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Section 1: GWP CACENA Regional Secretariat

Planning the forthcoming period

During October 2013 the Regional Secretariat of GWP CACENA developed the Work Programme for 2014-2016 and the Work Plan and Budget for 2014. These two documents will be discussed at the Regional Council meeting in Moscow on November 7, 2013.

Hiring coordinators for GWP Water and Climate Programme from CACENA countries

GWP CACENA negotiated the contracts to implement the GWP Water and Climate Programme (“IWRM as a practical approach to climate change adaptation in Caucasus and Central Asia” 2013- 2015) with all the project coordinators from CACENA countries.

Printing Russian version of AWDO

The Asian Water Development Outlook (AWDO) created by the Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) was translated into Russian and printed by GWP CACENA. Russian version of AWDO is planned to be disseminated among various stakeholders in November 2013.

Finalizing translation of the Handbook for Integrated Water Resources Management in the Basins of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Aquifers into Russian language

The Handbook for Integrated Water Resources Management in the Basins of Transboundary Rivers, Lakes and Aquifers was translated into Russian language and the layout of the book has been prepared for printing.

The Third Session of the Committee on Environment and Development of UNESCAP

The Third Session of the Committee on Environment and Development of UNESCAP was held at the United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC) in Bangkok from 29 to 31 October 2013. Ms. Dinara Ziganshina was delegated by GWP CACENA to participate in this event.

After listening the countries' reports on implementation of sustainable development approaches, Ms. Ziganshina informed participants about measures on water management and green growth being conducted in the Central Asia region. Particularly GWP CACENA jointly with SIC ICWC under support of the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI), Korea, has conducted preparatory work to study the green growth role for strengthening water cooperation and achieving water security. It was planned to develop the regional and national strategies on green growth for water sector, to implement actively IWRM and water saving measures, and to improve water and mountain ecosystems (in upper watersheds), as well as to manage risks, to mitigate effects of disasters related to water and so on. Ms. Ziganshina also noted that it is needed to involve ESCAP and partners to the capacity building activity in green growth area in water sector of Central Asia through the Seoul green growth network. She suggested that in this regard, the Training Centre of SIC ICWC could be a regional partner in the training for various stakeholder groups, water users (e.g. farmers) and officials from ministries. Her suggestions were reflected in the resulting documents of the Third Session of the Committee as follows:

“The representative of the Scientific Information Center of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination of Central Asia informed the Committee of the Center’s ongoing collaboration in Central Asia. In particular, the representative emphasized the Center’s work with the Global Water Partnership for the Caucasus and Central Asia and the Global Green Growth Institute in the Republic of Korea to conduct technical assistance and a preliminary study on green growth for water security in the Aral Sea basin. The study had identified several priority actions to be implemented in the region at the regional and national levels. The representative expressed the Center’s readiness to strengthen its cooperation with ESCAP in further promoting capacity-building in relevant areas, including through the Seoul Initiative Network on Green Growth (draft para 32 E/ESCAP/CED(3)/L.2).”

Section 2: CWP-Georgia

EU Water Initiative in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia: 2013 Working Group meeting

The meeting of the EU Water Initiative (EUWI) in Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) Working Group was held on 24-25 October 2013 and took place in Helsinki (Finland). It was co-organized by the Finnish Environmental Institute (SYKE), the OECD/Task Force for the Implementation of the Environmental Action Programme (the OECD/EAP Task Force) and the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).



The meeting of the Working Group brought together senior officials representing water and environmental authorities from countries of Western, Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia, as well as international organizations, and donors.



Mr. George Dzamukashvili, CWP-Georgia Coordinator, took part in this meeting.

Participants discussed the implementation of National Policy Dialogues on integrated water resources management and on water supply and sanitation in EECCA countries.

Section 3: CWP-Kazakhstan

Public hearings of the Draft State Water Management Program of the Republic of Kazakhstan



The Roundtable "Discussing the Draft State Water Management Program of the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2014-2040" organized by CWP-Kazakhstan under support of EU/WECOOP was held on 4 October 2013 in Almaty, Kazakhstan. There are more than 40 representatives of general public, experts, local and central authorities, including the Ministry of Environment, River Basin Management Organisations, Water Inspections, design and scientific research institutes, international organisations, NGOs and mass media participated in the discussion. Participants considered aims, management and implementation

mechanisms of the Program.

Training on green growth in Kyzylorda

The training on green growth for members of the Aral-Syrdarya Basin Council was conducted on 21-26 October in Kyzylorda, Kazakhstan. Mr. Kipshakbaev, CWP-Kazakhstan Coordinator, gave 2 lectures: "IWRM" and "Present water resources problems in Central Asia".

Also the meeting with the head (Akim in Kazakh language) of Kyzylordinskaya oblast and the working meeting with the CCA project participants were held on 21 October 2013.

Section 4: CWP-Kyrgyzstan

Public Awareness Campaign



CWP-Kyrgyzstan organized the study tour to the Naryn river head and to the place where the Verkhne-Narynsky Hydropower stations will be built. Representatives of CWP-Kyrgyzstan met with local people and discussed problems related to HPSs' construction and impact of the gold mine "Kumtor" on the Naryn river ecology.



Preparatory work for the pilot project implementation

Another field trip to the experimental field within the pilot project "Regulation of water demand for irrigation of beans in the Talas region of the Kyrgyz Republic" has been conducted by the project team of CWP-Kyrgyzstan. The aim was to define the kinds of land treatment, surface layout, as well as the needed materials, seeds etc.



Tenth meeting of the Steering Committee of the National Policy Dialogue (NPD) on integrated water resources management (IWRM) in Kyrgyzstan



CWP-Kyrgyzstan took part in the Tenth meeting of the Steering Committee of the National Policy Dialogue (NPD) on integrated water resources management (IWRM) in Kyrgyzstan held on 18 October 2013 in Bishkek.

There were approved proposed future priorities for support by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). Over 30 representatives of different stakeholders and donors involved in improving the water resources situation in Kyrgyzstan attended the meeting, which was chaired by the Deputy Head of the

Department of Water Management and Melioration of the Ministry of Agriculture and Melioration, Mr. Abdybai Dzhalilobaev.

Subregional Workshop under the Protocol on Water and Health for countries of Central Asia

CWP-Kyrgyzstan took part in the Subregional Workshop under the Protocol on Water and Health for countries of Central Asia held on 21-22 October 2013 in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

The workshop gathered decision makers and experts representing the environment, water management and health sectors of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The participants shared experiences and discussed challenges related to the Protocol's implementation, in particular the process of setting targets and target dates.



Section 5: CWP-Tajikistan

The second round of National Intersectoral Roundtables on IWRM in Tajikistan

On 14 October 2013, CWP-Tajikistan conducted the second round of National Intersectoral Roundtables: "National Policy Dialogue on IWRM Principles Implementation in Tajikistan".



This event was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Melioration and Water Resources, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Economy, the Committee on Environment Protection, and the Academy of Sciences. Participants agreed to coordinate their activity and to create a platform for further policy dialogue and IWRM process.

The Workshop "Climate Change Impact on Water Resources and Agriculture"

The Workshop "Climate Change Impact on Water Resources and Agriculture" organized by CWP-Tajikistan was held on 24 October 2013 at the Gissarsky Research Testing Area of the Tajik Research Institute of Hydropower Engineering and Melioration ("TajikNIIGiM").

Participants (Total: 24 people) were acquainted with conditions on the pilot plot for the pilot project within the Programme "Water and Climate".

Materials on water sector adaptation to climate change including modern technologies were disseminated among participants.



Public Awareness on Climate Change Adaptation

In order to raise public awareness about water and agriculture problems under climate change, CWP-Tajikistan prepared the presentation "Strategy on Adaptation of Water Management and Agriculture to Climate Change" and disseminated it among various stakeholders.

CWP-Tajikistan Publications

The booklet "Global Water Initiatives of Tajikistan" devoted to "the International Year of Water Cooperation 2013" was issued. 250 copies of this booklet were disseminated among stakeholders.

CWP-Tajikistan obtained a legal status

The Water Partnership of Tajikistan has now a juridical status by the Decision of the Ministry of Justice (RT №1564) as of 01.10.2013. The meeting with founders of CWP-Tajikistan was held.

Section 6: CWP-Uzbekistan

The Regional Workshop "Integrated Approach to Development of Climate-Friendly Economies in Central Asia"

The Workshop within the project "Integrated Approach to Development of Climate-Friendly Economies in Central Asia" was held on 22 October 2013.

This workshop was initiated by the Ministry of Macro economy of the Republic of Uzbekistan and the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia.

CWP-Uzbekistan proposed to discuss the issue "Policy and best practices of exploitation of renewable energy sources of small water bodies and efficiency of return water reuse". The Republic of Uzbekistan gives priority to sustainable development based on IWRM that includes the return water reuse.

Mr. Mansur Abduraimov, CWP-Uzbekistan Coordinator, has done presentation that demonstrated the positive effect of joint collective management of water resources on various water users. This workshop was attended by representatives of the agrarian sector, industry and municipal services (Total: 32 people).



Mr. Mansur Abduraimov

Member Countries of GWP CACENA:

Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan