

## **GWP CACENA during December 2010 - March 2011**

The first **round of the national training seminars on IWRM** was conducted during January – February 2011 by the GWP CACENA Secretariat and CWPs. These trainings are an element of the capacity development program to facilitate National IWRM planning process in all CACENA countries. The target is capacity development for key players of planning and IWRM implementation process, not only involving water specialists, but also water users and other stakeholders (around 25-30 persons in each country were attended).

Organized by Secretariat of the 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum **Special Focus meeting for Central Asia towards 2nd Istanbul International Water Forum “An Istanbul Perspective on Regional Water Challenges and Solutions”** was held on January 24-28 2011 in Istanbul, Turkey. Regional Coordinator of the GWP-CACENA Vadim Sokolov presented to meeting participants (represented four Central Asian countries plus Turkey) experiences with IWRM implementation in CACENA countries as a basis for water security.

Regional Chair Yusup Kamalov and Regional Coordinator of the GWP CACENA, Vadim Sokolov attended **GWP TEC meeting, and joint with IWMI workshop “Climate change, food and water security: Identifying critical issues and exploring cooperative strategies in an age of increased risk and uncertainty for South Asia”**, held in Colombo, Sri Lanka on 23- 25 February 2011. It was valuable discussion with the main outcome: “No more business as usual in face of climate change and food security in Asia”.



The **working meeting of the representatives of the CACENA and SA regions with ADB and APWF Secretariat** was held on 15 March 2011 in Tokyo, Japan. The meeting was organized by the JWF office for those, who arrived for attendance to APWF synthesis meeting, which was postponed due to huge earthquake and tsunami, occurred in Japan on 11 March. Agenda of the meeting included two issues:

- preparations for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asia-Pacific Water Summit (scheduled for February 2012 in Thailand)
- preparations towards 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum.

On 22 March – International Day of Water - GWP CACENA supported **policy dialogues on IWRM implementation** at the national level in some countries of the region (Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, and Uzbekistan). It was organized in the form of inter-sector round tables led by Regional Council members and respective CWPs. The principal issues for discussion were how to create inter-sector platform to facilitate governmental commitment to the process and details of the IWRM national planning activities.

**UN-Water invited GWP CACENA** to support three countries from the region (Armenia, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan) to provide input to the report to the UNCSD 2012 (Rio 2012) conference on the application of integrated approaches to the development, management and use of water resources.

In accordance with decision of the International Committee for 6<sup>th</sup> WWF it was agreed specific preparatory process for Central Asia as a cross-continental sub-region (Europe – Asia). The Government of Uzbekistan by Resolution of Prime-Minister of 6 December 2010 approved organization in Tashkent of the International Conference towards the 6th Forum, which will be held in May 12 -14, 2011. The Conference is planned as two plenary sessions and seven parallel round-tables that should create collective outputs under the slogan “From Targets to Solutions”. Key regional priorities agreed for the cross-continental process are as following:

- Guaranteeing water for future generations
- Risk Management and Water Security
- Adoption of innovations in agriculture in order to achieve food security
- International Cooperation on Transboundary Water Management on the Basis of International Water Conventions
- Integrated water resources management – as tool for balancing multiple uses of water
- Climate change and conserving environmental capacity
- Ensuring sustainable drinking water supply

**GWP CACENA invited by Uzbek Government** to lead round table on IWRM and contribute to the process – this fact is the recognition of the GWP as a real active player in the region.

Regional Environmental Centre – REC Caucasus and CWP-Georgia hosted **coordination meeting** with GWP CACENA Secretariat and INBO-EECCA President, Mr. Polad Polad-zade on 28 March 2011 held in Tbilisi, Georgia. The main subject of this meeting was to agree joint platform for preparatory processes towards 6<sup>th</sup> WWF – as well as Caucasian countries are involving into European process, but Central Asian countries into cross-continental process (Europe -Asia). It would be worth to coordinate efforts and use capacities of the networks (REC, GWP and INBO). During this meeting there also were discussed possibilities for fundraising – agreed efforts for submission joint proposals to the new call of USAID ([www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)). The topics for such joint activities are: sub-regional water related information exchange and regional programme on capacity development addressing to promotion IWRM.