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1. CACENA REGION AT THE 8TH WORLD WATER FORUM IN BRAZIL

From 17 to 23 March, 2018, the 8th World Water Forum was held in Brazil under the general theme of "Water Sharing". More than 100 thousand representatives of government bodies, the scientific community and the public from 172 countries took part in the work of the Forum. 74 thousand people visited the events of the Public Village and the Fair, and 10.5 thousand people took part in more than 200 sessions organized in the Odyssey Conference Center. During the forum, many events with active involvement of youth were held, in which delegates from CACENA countries also took part. GWP CACENA contributed to active involvement of partners from Central Asia and Caucasus into activities of the 8th World Water Forum.

CACENA region at the forum was represented by big number of delegations. From Azerbaijan - International Eurasia Press Fund which is an international organization registered in Azerbaijan. Kazakhstan delegation was led by Ambassador of Kazakhstan in Brazil, Mr. Sarzhanov. Kyrgyz Republic was represented by General Director of Water Resources Department, Mr. Tashtanaliev. Big delegation from Tajikistan was led by Minister of Energy and Water Resources Mr. Usmonzoda and his deputy Mr. Sulton Rakhimzoda. Uzbekistan delegation was led by Minister of Water Resources Mr. Shavkat Khamraev. Turkmenistan was represented by Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Water Resources Mr. Begench Mommadov. There also was big delegation of the International Fund for the Aral Sea Saving led by Chairman of EC IFAS Mr. Guzgeldy Bayjanov.



"Only joint efforts and coordination will assist to develop adaptation mechanisms and address environmental challenges in Central Asia. A strong cooperation, therefore, will benefit economies and strengthen the development of the countries"

Usmonali Usmonzoda,
the Minister of Energy and
Water Resources
of the Republic of Tajikistan

The 1st Meeting of the International Steering Committee of the Dushanbe International High-Level Conference on International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018-2028 was held on March 18 in Brasilia. The meeting was chaired by the First Deputy Minister of Energy and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan Mr. Sulton Rakhimzoda, who is the co-chairman of this Committee by the Tajik side.

On March 19-20, the Ministerial Conference was held, where the Minister of Energy and Water

Resources of Tajikistan Usmonzoda, Minister of Water Resources of Uzbekistan Khamraev, and Director General of the Department of Water Resources and Land Reclamation of Kyrgyzstan Tashtanaliev made a speech with official national statements. Speakers reported on the ongoing work in their countries related to water resources management, as well as on the challenges, including in the field of interstate cooperation.

On March 21, 2018, a side event was held on the theme: "Transboundary water cooperation for food, energy and environmental security in Central Asia". The event was organized by the Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia (CAREC) in cooperation with the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (IFAS), the Scientific Information Center of the Interstate Coordination Water Commission of Central Asia (SIC ICWC) and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).

"Integration processes in the region, political will and support of water cooperation are the main priorities of the modern policy of Uzbekistan"

Shavkat Khamrayev,
the Minister of Water Resources
of the Republic of Uzbekistan



At the event, Kazakhstan's Ambassador to Brazil Sarzhanov, Minister of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan Usmonzoda, Minister of Water Resources of Uzbekistan Khamraev, the Vice-director of the SDC Vennubst P., Chairman of the IFAS Executive Committee Bayjanov G., Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Water Management of Turkmenistan Mommadov B., Deputy Director of SIC ICWC of Central Asia Ziganshina and Yakubov from the CAREC. Director of the Department of Water Resources and Reclamation of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Industry and Melioration of Kyrgyzstan Kokumbek Tashtanaliev, Director of the Executive Directorate of IFAS in Kazakhstan Bolat Bekniyaz, Director of the Agency of the IFAS in Uzbekistan Vadim Sokolov, the representatives of the countries in the Executive Committee of IFAS and the delegation of Uzbekistan also took part in the session.



The participants of the event stressed the importance of adopting joint constructive approaches in the management of water resources and solving environmental problems related to water. Representatives of the Central Asian states focused on the need to exchange experience and learn about best practices in the field of joint use of water resources, attract investment, develop ecosystems, introduce new approaches to intersectoral coordination, improve the efficiency of water use in various sectors of the economy, expand the scientific and analytical base on water resources management, improvement of legal and institutional mechanisms.



Particular emphasis in the discussion was made on the activation of joint efforts to solve the general planetary problem of drying up the Aral Sea.



On 21 March there was held session of the Asia-Pacific Water Forum “Upscale Innovation for a water-secure Asia and the Pacific: Synthesis of Asia-Pacific Regional Process”. The objective of this session was to discuss how to implement the “Yangon Declaration: Pathway Forward,” which was adopted at the 3rd Asia-Pacific Water Summit (3rd APWS) in December 2017. It introduced the background of the Summit and its “Call for Actions” by showcasing ways to deliver and scale-up through the discussion of good practices from Asia and the Pacific. It then discussed the opportunities and barriers to implement

these policies and measures in the different sub-regions (including CACENA). It also discussed how to gear up efforts and foster more leadership, capability and innovation in policy, institutions and education. Finally, it has examined ways to stimulate funding and collaborative actions by government, the private sector, civil society and local cross-sector partnerships in the Asia-Pacific region to achieve Water Security for Sustainable Development. GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator Vadim Sokolov contributed to this session as panelist and presented outcomes of the CACENA sub-regional process.

At the Fair and Expo of the 8th WWF also featured a stand of Tajikistan dedicated to the International Decade of Water for Sustainable Development 2018-2028.



On 22 March there was held a Session: “Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus as a Tool towards SDGs in the CACENA Countries”. The main goal of the CACENA Sub-Regional Process towards the 8th World Water Forum was to support implementation framework towards water targets under the SDGs, which will be conducted by all nine countries under umbrella of the Global Water Partnership network using Nexus approach as practical tool. To meet the goal it is necessary to improve the inter-resource linkages by the step-by-step inventory build-up in the flow of each sector/resource and the nexus mechanism through which the efficiency and synergy could be achieved.



Dr. Ravi Narayanan, Chaiman of the APWF Board welcomed participant of this session.

During the regional process, there were analysed the three case studies of the Nexus approach application, which was suggested by different strategic partners of GWP CACENA (UNECE and AWC):

- for Caucasus sub-region - the Alazani/Ganikh river basin (UNECE);
- for Central Asia - the Syrdarya river basin (UNECE), and
- for Mongolia (Asia Water Council).

The nexus assessment of the Alazani/Ganykh Basin aims to support transboundary cooperation between Georgia and Azerbaijan in the areas of water, energy, food and environmental policies by strengthening the knowledge base for integrated policy development and decision-making.



The specific objectives of this nexus assessment are:

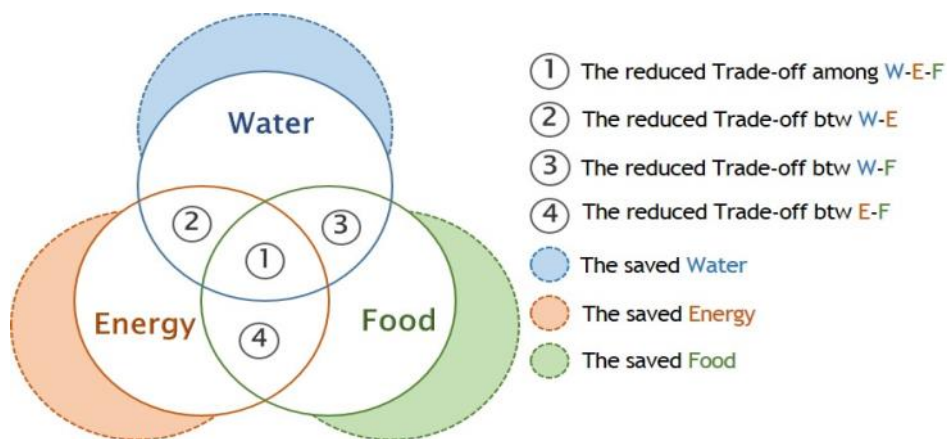
- to describe the governance context;
- to identify key drivers of pressure on the basin's resources;
- to identify and analyze key intersectoral issues;
- to explore the potential solutions to increase the benefits provided by the management of the basins resources that could be achieved through more coordinated policies and actions, and through transboundary cooperation; and
- to identify the benefits that the adoption of a nexus approach can potentially deliver.

The Syrdarya's basin resources play a key role in the economy and development of four riparian countries: Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. The basin provides fertile agricultural land, water resources that support hydropower generation and irrigated agriculture, and some of the world's largest oil, coal and natural gas reserves.

Objectives of the case study in Mongolia: Evaluate the current water management practices of Mongolia and recommend implementation plan to raise up the efficiency based on WEF nexus approach:

- Evaluate and make recommendation to the Mongolian water management plan based on the National Water Program until 2030, linking with the international development agendas (SDGs and Paris Declaration).
- Assessment of current status of Water, Energy, and Food Sector in Mongolia
- Feasibility of the proposed water program reflecting the changing environment
- Suggestion of efficient management for Water, Energy and Food
- Understand the legal, regulatory and institutional framework related to water policy and development planning of Mongolia

The lessons learned from case studies presented at the session: Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystems Nexus could be innovative concepts and tough trade-offs will increasingly be needed between energy, climate, food and water in terms of resource allocation, planning and long term sustainable growth that accommodates those at the bottom of the economic pyramid. Climate change, environment, economy, and policy/regulation also play an important role for the nexus as external factors.



Those activities could address water related problems in each regional country while achieving global SDGs and all other goals. The results of the case studies could serve as an example and be duplicated in other countries by GWP CACENA.



On 20 March, evening joint event GWP and the Embassy of Austria in Brazil was held to celebrating the ways multi-stakeholder partnerships to advancing water security. Welcome and introduction was done by Dr. Irene Giner-Reichl, Ambassador, Embassy of Austria Brasília and by Dr. Oyun Sanjaasuren, Chair, Global Water Partnership

partner organizations from GWP family shared stories of how MSPs around the world are working to tackle water challenges.

This event highlighted the unique value-add of MSPs for accelerating action. Representatives from a diverse set of

Main outcomes for CACENA region from the 8th World Water Forum:

The Forum participants were acquainted with the ongoing activities in CACENA region in water resources management and their effective use, and the CACENA's adherence to international legal norms, in particular the UNECE Convention in the joint use of the shared water resources of the Central Asian and Caucasus sub-regions



The Forum participants were familiarized with the structural reforms in the CACENA countries in the field of water resources management and their effective use in various sectors of the economy with the fundamental goal of increasing the well-being of the population in the CACENA region.

The attention of the participants of the Forum was involved in strengthening joint actions to address the Aral Sea problems and improve the Aral Sea zone by mobilizing the funds of the international community by participating in the multi-partner trust fund for human security in the Aral Sea region created in Uzbekistan under the auspices of the United Nations.

GWP CACENA assisted to delegations to communicate with the representatives of donor organizations, in particular representatives of the UN-Water, Swiss Agency for International Cooperation, the World Bank and ADB. There were discussed the implementation of a number of joint projects in the field of improving the management

of water resources and their use in the CACENA countries, as well as further development of cooperation within the GWP family.

2. Celebrating the International Women's Day 2018

International Women's Day (IWD) is celebrated on March 8 every year. For 2018, the UN's theme is: "Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's life."

On the eve of celebrating, we decided to ask women in the GWP CACENA network a question: "Time is now for equality in water access and management! How can activism empower #WaterWomen?"

More information: <https://www.gwp.org/en/CACENA/News/iwd2018-time-is-now-rural-and-urban-activists-transforming-womens-life/>

3. "Leaving no one behind: Meeting the SDGs through IWRM in rural communities in Armenia"

In the framework of "Leaving no one behind: Meeting the SDGs through IWRM in rural communities in Armenia" seed grant project, Country Water Partnership Armenia continues working with communities.

Currently the engineers are working on the improvement recommendations and on the investment estimates. They are already available in Armenian for all 17 villages. English versions will be available until the end of the project.

The Fundraising Strategy and the Action Plan are also being developed and we have the draft version. After considering/reviewing the draft we will have the final version by the end of March. Training on fundraising for the Village Municipalities will be organized by April 10.



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The aim of final training for 17 rural communities' representatives is to pass all the fundraising knowledge and tools to representatives, who would be directly involved in fundraising strategy implementation, negotiations and resource mobilization. The approximate training agenda is:

- Individual fundraising
- Corporate fundraising
- Crowd-funding campaigns
- Event organization and management
- Project promotion and publicity
- Negotiation skills and techniques
- Reporting and donor care

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4. Small Grant on SDG 6 (UNOPS)

Country Water Partnership scientific, ecological NGO with the support of State Committee of Water Economy of the RA MEINR implements SDG 6 seed grant project, which goal is to bring together responsible parties for monitoring of SDG 6 indicators, to identify their abilities, to conduct their need assessment and to organize trainings and workshops.

State Committee of Water Economy of the RA MEINR is the focal point for coordinating the integrated monitoring of SDG 6 and it has already established the Intersectoral monitoring team (IMT) via state bodies who are responsible for water and sanitation indicators monitoring by SDG 6 National focal point.

A working meeting was held at Ibis Hotel in Yerevan, Armenia, on March 23. The main goals of the meeting discussion were to identify the SDG 6.4.1 (Water Use Efficiency) and SDG 6.4.2 (Water Stress by country) indicators missing data and assessment needs for completing the questionnaire. Representatives of State Committee of Water Economy, RA Ministry of Nature Protection (Water Resources Management Agency), RA Ministry of Agriculture, RA Ministry of Emergency Situations (ArmHidroMet Service), RA National Statistical Service and "Veolia djur" CJSC were present at the discussion.

All the details of the data related to the given indicators were discussed and as a result it was decided that the data required by the present agencies will be submitted to the State Committee for Water Economy as soon as possible.

Questionnaire will be completed by the State Committee on Water Economy and in case of necessity additional working discussion will be organized.

After the meeting, all the participants have received the questionnaire, where all the responsible departments were clearly mentioned for every point. Within one working week, all required data have to be submitted.

5. "Citizen Journalism training" in the framework of PURE-Water project



Information is a powerful tool, especially given the endless opportunities provided by the modern media. Citizen Journalism is vital for raising community issues. Citizen Journalism is vital for voicing out community problems.

Therefore, the youth from Ararat and Armavir marzes took part in Citizen Journalism training organized by "Media Initiatives Center" NGO on 5 -7 March, in the framework of USAID funded "Participatory Utilization and Resource Efficiency of Water" (PURE-Water) and "Media for Informed Civic Engagement" (MICE) projects.

The aim of this training was to train the youth representatives of the stakeholder communities how to collect, report, analyze and disseminate news and information on water resource management using new media technologies.

Practical assignments and role-plays helped the participants to be more prepared for public speaking and communication with journalists, as well as to post only previously verified and The youth from the project partner communities of Vedi, Poqr Vedi, Aratashen and Yeraskhahun prepared news articles about important issues of their communities, in particular, regarding the water sector problems which should be published in the near future.



Among the participants were young members of the Community Councils, representatives from community working groups and Water User Associations (WUA), students and future journalists, who are interested in participatory, transparent and accountable water resources management.

The project is implemented by UFSD - Urban Foundation for Sustainable Development, Country Water Partnership Armenia NGO and YSU Environmental Law Resource Centre.



6. World Water Day 2018 in Alaverdi Community

This year CWP-Armenia conducted the World Water Day "Nature for Water" on March 21, 2018 in the Art School of Alaverdi community.

The goal was to explain and discuss the Nature based solutions such as planting trees to replenish forests, reconnecting rivers to floodplains, and restoring wetlands. CWP-Armenia president Arevik Hovsepyan said that by using the Nature based solutions to help meet the water needs of a growing population, we will contribute to the creation of a green economy, at

the same time as helping to protect the natural environment and reduce pollution. Information leaflets and cards dedicated to the World Water Day 2018 were disseminated among the participants.

Then, the children sang songs about Nature and Water. And they also represented their thematic pictures "Nature for Water" and "The Answer is in Nature". The winners were awarded with books. All the participants are awarded with certificates and thematic notepads and teachers were awarded with books on Culture.

7. World Water Day 2018 in the framework of PURE-Water project

USAID-funded PURE-Water project on March 22, 2018 celebrated World Water Day. The event incorporated the representatives of USAID, project target communities of Ararat and Armavir.

At the beginning the attendants were introduced the importance of World Water Day and this year's theme, 'Nature for Water'. Then the water expert of the project submitted a presentation on "The importance of water resources management in our life".

Then the practice exercise was done. During the exercise the participants had the opportunity to act as water managers. The goal of the exercise was to train the participants on using Nature based solutions to solve water issues in their Communities

Information leaflets, cards and T-shirts with project Logos were disseminated among the participants. The project is implemented by UFSD - Urban Foundation for Sustainable Development, Country Water Partnership Armenia, NGO and YSU Environmental Law Resource Centre. The project is funded by USAID.



8. Workshop on Presentation of Strategy and Road Map aimed at Legislative Improvement of Participatory, Transparent, Accountable and Secured Water Resource Management

On March 29, 2018, a workshop on presentation of Strategy and Road Map aimed at Legislative Improvement of Participatory, Transparent, Accountable and Secured Water Resource Management took place in the framework of PURE-Water project. The Strategy was developed to support the improvement of legislation regulating relationship in participatory management and use of water resources.



The workshop was attended by Deborah Grieser - USAID Armenia Mission Director, Artsvik Minasyan - Minister of Nature Protection of RA, Arsen Harutyunyan - Chairman of State Committee of Water Economy of RA, Davit Lokyan - Minister of Territorial Administration and Development of RA, "Participatory Utilization and Resource Efficiency of Water" (PURE-Water) project team and other stakeholders.

The project is implemented by UFSD - Urban Foundation for Sustainable Development, Country Water Partnership Armenia, NGO and YSU Environmental Law Resource Centre. The project is funded by USAID.

9. Roundtable on Strengthening the Civil Society Role in Decision Making

Date: 13 March 2018

Place: Tbilisi, Georgia

Participants: representatives of Parliament, ministries, international organizations, NGOs, mass media (Total: 38 people).

The Roundtable organized by the Greens Movement of Georgia was organized within the Clean Up project to discuss ways to decentralizing local economy, its development and strengthening role of civil society in decision making.



deputies to support him.

Georgia started the self-management reform at the regional and local level. Participants focused on implementation of environment protection commitments within SDGs and the Agreement on Association between EC and Georgia. Participants noted that raising awareness and involving the public in decision-making processes plays a key role in the successful implementation of commitments. CWP-Georgia Chair George Dzumukashvili in his speech noted the importance of adopting a new water law and asked the

10. Meeting on Water Cooperation

Date: 28 March 2018

Place: Tbilisi, Georgia



CWP-Georgia organized a meeting of representatives of the UNECE Water Convention Secretariat (Peep Mardiste, Alisher Mamajanov) and the First Deputy of the City Assembly of Tbilisi (Marika Darchia).

The meeting discussed water cooperation issues. Ms Darchia informed about problems of urban water supply and sanitation especially in the newly annexed territories of the city. She also proposed holding an international conference on good practices of European countries in this field. In turn, guests from the UNECE have promised active cooperation with Georgia.

11. World Water Day in Georgia

Date: 22 March 2018

Place: Tbilisi, Georgia

CWP-Georgia jointly with the Thomas Jefferson Training Center organized a **lecture for students** of the Black Sea University dedicated to the World Water Day.

The students (total: 30 people) were informed on the history of the WWD celebration, water resources of Georgia, mobilization of the community, and "Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystem" NEXUS.

CWP-Georgia together with the Greens Movement of Georgia, organized a **clean-up campaign** near Lake Lisi.

The volunteers, students of the Tbilisi State University and schoolchildren took part (total: 50 people). 1.5 hectares of land was cleared of waste. The campaign was led by Nino Chkhobadze.



CWP-Georgia Chairman George Dzumukashvili gave *interview on Radio Imedi* devoted to the World Water Day.

The issues on protection, use and management of water resources well as the water legislation and obligations of Georgia in the framework of international documents were highlighted.



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12. Meeting "European Union for Georgia"

Date: 6 March 2018

Place: Tbilisi, Georgia



The meeting of the National Platform of Georgia of the Civil Forum of the Eastern Partnership was held under the motto "The European Union for Georgia". About 150 NGOs gathered to discuss plans and implementation of obligations under the Agreement on the Association of Georgia with the EU. The meeting was attended by representatives of the government and the European Commission.

CWP-Georgia (George Dzumukashvili and Nino Chkhobadze) took part.

13. Forum "Aral Sea Day"

Place: Aralsk and Kyzylorda

Date: 26 March 2018

Organizer: local administration of Kyzylorda region and EC IFAS branch of Kazakhstan

Participants: the public, state and inter-state organizations; invited experts; ecologists, public and government officials who contributed to the salvation of the sea.

Celebratory events dedicated to the 25th anniversary of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea and the Day of the Aral Sea were held in Kyzylorda and Aralsk. CWP-Kazakhstan Chairman Nariman Kipshakbaev took part in the Forum "Aral Sea Day". He made a presentation "Ecological status of the Aral Sea". Participants attended the photo exhibition "Aral-destiny of the people" and the book exhibition "Aral in the attention of the World", and saw a documentary film about the Aral Sea "Twenty Years Later".



14. Seminar for students

Place: Almaty, "Water Center".

Date: 12 March 2018

Organizer: CWP-Kazakhstan and the Kazakh State Agrarian University

Participants: students of the Kazakh State Agrarian University; invited experts and specialists (Total: 69 people).

The seminar "Improving the quality of knowledge through the tradition of generations" was organized for students of the 3d course of the specialty "Water resources and water use" of the Kazakh National Agrarian University.



15. Three-day training "Use of modern methods of drinking water investigation in accordance with international standards"

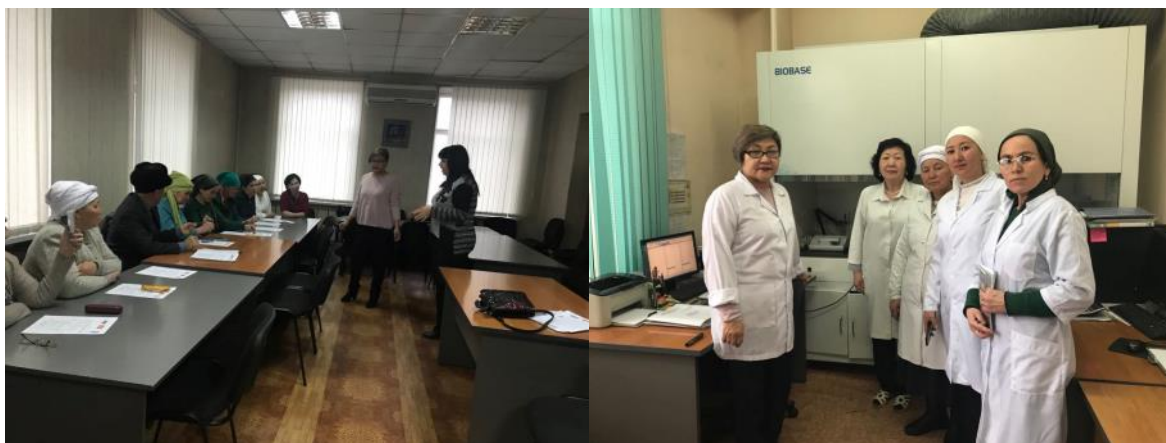
Date: 5-7 March 2018.

Place: Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek.

Organizers: UNDP, CWP-Kyrgyzstan, International Water Alliance.

Participants: employees of territorial departments of Nookat, Uzgen and Kara-Kulzhinsky districts of Osh region, employees of the central administration (total: 23 people, incl. 21 women).

Purpose: the training is designed to acquire theoretical knowledge and practical skills in conducting research on the drinking water quality by various methods and laboratory control.



16. Training "Planning the management of the transboundary river basin: Sava river basin case study - opportunities and solutions for the Chu and Talas river basins"

The training "Planning the management of the transboundary river basin: Sava river basin case study - opportunities and solutions for the Chu and Talas river basins" was held within the ongoing contract of the GEF-UNDP-UNECE project "Facilitation of transboundary cooperation and integrated water resources management in the Chu and Talas river basins".

Date: 29-30 March 2018.

Place: Kazakhstan, Taraz.

Organizers: UNDP, CWP-Kyrgyzstan.

Participants: the staff of the Chu-Talas Water Commission; the ChTWC Secretariat; the representatives of Kazvodkhoz, Kazhydromet, the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Department of Water Resources of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Hydromeliorative Expedition, the State Agency for Environmental Protection

and Forestry of the Kyrgyz Republic, Kyrgyz Hydromet, as well as representatives of civil society (total: 43 people, incl. 28 women).

CWP-Kyrgyzstan representative Bekboeva made 2 presentations: "Practice and experience in planning transboundary basin management in Central Asia: situational analysis" and "Practice and experience in planning transboundary basin management in Kyrgyzstan". Invited independent expert Petrakov made a presentation "Legislative and Institutional Basics of Basin Management in Kazakhstan".



17. Seminar "SDG6 in the water security indicators of the Kyrgyz Republic"

Date: 15-16 March 2018.

Place: Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek.

Organizers: CWP-Kyrgyzstan.

Participants: the Kyrgyz National Agrarian University named after K.I. Skryabin, NGOs, Ministry of Health (Total: 32 people, incl. 17 women).

Purpose: to review and discuss progress in the implementation of SDG6 in the country.



18. International Scientific and Practical Conference "The Kyrgyz Republic in the system of the Eurasian Economic Community: problems and perspectives"

Date: 15 March 2018.

Place: Kyrgyzstan, Bishkek.

Organizers: Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University; the Eurasians New Wave Foundation.

Participants: universities of Kyrgyzstan and Russia; academic sector, NGOs (Total: 92 people, incl. 45 women).

CWP-Kyrgyzstan representative Musabaeva made a presentation "Participation of women in Kyrgyzstan in the management of natural resources".



19. Children's symposium "Water and Development"

Date: 18th of March 2018

Place: Mongolian University of Science and Technology, Ulaanbaatar

Organizer: CWP-Mongolia

Participants: young people and secondary school children (Total: 152 people)

The meeting was focused on 2 main issues:

- 1.Value of water and pricing (presentation by Prof.Basandorj);
- 2.Water management and IWRM (presentation by Dr.Gombo).

The meeting was attended by the invited guests from President's administration, Government, Ministries and Academy of Sciences.





Recommendations and suggestions on 2 themes was developed and delivered on press conference which was held on 21st of March.

20. CWP-Mongolia's Interviews

CWP-Mongolia provided a number of interviews to various TV channels and newspapers:



About wastewater reuse: on national TV of Mongolia and on TV C1



About SDG6 and waste as valuable source on ETV



About wastewaters water source on National TV



Press conference at the Ministry of Environment on 22 March

21. Events devoted to the World Water Day

From 12 up to 30 March 2018, CWP-Mongolia also launched a campaign "Change Toilet" and conducted a lot of lessons on how to improve sanitation in rural and peri-urban areas of Mongolia. More than 420 people from various urban and rural areas participated.





Lessons on the improvement of sanitation in Mongolia



Government meeting on better water policy reform held on 22 March 2018

22. International Scientific and Practical Conference "Water for Sustainable Development of Central Asia"

Date: 23-24 March 2018

Place: Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Organizer: CWP-Tajikistan, Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan, Institute of Water Problems, Hydropower and Ecology, IWMI

The conference was attended by 220 people representing Central Asian countries, international and regional organizations, as well as Russia, Sweden and other countries.

The conference was dedicated to the new International Decade "Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028" announced by the UN General Assembly on the initiative of the Republic of Tajikistan.

The main purpose: exchange of information, knowledge and experience on the rational use of water resources and the sustainable development of Central Asia in the face of climate change.

The collection of conference materials was published.

Sessions of the conference: 1. Water cooperation, education and science - the basis of sustainable development. 2. Formation, rational use and protection of water resources. 3. Monitoring of glaciers, cryosphere and glaciology. 4. IWRM. Interconnection of water, energy, food and ecology (NEXUS). 5. Hydropower and safety of hydraulic structures. 6. Innovative approaches: GIS-technologies, remote sensing, water and energy-saving technologies. 7. Problems of climate change and natural disasters related to water.

23. Seminar-Training within the “Partnership to increase participation in researches” programme

The seminar-training was held on 12-16 March 2018 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

The training was attended by students, undergraduates and doctoral students of the Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Mechanization of Agriculture (TIIMSH) and Uzhydromet, including junior researchers and teachers (Total: 28 people).

Purpose: improving knowledge on use of GIS and remote sensing data for management of water and land resources

Organizer: ICARDA-CAC, Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization Engineers, CWP-Uzbekistan.



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