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1. The working events 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"

According to agreement of the project participants (CWP-Georgia, CWP-Azerbaijan, CWP-Turkmenistan) at the meeting held on 7 December 2019 in Ashgabat the following events were organized:

- On December 23-24, 2019 participants familiarized themselves with the global and regional agenda in the context of international conventions and mechanisms of cooperation between the state, business and civil society; national environmental legislation and the role of public organizations; national experience in the collection, storage and use of water resources that are formed in the country.

- On December 27-28, 2019 participants visited the water bodies of Georgia, which solve the problems of accumulation and storage of internal runoff. Colleagues from Azerbaijan, Georgia and Turkmenistan held a round table at which they discussed the role of local communities, public organizations and the private economy in the development of inland water resources.

- On January 8-9, 2020 the project participants discussed and developed a common vision for cooperation of all parties interested in resolving issues of rational use of water resources in the context of climate change.

More information: <https://orient.tm/en/turkmen-ngos-initiate-international-water-project/>

2. Meeting on the strengthening women capacity project

Date: 18 December 2019

Place: Baku, Azerbaijan

Participants: 7 people, including Representative of the Canadian Embassy in Turkey.



The meeting was organized within 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".

The project involves 3 parties: CWP-Georgia, CWP-Turkmenistan and CWP-Azerbaijan.

Participants agreed on a calendar of events in Azerbaijan and training topics. Some technical issues were also discussed.

3. REGULAR 77th MEETING OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR WATER COORDINATION IN CENTRAL ASIA

Date: 5-6 November 2019

Organizers: Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, CWP-Kazakhstan.

CWP-Kazakhstan's Chairman and experts took part in the event.

The participants discussed the results of the use of water withdrawal limits and operation regimes of reservoir cascades over the growing season 2019 in the Syrdarya and Amudarya River basins.

Based on the results of negotiations, the country water withdrawal limits and forecast operation regime of reservoir cascades were approved for the non-growing season 2019-2020 in the Syrdarya and Amudarya River basins. The information of SIC ICWC on implementation of initiatives of the Heads of IFAS founder-states voiced at the Summit in Turkmenbashi in August 2018 was also considered.



More: <http://sic.icwc-aral.uz/releases/eng/344.htm>

4. 7th meeting of the Working Group on Bilateral Cooperation on the Use and Protection of Water Resources between the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Republic of Uzbekistan

Date: 6 November 2019

Place: Almaty, Kazakhstan

Organizers: Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, CWP-Kazakhstan.

The parties discussed the draft Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan on joint management and use of transboundary water bodies. CWP-Kazakhstan Chairman participated in that meeting.

5. The Scientific and Technical Expert Council meeting in Kazakhstan

Place: Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

Date: 12 December 2019

Organizers: Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Participants: representatives of government bodies, members of the expert council.

The meeting discussed the draft Concept of the State Program for Water Resources Management and Water Security of Kazakhstan for 2020-2030. CWP-Kazakhstan Chairman participated in that meeting.

6. The Scientific and Technical Expert Council meeting in Kazakhstan

Place: Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

Date: 26 November 2019

Organizers: Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Participants: representatives of government bodies, members of the expert council.

The meeting discussed the water availability of Nur-Sultan city. CWP-Kazakhstan Chairman participated in that meeting.

7. 15th meeting of the Shu-Talas Basin Council

Date: 11 November 2019

Place: Taraz, Kazakhstan

Organizers: Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan, CWP-Kazakhstan

Participants: the Shu-Talas Basin Council members and the invited experts (Total: 19 people).

CWP-Kazakhstan Executive Secretary Kuralay Yakhiyaeva took part in the event.

The meeting considered the following issues:

- Problems of automation of water measuring and water resources management in the Zhambyl region;
- Situation with the reclamation lands in the Zhambyl region and ways to improve them;
- On the results of the growing season 2019 within the interstate water allocation in the Shu and Talas river basins;
- Mobilization of youth in the water sector of Central Asia: participation of young professionals in the Basin Council meetings;
- Consideration of the draft work plan for 2020 and summing up the meeting;
- Discussing the basin agreements.

8. 26th meeting of the Commission of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic on the use of interstate water facilities on the Chu and Talas rivers

Date: 19 December 2019

Place: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Organizers: Ministry of Energy and Water Resources of the Kyrgyz Republic and Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Participants: members of the Commission and the invited experts.

Among others the meeting discussed the followings:

- On the results of the vegetation period of 2019 in the Chu and Talas river basins;
- On the volume of work performed at interstate facilities on the Chu and Talas rivers for 2019, approval of the types and volumes of repair and restoration work for 2020.



- On the necessary measures for the reconstruction of the dam;
- On legal mechanisms governing the procurement process;
- On the progress of the working group on environmental protection at the Commission Secretariat;
- On the implementation of international projects in the Chu and Talas river basins.

9. Regional Summit “Mobilization of financial resources for the implementation of sustainable development goals”

Date: 15-16 November 2019

Place: Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

Participants: regional experts, representatives of state and local authorities, scientific and public organizations (Total: more than 300 people).

Organizer: Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan

CWP-Kazakhstan partner Bulat Yessekin made a presentation "Water management is a key link for achieving sustainable development goals in Kazakhstan and Central Asia".



10. Solemn ceremony of awarding the state awards and prizes in Kazakhstan

Date: 12 December 2019

Place: Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

On the eve of Independence Day of Kazakhstan, by the decree of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan K.K. Tokaev, the Order "Barys" of II degree was awarded to the Chairman of the Water Partnership of Kazakhstan, director of the Kazakh branch of the Scientific and Information Center for Water Management at the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination **Nariman Kipshakbaev**, for his significant contribution to the socio-economic and the cultural development of the country, the strengthening of friendship and cooperation between peoples.

More: http://www.ak-orda.kz/en/events/astana_kazakhstan/participation_in_events/the-head-of-state-took-part-in-a-solemn-ceremony-of-awarding-state-awards-and-prizes



11. Roundtable “UN-Water GLAAS TrackFin Initiative: tracking financing to sanitation, hygiene and drinking-water at the national level”

CWP-Kyrgyzstan members participated in the roundtable of the working group on TrackFin Initiative.

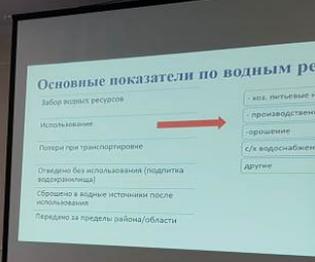
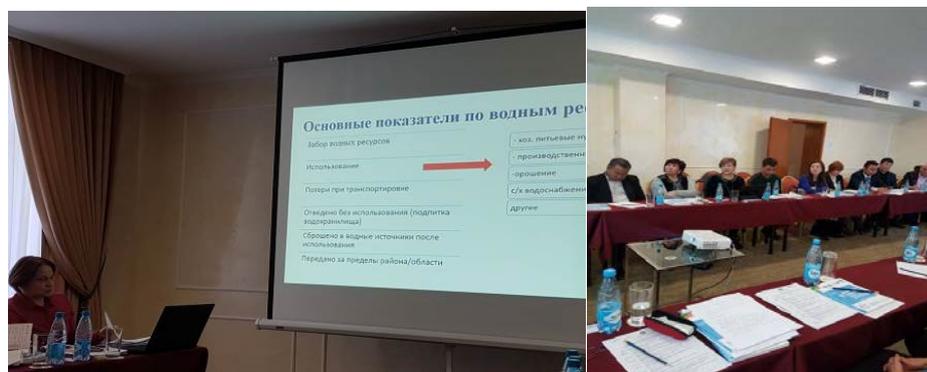
Date: 24 December 2019

Place: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Organizer: Department of Disease Prevention and State Sanitary and Epidemiological Surveillance of the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Participants: the Department of Disease Prevention and State Sanitary and Epidemiological Surveillance of the Ministry of Health of the Kyrgyz Republic, the State Agency for Water Resources of the Kyrgyz Republic, the National Statistical Committee of the Kyrgyz Republic and public organizations.

Purpose: to discuss WASH issues and the work of the inter-agency working group.



12. Lecture "Soil pollution and sanitation"

Date: 23rd of December 2019

Place: Chingis Khaan hotel, Ulaanbaatar

Organizers: UN-HAVITAT and World vision project and CWP-Mongolia.

Participants: UN-HAVITAT and World vision project (Total: 250 people).

Prof. Basandorj made a presentation "Innovation technology of best sanitation". Community groups discussed how to improve living condition and sanitation. A simple technology to improve sanitation and reduce soil pollution was suggested. The possibility to make organic fertilizer using urine and waste as well a dry toilet technology for community were presented.



13. Technical Meeting of Experts on Water Allocation and Environmental Flow Assessment in the Transboundary Context

Date: 12-13 December 2019

Place: Nur-Sultan

Organizers: the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan in cooperation with the Water Convention Secretariat, the International Water Assessment Centre, as well as ECOTERA LLP and Kazakhstan Agency for Applied Ecology LLP.

Participants: the national experts from five countries of Central Asia, China, Mongolia and Iran, as well as international experts, representatives of the Water Convention Secretariat, and representatives of state bodies of the Republic of Kazakhstan (Total: 60 people).

The meeting was held within the framework of the projects "Sustainable water allocation in the transboundary context" and "Environmental flow - the basis for conservation of the ecological system", which are aimed at developing regional proposals for the Water Convention's Handbook for supporting equitable and sustainable water allocation in the transboundary context.

Kazakhstan, as the Chair of the Water Convention Bureau is assisting in the development of the Handbook for supporting equitable and sustainable water allocation in the transboundary context, which aims to become a practical guide for government officials at all levels, as well as relevant practitioners in the field of water management resources. It will consider and give practical recommendations on a number of approaches, structures and elements of water allocation, including case studies.

At the technical meeting, the participants discussed the draft Handbook and developed proposals for further collaboration in the development of agreed proposals for the Handbook.

CWP-Tajikistan Chairman prof. Pulatov Ya.E. as a national expert participated in the discussion and preparation of project proposals. He made a presentation "About the practice of joint use of interstate (transboundary) watercourses in Tajikistan".

Source: <https://iwac.kz/index.php/en/news/168-technical-meeting-of-experts-on-water-allocation-and-environmental-flow-assessment-in-the-transboundary-context>



14. Round table on the results of the international conference on the problems of the Aral Sea held in Nukus

Date: 5 December 2019

Place: Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Organizer: CWP-Uzbekistan

Participants: CWP-Uzbekistan's partners

The following presentations were discussed:

- "Creating conditions for innovation in the Aral Sea zone" by Vadim Sokolov;
- "Training of highly qualified personnel for sustainable water resources management" by A. Gadayev;
- "Monitoring the drained bottom of the Aral Sea" by O. Eshchanov;
- "The Aral Sea problem: socio-economic and environmental issues of the Amu Darya River Delta" by S. Kurbanbaev.



The participants decided to submit their suggestions to interested ministries and departments on topical issues that were noted during the round table.



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