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1. Meeting on Green Economy

Date: 26 January 2019

Place: Tbilisi, Georgia

Organizer: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture

Participants: experts from all economy sectors and representatives of embassies and international organizations (Total: 200 people)

Georgian Prime Minister Mamuka Bakhtadze and Minister of Environmental Protection and Agriculture Levan Davitashvili organized this meeting to inform about the state program "Green Economy".

Georgian Prime Minister Mamuka Bakhtadze noted the following: "A few months ago, I presented to the public our Government's vision of environmental, so-called green policy. Today, the civilized world agrees on environmental protection and the implementation of green policy as a key priority".

Environmental protection (air, water, soil) is the country's priority. The new program provides for legislative and institutional changes in compliance with the commitments on "Association Agreement between Georgia and EU" and SDG 2030.

The Prime Minister and the Minister of Environmental Protection and Agriculture appealed participants to support the Program and called for active participation in its implementation. One of the important components of the program is public awareness campaigns.

CWP-Georgia is planning a separate meeting with the Minister of Environmental Protection and Agriculture in the near future to present CWP-Georgia's vision of implementation of the Program "Green Economy".



2. Seminar "Role of Water for Development of Country under Climate Change: Gender and Youth"

Date: 8 January 2019

Place: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Organizer: CWP-Kyrgyzstan

Participants: representatives of state bodies of the Kyrgyz Republic and civil society.

Purpose: discuss common problems and propose measures to increase the role of water from a gender and youth perspective under climate change.

The training seminar consisted of 4 sessions and participants were divided into 4 groups:

Session 1: WATER FOR DEVELOPMENT - moderator Abdybai Djailoobaev.

Abdybai Djailoobaev (GWP CACENA) made a presentation "The role of water for development of the country".



Session 2: WATER AND CLIMATE - Moderator Neronova T.I.

Mrs. Neronova (CWP-Kyrgyzstan) made a presentation "Climate Change and Water Resources in Kyrgyzstan"



SESSION 3: WATER AND YOUTH - moderators: Sadabaeva Zh, Omurzakov K. (CWP-Kyrgyzstan)

Mr. Askaraliev made 2 presentations: - "Youth of Kyrgyzstan for Water and Climate "; - "Creation of automatic module for measuring water discharge in the lower section of irrigation network".



SESSION 4. WATER AND GENDER - moderators: Sakhvaeva EP, Musabaeva KA (CWP-Kyrgyzstan).

Mrs. Sakhvaevamade a presentation "Gender and Water Resources of Kyrgyzstan".



At the end of training-seminar, participants defined activity on climate change, gender and youth for the upcoming years.

3. Seminar on methodologies of SDGs implementation: Japanese experience

Date: 31 January 2019

Place: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

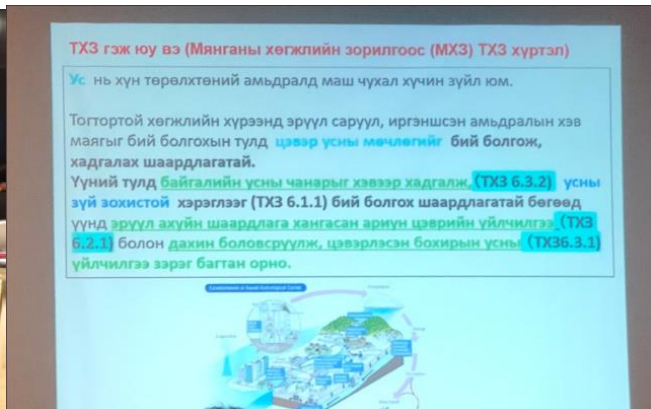
Organizers: CWP-Mongolia, Ministry of Construction and Urban Development, JICA

Participants: 40 people from various agencies of Mongolia, Japan Water Agency of Tokyo, JICA in Mongolia

Purpose:

- Discuss current situation on implementation of SDG6 in Mongolia;
- Introduction of Japan's ways on implementing SDGs-2030, and a case study of decreasing water pollution and improvement of technology for central wastewater treatment plant in Ulaanbaatar city;
- JICA proposal on development and implementation of the project on improvement of water pollution monitoring and financial support of SDGs implementation in Mongolia.

JICA will lead development of the project on monitoring and improvement of legal status of wastewater management in Ulaanbaatar city. The next meeting will be held in May 2019 and will be devoted to fund-raising and specially focused on achievement of SDGs2030.



4. Establishment of Ecological Party of Uzbekistan

On January 8, 2019, the Ecological Party of Uzbekistan (EPU) was formed at the founding congress of the Ecological Movement of Uzbekistan. CWP-Uzbekistan partners actively participated in all organizational activities related to the creation of EPU. CWP-Uzbekistan has achieved the incorporation of CWP-Uzbekistan's strategy into the EPU Action Program, in particular:

- Support of innovative ideas and technologies, programs and projects which are aimed to overcome the consequences of the Aral Sea catastrophe.
- Taking the necessary steps to halt depletion and pollution of water resources, land degradation, and adaptation to climate change.
- Promoting initiatives and supporting actions aimed at equitable use of water resources, transboundary watercourses, taking into account reasons of state.
- Implementation of comprehensive steps to improve public access to drinking water, especially in rural areas, as well as to modernize existing water withdrawals, sewage facilities, and to develop the water-supply networks and sewage systems.
- Adoption of IWRM, and water-saving technologies.
- Promoting development of population culture of water use.
- Promotion of implementation of youth policy and education of young people in the spirit of respect for Nature and natural resources.
- Formulate the country's policy on implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals Program.

On January 22, during the meeting of EPU administration, CWP-Uzbekistan discussed the mechanism for implementing the EPU Program. CWP-Uzbekistan intends to contribute to the further development of effective cooperation to achieving sustainable development and natural resources protection.

5. Training "Leadership for specialists on climate change"

Date: 21-25 January 2019

Place: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Purpose: to form a pool of specialists to create a regional expert partnerships for closer interaction of the governmental, public and business sectors in countries to combat climate change.

Participants: 20 people from five Central Asian countries (representatives of NGOs, Ministry of the Environment, Hydromet, Ministry of Emergency Situations).



Outcomes:

- Capacity building on leadership and climate change
- Creating new partnerships with representatives of organizations involved in water and land management in Central Asian countries
- Getting partnership advice / assistance for development of project proposal

In general, the quality of training is rated very high both in obtaining new necessary skills and knowledge, and in partnerships with serious and competent colleagues from other countries.

6. Training «TechBootCamp»

Date: 28-29 January 2019

Place: Almaty, Kazakhstan

Organizers: I4C, ARGO Civil Society Development Association (Kazakhstan)

Purpose:

- ✓ To familiarize participants with I4C activity;
- ✓ To acquaint with innovative approaches and technologies, to give practical skills in using useful software to improve efficiency of project management;
- ✓ To inform about current grant programs and consult participants on preparation of project proposal to the first stage of the grant program (up to 10 thousand US dollars).

Participants: 32 people (representatives of NGOs from Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan) and 6 trainers and organizers.



GWP CACENA Chair Nurmukhammedova Guljamal gave a video interview (should be posted on the ARGO and I4C websites): "During the training we have received very useful information that is very important for our work. We are happy to share experiences and opinions with our colleagues. We are very interested in the method of "determining the ability of NGOs to innovate", which is presented by our Afghan colleagues, and we would like to be familiarized with it more detail and perhaps test it in some NGOs in Turkmenistan and Central Asian region. We have the opportunity and tools and techniques that will allow us to work in new ways ... even more efficiently". She plans to share the acquired skills and knowledge on software tools for effective project management with interested partners of GWP CACENA (even to duplicate training).

7. SEnECA Midterm Conference and Scenario Workshop “EU and Central Asia Relations: Current Trends and Future Prospects”

Date: 29-31 January 2019

Place: Almaty, Kazakhstan

Organizer: SEnECA’s International Consortium

Participants: 85 people (representatives of the expert and analytical community of Central Asian countries, diplomatic missions of Central Asian countries, government agencies, project partners of EU and Central Asian countries, research and educational institutions of EU and Central Asia).

Purpose: the current state of affairs of EU-Central Asia relations, discuss ways to provide policy recommendations to decision-makers and engage stakeholders within the new EU Strategy for Central Asia.

GWP CACENA Chair Nurmukhammedova Guljamal took part in this event and shared information with GWP CACENA partners.



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Our mission is to advance governance and management of water
resources for sustainable and equitable development.