

Global Water Partnership Central Asia and Caucasus (GWP CACENA)

Report

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USAID Workshop in Armenia

On 12 December 2014 CWP-Armenia actively participated in the Workshop organized by USAID within the "Pure energy and water" project. The draft river basin plans for the Megri and Vokhchi rivers situated in the southern watershed of Armenia were presented. Experts presented results of the "pressure-impact" analysis in the river basins, some methodology for water bodies classification along the river bank and the measures program for each river basin.

The workshop was attended by representatives of various ministries, local administrations, international organizations, NGOs, institutes of higher educational (total: 42 people).

CWP-Armenia presented its view on HES development and construction of wastewater treatment plants in the river basins.



4th meeting within the National policy dialogue on IWRM in Armenia

On 16 December 2014 CWP-Armenia and CWP-Georgia took part in the meeting organized by EU, EUWI, OECD within the National Water Policy Dialogue on IWRM in Armenia (the EU "Environmental Protection of International River Basins" project) held in "Picasso Hall" of "Congress" Hotel, Yerevan.

There were three sessions (Session 1 - Economic and financial dimension of the water sector reforms in Armenia; Session 2 - UNECE project on the Protocol on Water and Health; Session 3 - EU "Environmental Protection of International River Basins" Project) where the following themes were considered:

- a. Status of NPD activities, update on the recent development in water sector of Armenia;
- b. Future work on economic dimension of water management reform in Armenia;
- c. Draft national targets and target dates under the Protocol on Water and Health by different targets areas;
- d. Road Map to ratification of Water and Health Protocol, and Action Plan to support the implementation of targets and target dates;
- e. Measures within the EU "Environmental Protection of International River Basins" Project.

Thirty seven stakeholders from ministries, local administrations, international organisations, NGOs attended this meeting.



The Round Table on Climate Forum East project in Armenia

On 23 December 2014 CWP-Armenia took part in the Climate Forum East Roundtable organized by the Armenian Red Cross. Members of Climate Forum East attended this roundtable.

The Climate Forum East project results for 2013-2014 as well further progress were discussed. Also the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy for Armenia was considered. The WACDEP CACENA demonstration project in Armenia as a good story of adaptation measure was presented within the National report on Armenia vulnerability assessment to climate change.

Presentation of "Water tales for children"

On 5 December 2014 CWP-Azerbaijan jointly with Geographical faculty of the Baku State University organized a meeting with teachers and students to present "Water tales for children" book published under financial support of CWP-Azerbaijan. Representatives from the Ministry of Environment and Nature Resources of Azerbaijan, the Open Society on Land Reclamation and Water Management of Azerbaijan as well the Public Corporation "Azersu" were invited.





100th anniversary of the Mugan pilot reclamation station in Azerbaijan

On 20 December 2014 CWP-Azerbaijan organized the scientific and practical conference devoted to 100th anniversary of the Mugan pilot reclamation station in the Saatlinsky region.

The Mugan pilot reclamation station was launched in 1914 to conduct researches on land reclamation. Taking into consideration achievements in that area, the Mugan pilot reclamation station was adopted as a pilot site for implementation of demonstration project within WACDEP CACENA in Azerbaijan.

Representatives of various institutions of the republic, specialists of the JSC Reclamation and Water Resources of Azerbaijan, administration of Saatlinsky district and local offices were attended this event. Mr. Asadov M., CWP-Azerbaijan chairman, has informed participants about IWRM principles as well as about the demonstration project results within WACDEP CACENA.



National Conference on Green policy development and implementation

CWP-Mongolia participated in the National Conference on Green policy development and implementation held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. This conference was focused especially on development of eco-efficient water infrastructure in Mongolia suggested by Prof. Basandorj. CWP-Mongolia also suggested to develop IUWM modeling for capital city of Mongolia.



CWP-Mongolia prepared the Water Security overview

The Mongolian Water Security overview was sent to GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator (19pages).

CWP-Mongolia prepared two project proposals

Two project proposals were prepared by CWP-Mongolia to LEF (Singapore): 1 - Improvement of sanitation in cold area; and 2 - Grey water development in household and reuse of treated shallow water for gardening in Ulaanbaatar.

GWP CACENA Regional Council Meeting

GWP CACENA Regional Council Meeting was held on 4 December 2014 in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Participants (quorum 100%):

Regional Council Members: Arevik Hovsepyan (Armenia), Nino Chkhobadze (Georgia), Temur Osmanov (Azerbaijan), Nariman Kipshakbayev (Kazakhstan), Kasiet Musabaeva (Kyrgyzstan), Yarash Pulatov (Tajikistan), Guldjamal Nurmukhamedova (Turkmenistan), Mansur Abduraimov (Uzbekistan), Davaa Basandorj (Mongolia).

Regional Secretariat: Vadim Sokolov, Ilhom Babaev.

GWPO: Natalia Alexeeva.

Invited participants: Eduard Mesropyan (Armenia), Georgi Dzamukashvili (Georgia), Aiyub Mamedov (Azerbaijan), Abdibay Djailoobaev (Kyrgyzstan), Kurulay Yakhiyaeva (Kazakhstan), Bagsogt Gogsom (Mongolia)

The Regional Council Members considered the following items:

GWP news. New initiatives of GWP: GWP Gender Strategy, SDGs, Financing. (Natalia Alexeeva);

Results of activities for 2014 by CWPs (8 CWP Chairs);

Results of activities for 2014 at the regional level (Vadim Sokolov);

Results of activities for 2014 within WACDEP CACENA (Abdybay Djailoobaev);

Preparing the regional review on water security to the 7th WWF (Vadim Sokolov);

Regional work plan and budget for 2015 (including WACDEP CACENA) (Vadim Sokolov);

Calendar of Events for 2015;

Miscellaneous.

Following a discussion of issues, the Regional Council members of GWP CACENA have decided:

1. Take note of information on GWP news, financing, GWP new initiatives;
2. Approve the results of CWPs' activity in 2014; all countries have to conduct financial audit at the national level and to submit report (English version) to the Regional Secretariat by 15 January 2015;
3. Approve the results of activity in 2014 at the regional level;
4. Approve the results of WACDEP CACENA activity in 2014 but take into account comments; as Nino suggested, the budget of countries that were limited shall not be changed in case of reduction of financing in 2015;
5. Take note of information on progress of preparing regional review on water security to the 7th WWF and ask CWP-Mongolia to submit its documents on water security in order to finalize the regional review on water security;
6. Adopt the GWP CACENA Work Plan and Budget 2015 on core activity and WACDEP CACENA;
7. Ask the Regional Secretariat (Vadim Sokolov) to develop the Calendar for 2015 and come to agreements with CWPs about its up to the end of 2014; RC members approved the CWP-Mongolia's appeal to participate in the International Conference "Pure water and the best sanitation" that will be held at the end of June / the beginning of July 2015 in Mongolia. It is needed to consult with EECCA and UNECE about the next partners meeting within abovementioned conference.

Members of the Regional Council thanked CWP-Kazakhstan and the Regional Secretariat for the excellent organization of the meeting in Almaty and noted the warm hospitality of the Kazakhstan partners.





<http://www.gwp.org/CACENA/News/GWP-CACENA-Regional-Council-Meeting1/>

Global Forum on Environment: New Perspective on the Water-Energy-Food-Nexus



On 27-28 November 2014 the Global Forum on Environment: "New Perspective on the Water-Energy-Food-Nexus" was held in the OECD headquarters in Paris.

Mr. Angel Gurría, OECD Secretary-General and Global Dialogue High Level Panel Co-Chair, opened the meeting and welcomed participants. The Forum included 7 key sessions (Water, energy, food: Risks and trade-offs for sustainable growth, Integrating the nexus into national planning, Regional and local

perspectives on the nexus, Understanding the long-term trends and interactions, Getting the incentives right for investment, Mainstreaming the nexus in investment and development, The nexus in the post-2015 development agenda) and the side-event "New Perspectives on the Water-Energy-Food Nexus in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA)".

GWP and OECD have launched a Global Dialogue on Water Security and Sustainable Growth to demonstrate current situation in the World and alternatives of development based upon available water resources for countries. Special expert group created within this program is preparing a milestone report on 'Water Security and Sustainable Growth' to be presented at the World Water Forum in South Korea in 2015.

The Side Event "New Perspectives on the Water-Energy-Food Nexus in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA)" explored the potential for a new nexus-oriented approach in the EECCA region that can provide an informed and transparent framework for determining trade-offs to meet water demands without compromising sustainability and exceeding environmental tipping



points. This event was organised by the Environment Action Programme (EAP) Task Force. Ms. Dinara Ziganshina, SIC ICWC Deputy Director, participated on behalf of GWPCACENA.

<http://www.oecd.org/environment/resources/nexus.htm>

CWP-Turkmenistan issued and disseminated 4 publications:

1. "Regional report on Gender 2005 - as a background for new GWP's strategy on gender" (500 copies)
2. "TEC paper 9 (ecosystems)" (in Russian - 500 copies)
3. "Regional report on ecosystems – 2017" (500 copies)
4. "Training module on legislative, institutional and financial aspects of IWRM for water technicians" (in Russian and Turkmen - online versions)

The Roundtable "Sustainable Management of Water Resources"

CWP-Armenia took part in the Roundtable "Sustainable Management of Water Resources" organized by the Association For Sustainable Human Development on 16 January 2015 at the Ministry of Nature Protection of Armenia.

Twenty three representatives of water sector, the research and educational institutes, NGOs attended this event. Participants discussed sustainable management of water resources of Armenia as a part of the Concept and action plan of the National Program on implementing "Rio+20" process. CWP-Armenia presented its view related to the Concept and Action Plan.



WACDEP CACENA in Armenia

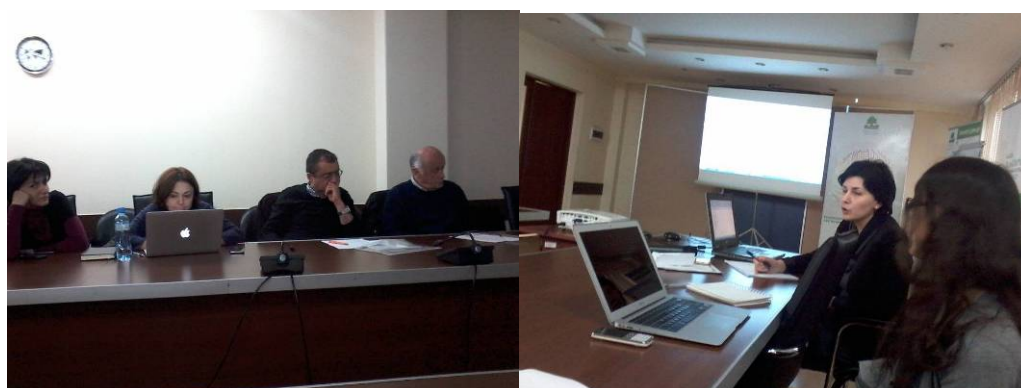
On 26 January 2015, CWP-Armenia organized a meeting with Mayor and the elder of Parakar village to discuss implementing of demonstration project in 2015. The local administrations as well as engineers on waste water treatment were invited.

The Advisory Council Meeting

On 23 January 2015, the Advisory Council Meeting was held in the Conference Hall of the Ministry of Environment and Nature Resources Protection of Georgia in Tbilisi. Stakeholders' comments related to the Water Code were discussed.

The Advisory Council Meeting was set up under the Ministry of Environment and Nature Resources Protection of Georgia in 2014 aiming to involve public into decision-making process. The Advisory Council consists of representatives from private sector, science, various projects, NGOs and independent experts (total: 17 members). CWP-Georgia is involved too. The Water Code was developed in 2012-2013 in the framework of National Dialogues on Water Policy. This process is being coordinated by CWP-Georgia on the basis of the Memorandum between UNECE and CWP-Georgia.

The Water Code is planned to be considered by the Parliament of Georgia in autumn 2015. Stakeholder consultations are in progress.



The Roundtable "Situation and perspective of water sector development in Tajikistan"

CWP-Tajikistan jointly with the government organization "TajikNIIGIM" organized the Roundtable "Situation and perspective of water sector development in Tajikistan". The roundtable was held in the Conference Hall of the Ministry of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan with aim to discuss water sector problems and to assess existing situation in water management sector and to define ways of implementing research achievements. Twenty five participants considered priorities of water sector, and formulated water security, and assessed potential of IWRM knowledge. It was useful for managers of various sectors such as water, energy, agriculture, environment, as well as for scientists and young professionals.



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