

## 10. GWP CACENA Regional Council Meeting 2019

Ashgabat, 7 November 2019 -- the Regional Council Meeting (RC Meeting) 2019 was successfully held with the main objective to get agreement on the 3 years’ work program and the 2020 annual work plan.

The Regional Council Meeting was held on 7 November 2019 at Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. Altogether twenty two participants including the Senior Network Specialist for CACENA of GWPO, Regional Chair, Country Chairs, Regional Council members and the Regional Secretariat attended the meeting. The Regional Council (RC) Meeting of GWP CACENA was convened by the Regional Chair Guljamal Nurmukhamedova.

The meeting was held to meet several objectives such as:

1. How to submit a project proposal to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) ;
2. Review the implementation of GWP CACENA 2019 work plan/2017-2019 3-years work program;
3. Agree on the 2020-2022 3-years work program;
4. Agree on the GWP CACENA 2020 annual work plan and budget;

5. Discuss the issues faced by CWPs in 2019 and prospects for 2020;
6. Evaluate activity of Regional Secretariat for 2019;
7. Decide the governance issue of CACENA;

The other importance issues that have been discussed and decided were:

- Audit procedure, financial reports, local raised funds;
- Expenditure for the Regional Days, re-distribution funds between cost items, other financial issues;
- Mr. George Dzumukashvili (Chairman of CWP-Georgia) was selected as the new GWP CACENA Chairman for the transition period from January 2020 till June 2020;
- Ms. Guljamal Nurmukhamedova (GWP CACENA Chair) was selected as the new Regional Coordinator of GWP CACENA for the transition period from January 2020 till June 2020.



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