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Main Activities of the Programme for 2007	Outcomes	Follow-up actions
1. IWRM water policy and strategy development facilitated at relevant levels		
1.a) Updating the review of IWRM status in all countries – identify the standing of each country en-route to the 16 th session of the UN Commission for Sustainable Development in 2008.	In June 2007 filled-in forms of UN-Water questionnaire for each country of the region were submitted to the UN Commission for Sustainable Development. The questionnaires were filled-out by water management agencies of all eight countries with technical and financial assistance of GWP CACENA.	Detailed review of the current state of IWRM will be held in all countries in the first quarter of 2008 in preparation to the 16 th session of the UN Commission for Sustainable Development.
1.b) Support to policy dialogue on national level in all countries; efforts started in 2004-2006 were continued in all countries. The first stage of roundtables was held in all eight countries in March-April. The second stage of roundtables was arranged in July-August. Dialogues were held to exchange opinions and develop understanding of the concept of IWRM by policymakers and civil society in light of MDGs.	Nurturing policy environment for implementation of IWRM principles has been started in different extent in various countries. For instance, in Armenia and Kazakhstan the governments recognize GWP CACENA as an advocate of active public involvement in most events initiated by the government bodies. All governments have started the process of finalizing national water legislation for regulating IWRM principles.	In 2008 it is planned to continue dialogues in the form of intersectoral roundtables. The Finnish Government is providing support to these activities. Expected outcome is to form government commitments on IWRM principles, which must be implemented in practice (through national water policies, laws, local actions, etc.)
1.c). Support to the campaign to enhance awareness of IWRM principles to nurture full understanding of IWRM by policymakers and civil society for achievement of MDGs. Various publications prepared and disseminated as special brochures, policy guidelines, posters, and media information.	Water management issues are subject to public concern and constitute a policy issue, which is getting media coverage with support of GWP CACENA and by active engagement of NGOs in the practical activities of water management organizations.	The campaign started back in 2004 will be expanded in 2008. Neutral platforms of national water partnerships should play greater role in the process of nationwide IWRM promotion and implementation.
1.d) Provide consulting services to the National IWRM and Water Efficiency Plan for Kazakhstan supported by the Government of Norway and UNDP.	Expert services provided based on contract with UNDP Kazakhstan for preparing a publication on Institutional Aspects of Integrated Water Resources Management - Kazakhstan's experience.	Published analysis of Kazakh project's experience will be disseminated regionally for its consideration in developing national IWRM plans in other countries.
1.e) Provide consulting services for preparatory activities	UNDP in Uzbekistan provided support for holding	In January 2008 the Government of Uzbekistan will be

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coordinated by UNDP's country offices for development of National IWRM Plans.	interagency roundtables on IWRM and training workshop in the Zarafshan river basin in the framework of preparation of a project document for national IWRM plan.	submitted draft national IWRM plan. In this project GWP CACENA will act as a partner in capacity building for country's water sector. Analogous efforts started by UNDP in Georgia, the Kyrgyz Republic, and Tajikistan.
2. IWRM programmes and tools developed in response to regional and country needs		
2.a). Training workshops on implementation of IWRM were held in all eight countries with the support of the Finnish Government. The focus was on building professional skills of partner-organizations, who form existing or prospective national water partnerships in each country. "IWRM Planning Guidelines" translated into Russian and published in 2005 were used as the platform for training.	About 300 persons – IWRM planning and implementation managers including not only water managers but also water users and other stakeholders from eight countries have improved their knowledge of IWRM and their capacity to support the incorporation of IWRM principles into their working programs.	Capacity building will be continued in 2008 with the support of the Finnish Government so that to facilitate the process of national IWRM planning in all regional countries.
2.b) Publications translated into Russian and widely disseminated in the region: ~ Policy briefs # 4 and #5 of the GWP Technical Committee. ~ More copies of the Russian version of the <i>Catalizing Change</i> brochure and the <i>CapNet IWRM Planning Guidelines</i> as well as all GWP technical and policy briefs holding trainings in the countries reproduced. ~ GWP CEE book on the issues of sanitation in Central and Eastern Europe translated into Russian and published. ~ 3 issues of <i>Along Amu</i> scientific bulletin published.	Existing deficit of cutting-edge knowledge of IWRM in the regional countries are not only partially fulfilled by the GWP publications, which were disseminated in policy dialogues, training workshops, and other activities of GWP CACENA. There is a high demand for publications on IWRM and sustainable development.	GWP CACENA will continue translation of the latest publications on the aspects of IWRM into Russian and vernaculars along with preparation and publication of most important and relevant regional materials. Respective dissemination policy must be developed.
2.c) Using IWRM Toolbox for utilization of international experiences.	Two regional workshops held jointly with GWP	Joint GWP CEE and GWP CACENA compilation of

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	CEE: one in July in Batumi, Georgia; another in September in Turkmenabad, Turkmenistan. Various aspects of practical application of the experience on key IWRM issues of other regions in the world were discussed at the workshops.	case studies on individual IWRM tools are under preparation.
3. Linkages between GWP and other frameworks, sectors and issues ensured		
3.a) Participation in the EECCA component of the European Water Initiative.	European Water Initiative for EECCA countries has not invited GWP CACENA for participation in their events in 2007	Support from GWP Office is essential to enhance cooperation for coordination of policy dialogue.
3.b) Collaboration with NGOs in the region.	Public events were concurrently held on the Day of Kura-Araks river basins – June 2 in Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia with support of GWP CACENA. Activities on the occasion of the Black Sea Day was held on October 30 in Batumi, Georgia. Ecoforum of Central Asia was supported in holding regional contest of environmental journalism.	In 2008 joint efforts with NGOs will be continued. Working with most active NGOs, GWP CACENA will disseminate knowledge of IWRM among public in general and involve civil society into the process of “bottom-up” policymaking.
4. GWP partnerships established and consolidated at relevant levels		
4.a) Support for National Water Partnerships	In 2007 national water partnership has been established in Uzbekistan. Preparatory works have been completed in Turkmenistan and Azerbaijan. All eight countries of the Secretariat were provided support in specific activities for developing partnership network.	It is planned to set up partnerships in all countries of the region in 2008. Currently there is no distinct organizational model of a national water partnership in the region – each country choose its own course and structure.
4.b) Set up database of GWP CACENA partners.	Database of all accredited partners of GWP CACENA network from eight regional countries established. 144 partners accredited as of	Database will be updated by the Secretariat in the course of accreditation of new partners.

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	December 1, 2007.	
4.c) Regional conference of all GWP CACENA stakeholders	Regional conference organized by Interstate Water Coordination Commission with the support of GWP CACENA held on April 24-28, 2007 in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Recommended actions to enhance IWRM in the country were the conference outcomes. 6 th annual conference of GWP CACENA partners was held on December 11-12 in Bishkek. Report on the activities of network partners in 2007 was presented at the conference and program of activities for 2008 were agreed upon.	In 2008 assistance will be continued through IWRM dialogues with support of the Finnish Government. Annual Regional Conferences of all stakeholders constitute the platform for monitoring and evaluation of work and action plans of the partnership in the region.
4.d) GWP CACENA's website.	In 2007 the website of the regional partnership was updated twice but due to the problems with the service provider (Arbatek, a Russian company) the website has been down since October 2007.	The website www.gwpcacena.net (ISP-UzNet) has been re-registered as of early December 2007. In 2008 the website will be regularly updated with new information.
4.e) Coordination of joint activities with neighboring GWP regions.	GWP CACENA jointly with International Fund to Rescue the Aral Sea were appointed as regional coordinators for preparation to the 1 st Asia-Pacific Water Summit held on December 3-4, 2007 in Japan, where one representative of GWP CACENA participated along with official delegations of all eight countries. GWP CACENA provided assistance in preparation of a regional document on major themes of the summit.	In 2008 regional countries will be provided assistance through promotion of final decisions of the 1 st Asia-Pacific Water Summit.
5. GWP network effectively developed and managed		
5.a) Participation in all meetings of the GWP consultative partners.	On October 5-8, 2007, 9 delegates of GWP CACENA actively participated at the interregional meeting of the partners jointly with GWP CEE and	

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	GWP MED held in Varna, Bulgaria. The issues of interregional cooperation and new strategy for 2009-2013 were discussed at the meeting.	
5.b) Coordination meetings of the GWP CACENA Regional Council	<p>The first meeting of the regional council was held on April 26, 2007 in Almaty, Kazakhstan.</p> <p>The second meeting was held on October 7 in Varna, Bulgaria. Current issues of programme of activities and coordination of subsequent activities were discussed at the meetings.</p>	The need for enhancing the role of Regional Council in fostering experience sharing among countries for setting up partnership network and implementation of IWRM was underscored at the annual conference of GWP CACENA stakeholders in December 2007 in Bishkek.
5.c) Services of the recipient institution	Host institution – IWMI facilitates the functioning of the GWP CACENA Secretariat in the issues of network administration and financial operations including audit.	Agreement signed until 2009
5.d) Administering GWP CACENA partner networks.	Regular coordination between GWP headquarters and CACENA Secretariat is in place. Appropriate operation and management system of GWP CACENA network has been put in place.	