

Global Water Partnership Central Asia and Caucasus (GWP CACENA)

# Report

## For February 2016

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## 1. The conference "Environmental education in Armenia: current state and development prospects"

CWP-Armenia participated at the conference "Environmental education in Armenia: current state and development prospects" organized by the Charitable Foundation "Armenia Tree Project" under financial support of EU, UNDP, GEF SGP and held on 17 February 2016 in Yerevan.

The conference was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Education and Science, the Ministry of Nature protection, international organizations (EU, UNDP, UNICEF), NGOs, and media (about 70 participants). Various reports were presented and topics in particular "Education for sustainable development" were discussed.

During the conference, an exhibition for NGOs works was organized where CWP-Armenia presented publications.

As a result of the meeting CWP-Armenia acquired new partners of "Ecolab", Sustainable Development and Active Citizenship Program and the Foundation for Preservation of Wildlife and Cultural Assets (FPWC), which agreed to cooperate in the framework of the SDG project.

CWP-Armenia has received an offer from the Information NGO "EcoLur" to participate in the talk show "Water problems: causes, consequences and possible solutions" to be held in April 2016.



## 2. The civil society networks working group meeting "Protection of nature and health"

On February 24, CWP-Armenia as the coordinator of the working group "Protection of nature and health" of the civil society networks of Armenia, held a working group meeting, where the following issues were discussed:

1. The Work Plan for 2016
2. Involvement of different networks organizations into the projects on achieving SDGs
3. Discussion of the project on the development of network in the regions
4. Current Issues

Representatives of 12 organizations, as well as employees of the Network secretariat participated. It was decided to organize a conference on SDGs with involvement of representatives of all 8-working groups, where they will present priorities and ways to achieve SDG6.



### 3. Water Security for school children

On 15-18 February 2016, CWP-Mongolia jointly with representatives of USA and the Asian Foundation visited the Khuvsgul province of Mongolia to teach school children (about 120 children) about water security and safety. They discussed with children about potable water quality and importance of good quality water for children.



### 4. The meeting "Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for Schools"

The meeting "Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for Schools" organized by CWP-Mongolia and WASH was held on 29 February 2016 in the Prime Tuushin Hotel in Ulaanbaatar.

Number of participant: 20 people from different organization.

The meeting discussed the Development Strategy on improvement of water, sanitation and hygiene for school and the medium-term action plan and the action plan for 2016.

CWP-Mongolia proposed to create Facebook account "School water & sanitation".



## 5. Consultation Workshop "Reliable water and energy supply for population resilience to climate change"

The Consultation Workshop "Reliable water and energy supply for population resilience to climate change" organized by the Secretariat of the pilot program on adaptation to climate change, EBRD and the Climate Investment Fund, was held on 3 February 2016 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

CWP-Tajikistan among other civil society organizations took part.

The workshop aims were as follows:

1. Improve awareness on vulnerability to climate change at the community level; present consequences of lack of reliable access to potable water for communities and vulnerable population;
2. Present cases of existing reactions on future challenges in the service sphere:
  - Civil society organization activity and projects;
  - EBRD's experience on implementation of the cooperation programs with stakeholders.
3. Clarify how the civil society can support efforts of the secretariat, EBRD and other national and international partners to develop and form community resilience to climate change in Tajikistan.

More than 40 people from national organizations and departments, higher educational organizations and NGOs discussed issues in 3 thematic groups:

- Climate and Water: improvement of household water supply.
- Climate and Energy: improvement of access to sustainable energy supply.
- Access to financing: problems and possibilities.

Participants presented ideas on measures and projects to increase potential of civil society.



## 6. Kick-off working meeting on the project "Water, Education and Cooperation"

The Kick-off working meeting on the project "Water, Education and Cooperation (SmartWater)" organized by the REC CA, the Ministry of Hydro-Power and Water Resources of Tajikistan, Agency on Land Reclamation and Irrigation at the Government of Tajikistan, the Committee on Environment Protection at the Government of Tajikistan, and under support of USAID was held on 25 February 2016 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

CWP-Tajikistan among other 62 representatives of national, educational, public and international organizations, as well as academia took part.

Objective: To create a system that will solve the problem of lack of specialized knowledge in the region, development of working relationship between water managers and specialists, as well as demonstration of the basin approach potential for water resources management and cooperation with academic institutions; to stimulate cross-border confidence and enhance the Central Asian water and energy cooperation at the transnational political level.



## 7. International Conference of the Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia Network of Water Management Organizations (EECCA NBO) "Cultural and Educational Issues Related to Water Management in the EECCA Countries", February 9-10, 2016, Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan

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## 8. 2016 GWP UNIVERSITIES TOOLBOX WORKSHOP FOR CENTRAL ASIA, Kazakh-German University in Almaty, 11-12 February 2016



Opening welcome speech from Dr. Marcus Kaiser, President of GKU



The workshop audience



Key workshop organizers (from left): Vadim Sokolov, GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator; Barbara Janusz-Pawletta, Coordinator of the IWRM Program of GKU; Eric Tardieu, Deputy Secretary General of INBO; Danka Thalmeinerova, Senior Knowledge Management Officer of GWP; Francois Brikke, Senior Network Officer GWP



Participants of the workshop IWRM tools for urban water supply and sanitation in Almaty

## 9. Second meeting of the Coordination Group of EC IFAS on a regional information space in Central Asia, supported by UNECE, Almaty, Kazakhstan, 18 - 19 February 2016

GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator Vadim Sokolov actively took part in the meeting.



In the result of the meeting the five recommendations were adopted by the Group, which suggested to be implemented. Those recommendations constitute the first concrete steps towards making information on water, energy, the environment and hydro-meteorology readily accessible for all stakeholders and the broader public.

Information on the status and dramatic consequences of the tragedy of the Aral Sea should be more visible to the world. Therefore the work of the Coordination Group is vitally important as the modern, easy to access regional information space it is to create will help attract sufficient attention to and assistance to the resolution of the burning problems in the Aral Sea Basin.

Furthermore the regional information space will greatly contribute to the more effective functioning of regional organisations and institutions of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea. Comprehensive, agreed, easily accessible information on the areas of water, energy, environment and hydro-meteorology will facilitate constructive dialogue, the resolution of disputes and joint action on such shared challenges as global warming, soil erosion or desertification.

## 10. Asia-Pacific Water Forum 18<sup>th</sup> Governing Council Meeting, Singapore, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2016



Informal Pan-Asian meeting of RWPs coordinators and Angela on 23 February 2016 in Singapore



Presentation of GWP activities by Angela - APWF GC always accounted GWP as valuable partner for cooperation and it's RWPs as sub-regional coordinators



The meeting was chaired by Mr. Ravi Narayanan, Chair of the Governing Council of APWF



Global Water Partnership was represented by Angela Klauschen, Senior Network Officer GWPO; Vadim Sokolov GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator, Priyanka Dissanayake GWP SA Regional Coordinator; Djoko Sasongko GWP SEA Regional Coordinator



## Meeting minutes

AGENDA ITEM	KEY POINTS	NEXT STEPS
<b>1. Activities of APWF related organisations</b>		
UNESCAP, Donovan Storey (via Telecon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regional cooperation for Water and Sanitation</li> <li>- Urban Development: UWM, water eco-efficiency, water-resilient cities</li> <li>- Envi-Development: IWRM, water markets, integration of water-related targets</li> <li>- KM platforms &amp; e-learning courses</li> <li>- Publications on each chapter of SDGs</li> <li>- Member of UN-Water, co-chair of TF on Water Security with UNU-INWEH</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cooperation for 3<sup>rd</sup> APWS 2017</li> <li>- Programmatic Framework for implementation of SDGs and Habitat III</li> <li>- New strategic direction on Water and sanitation at UNESCAP</li> <li>- Enhancing regional cooperation on DRR/Climate resilience in Asia</li> <li>- 3-5 April AP Forum on SD (Associated Event on SDG6)</li> <li>- Q&amp;A: E-learn platforms targeted at practitioners? -&gt;</li> </ul>
ADB, Yasmin Siddiqi (via Telecon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cooperation with APWF and Asia Pacific Center for Water Security in the University of Beijing on AWDO 2016 (3<sup>rd</sup> of the series – 1<sup>st</sup> was in 2007, 2<sup>nd</sup> in 2013)</li> <li>- 5 key dimensions (KDs): households, economies, urban, environment, climate resilience &amp; DRR</li> <li>- Improved methodology and updated data of KDs with support from APCWS, ICHARM, IWMI, IWC Brisbane...</li> <li>- Inclusion of governance aspects and actions in KD4 (ecosystems health) -&gt; regulations on pollution, etc.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Launch of AWDO 2016 planned for SWWW in August</li> <li>- AWDO will include recommendations on how to improve water security</li> <li>- Other activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Water Futures and Solutions with IIASA</li> <li>▪ Water Productivity and Accounting</li> <li>▪ W-E-F interlinkages (with IPRI)</li> <li>▪ Events: SWWW (“Eye on Asia” on Innovations), IWA Congress, ICID World Irrigation Forum</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
FAO, Thierry Facon, Senior Water Mgmt Officer, FAO RAP, Bangkok	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Restructuring of FAO work/organization</li> <li>- At WWF6 focus on food security and WWF7 focus on water and food -&gt; Vision for Water and Food Security for AP by 2030</li> <li>- Implement sound and innovative water accounting</li> <li>- Develop risk management strategies for national food security policies under water constraints and economic transitions</li> <li>- Adapt agri and rural water management with focus on farmers’ prosperity (GW in India, ICT technologies)</li> <li>- Boost ecosystem and water productivity across agri, fisheries...</li> <li>- “Barefoot” water education initiatives on GW in India involving local communities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contribution to 3<sup>rd</sup> APWS preparation?</li> <li>- Contribution to ASEAN on multi-SH dialogues processes</li> <li>- Support to national investment programmes &amp; policies</li> <li>- Develop regional initiative on “Zero Hunger” challenge, connected to SDGs</li> <li>- Look into water productivity of aquaculture, key sustainability issues</li> <li>- Several regional initiatives: (Regional Rice Initiative, Regional Initiative on Blue Growth, Climate-Smart Agricult.)</li> <li>- FAO-Asia Network of Reference Centers on irrigation modernization</li> <li>- Work on WEF Nexus in Asia (solar irrigation, World Agriculture Watch...)</li> <li>- Need for integrated approach to all SDGs together to avoid conflicts...</li> <li>- Work with GEMI via Aquastat</li> </ul>
GWPO, Ms. Angela Klauschen, Senior Network Officer, GWPO Stockholm	(See presentation attached)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- APWF GC always accounted GWP as valuable partner for cooperation and it’s RWPs as sub-regional coordinators</li> <li>- Singapore PUB, APWF and UN-Habitat showed interest in GWP work on</li> </ul>

		youth - APWF (Ravi) added the need to work more on gender dimension
UNESCO, Dr. Shahbaz Khan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IHP8 – 8<sup>th</sup> Phase of hydrological programme on-going</li> <li>- Flood Management project with ICHARM in Pakistan to be extended to Afghanistan</li> <li>- Work with NARBO on IWRM -&gt; IWRM guidelines integrating ecohydrology/EbA and to be used by NARBO for CB purposes</li> <li>- Water Sustainability sites in Asia: Thonle Sap (Cambodia) Mindanao, Cebu (Philippines), 3 in Malaysia</li> <li>- Socio-economic studies for Malaysia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Involvement in Agenda 2030</li> <li>- Interest in AWC (specifically in WEF nexus Special Committee)</li> <li>- New UNESCO centres: UNESCO Centre for Headwaters of Hindus (Pakistan, National Plan Commission/PWP), for Iran</li> <li>- LLL programmes for engineers (Myanmar, Fiji, Pakistan, Bangladesh)</li> <li>- Plans for Education at all levels (esp. standardization of Masters' curricula)</li> <li>- Next UNESCO IHP meeting in Mongolia, Sept. 2016</li> </ul>
Singapore PUB, Ms. Tay Kai Yun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MFA's Singapore Cooperation Programme</li> <li>- Initiative ASEAN Integration</li> <li>- 3<sup>rd</sup> Country Programme</li> <li>- CB Programme for SDGs: MFA SCP Urban and Water Sustainability</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SIWW, 10-14 July, Focus on urban water management</li> <li>- 3-in-1 Event: World Cities Summit + Clean Enviro Summit</li> <li>- SIWW Events: Water Leaders Summit, Water Convention?, Young Water Leaders' Summit...</li> </ul>
UN-Habitat, Dr. Avi Sarkar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Involvement in AP Youth Forum</li> <li>- Involvement in UN-Water on SDGs</li> <li>- Focus on SDG 11 and relation to water sanitation in particular</li> <li>- Key issues: rapid urbanisation, poverty, ageing infrastructure, demand management</li> <li>- Flagship Programme on education/KM</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Habitat III Conference</li> <li>- On-going initiatives : Water for Cities in Asia and MEK-WATSAN programme (showed video)</li> </ul>
Japan Sanitation Forum, Pierre Flamand	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New concept of WS and Sanitation technologies for targets under SDGs</li> <li>- Issue with SDG 6.3. which focuses on black water and ignores grey water as a pollutant in terms of water quality</li> <li>- Issue with pipe-systems (less safe the sewage tanks...)</li> <li>- WHO/UNICEF guidelines for septic tanks set requirements higher than for sewage treatment in lower income countries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Comment by UNESCO on other sources of (toxic) black water (industry, agriculture, pharma, etc.) and that APWF should pick up too...</li> </ul>
Asian Institute of Technology, Dr.ThammaratKoottatep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussed various technologies re. WWT, sanitation issues, reduction in volume of fecal sludge to be collected by sewage treatment facilities...</li> <li>- ADB is investing in Bangladesh, Vietnam...</li> </ul>	
Korea Water Forum, Dr. Soon Buhm Kwon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Korea Water Forum aiming at organising regularly events, ranging from business to culture...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Daegu-Gyeongbuk Int'l Water Week, 19-22 October 2016</li> <li>- World Water Partnership (WWP – includes former WWF organizers), in support of WWC for WWF8...</li> <li>- Water Business Forum (3 events in 2016: AWC, SIWW, Daegu)</li> <li>- Water Education for Teachers (WET)</li> </ul>

		<p>Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Korea Junior Water Prize</li> <li>- Asia-Pacific Youth Parliament for Water (July 2016)</li> <li>- Water Culture Forum....</li> <li>- Citizen Forum...</li> </ul>
NARBO, Tadashige Kawasaki	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Several sessions in Korea WWF (on basin IWRM in cooperation with GWP)</li> <li>- Proposed IWRM indicators and targets in Asian river basins</li> <li>- Peer Review Trainings</li> <li>- Contribution to HELP under UN lead</li> <li>- Contribution to UN Special Session on Water and Disasters</li> <li>- Contribution to OECD Water Governance Initiative and Indicator</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bridging Knowledge gaps</li> <li>- Guidance on how to use various IWRM publications/tools on the ground</li> <li>- Objective to deliver more benefits to all NARBO members</li> <li>- Follow up with concrete actions on Manila Declaration (2014)</li> <li>- 6<sup>th</sup> GA in August or Sept. 2016 to discuss next 3-year work programme and 10-year strategy</li> <li>- To explore establishment of national secretariats</li> <li>- Comment by UNESCO: develop guidelines on GW and "sick" water...</li> </ul>
International Water Centre (IWC in Australia), Mark Pascoe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Most funds/resources allocated by Australian Gov.</li> <li>- Master's Degree on IW(R)M, hosting participants from several SAS/SEA countries (Nepal, Indonesia, Philippines...)</li> <li>- Programmes in 7 partner countries (Nepal, Sri Lanka, Peru, Solomon Islands...)</li> <li>- ADB study leading to cooperation with UNESCO-IHP on young water leaders, but too expensive...</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Need to understand how to influence leaders and develop leadership...</li> <li>- Collaboration on AWDO in 2012 and for 2016... to be presented at SWWW...</li> <li>- Exploring cooperation with WB on synthesizing in Australia</li> </ul>
Vijna, Indian Student at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Key issues in India: governance, water pollution from nitrates and phosphates...</li> <li>- Reg. e-learning courses, best for existing key initiatives to unite and provide joint programmes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Need to discuss key issues for Asia to achieve real change on the ground</li> </ul>
Asia Water Council, Ms.Yoonjin Kim, Manager, Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Established at Korea WWF in 2015</li> <li>- Double purpose: i) promote/support projects of priority, ii) organise Asia International Water Week (AIWW) every 3 years ahead of WWFs to prepare for them</li> <li>- China MWR founding member (tbc?) (see pic for more info)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A number of events planned: AWC GA in Bali, March 2016, and AIWW in 2016</li> <li>- AWC suggested to the issue of overlap between AIWW and APWS to be discussed with APWF so as to harmonize initiatives</li> <li>- APWF could play role of advisor on policy issues to AWC</li> </ul>
Ambassador of Mongolia, Mr.Tumur Lkhagvadorj	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Announcement of application to host next APWS in Ulan Bator in May 2017, with focus on green and sustainable development</li> <li>- Event will target high-level representatives</li> <li>- 4 WGs: technical, PR, safety &amp; security, logistics, to ensure smooth organisation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mongolia expecting reply from APWF by next GC meeting</li> <li>- Cost estimate to be submitted to APWF asap (?)</li> </ul>

	- Location: Shangri-La Hotel...	
<b>2. Overall discussion on APWF-AWC cooperation and activities for 2016</b>		
UNESCO (Shahbaz Khan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- While initially AWC seemed to be exclusively interested in promoting projects, it emerges that agenda may also be political</li> <li>- Need to clearly avoid overlap/duplication of work between various initiatives, esp. APWS and AIWW in view of WWF8</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AWC was requested to provide more clarity on the scope of their work and inclusion of political dimension</li> <li>- GWPO (Angela) supported UNESCO's suggestions</li> </ul>
FAO (Thierry Facon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Projects listed by AWC very diverse, and some may be controversial (e. g. Thai project on Mekong tributary basin)</li> <li>- AWC should not claim to be the only implementing projects on the ground, many other organisations doing that already (incl. UN bodies, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AWC asked to provide clarity on sources of funding for the projects they listed</li> </ul>
UN-Habitat (AviSarkar)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Institutions' resources (human, financial) limited in terms of attending meetings, getting involved in variety of initiatives</li> </ul>	
GWP CACENA (Vadim)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AWC's mission is promoting SMART water management for sustainable development in Asia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AWC should not replace APWF as a policy leader</li> <li>- As well as it is for promotion of practical solutions we can call it "Asia Smart Water Council" to differentiate itself from other initiatives and have its niche</li> </ul>
APWF (Ravi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ravi summarized points made by other organisations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- WWC asked to provide more information on scope of its work for APWF to understand better opportunities for cooperation</li> </ul>
UN ESCAP (via Skype)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UN ESCAP reconfirmed support to APWF and APWS in 2017</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Could provide support on integrated SDG framework</li> </ul>
AWC (Yoonjin Kim)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- AWC project list not definitive, it is being discussed with MDBs and other donors for funding</li> </ul>	
<b>3. Conclusions / Way forward</b>		
APWF (Ravi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A mapping of the different existing and new initiatives would be useful to have a sound picture of "who is doing what" in the broader Asia-Pacific region</li> <li>- APWF being invited to the AWC GA in Bali in March, Dr. Simon Tay agreed to attend on behalf of APWF</li> <li>- WWC expected to inform organisations of the way they intend to organise regional processes at WWF8 in Brazil and which organisation to lead AP regional process by June latest. This should show the way forward</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Lee Kuan Yew <i>School of Public Policy</i> student attending the APWF GC meeting will undertake a first attempt to map the players and APWF to share the first outcomes with GC participants</li> <li>- APWF rep at AWC GA to get a better understanding of opportunities for collaboration</li> <li>- APWF to wait for WWC decision on the organisation to have more clarity on the respective roles</li> <li>- AWC-APWF collaboration to be newly discussed at next APWF GC meeting during SIWW in July and way forward decided then</li> <li>- Next APWF GC meeting in July 2016 during SIWW will make final decision</li> </ul>

		about host of 3 <sup>rd</sup> APWS and its agenda.
AWC (Yoonjin Kim)	- Points from various participants (UNESCO, UN-Habitat, FAO, APWF, GWP) on the need for more clarity well taken and to be discussed with senior management	- AWC to get back to APWF and other participants with more clarity on i) political dimension of AWC's work, ii) nature of projects developed



Certificate awarding ceremony

**11. Central Asia Water Resources Management Project (CA-WaRM): Regional Technical Working Group Kick off Meeting, February 15-17, 2016, World Bank, CAR Office, Almaty**

GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator Vadim Sokolov attended the meeting





List of regional ideas developed during the meeting:

**Project component on information:**

- Inventory (previous achievements, the current state of demand and challenges), data collation, research for the regional data generation and exchange
- Improvement of the automated systems for monitoring and accounting
- Increased use of satellite data and remote sensing
- Increase the reliability of forecasts (short-term, seasonal, long-term)
- Improve understanding of basins / areas of flow formation and use (catchment, glaciers, ecosystems, groundwater, water pollution, alternative sources of water, the water balance)
- Creation of a unified data access system; access to information / information exchange on water and ecosystems
- Tools / data analysis modeling, taking into account water resources interactive information systems with real-time data
- Improved knowledge of products, portals, applications,

**Project component on institutional issues:**

- Harmonization / unification of standards / protocols / legal documents (e.g. for water monitoring, data exchange, data quality, groundwater, water pollution, hydraulic engineering safety)
- Establish linkages between the work of national and regional organizations
- Institutional capacity building, including offices / branches at country level
- Establishment of the modern water situation regional center
- Scholarships for future water professionals
- Regular conferences, seminars, training, study tours
- Resumption of coordinated research and the expansion of cooperation with the scientific community / educational networks; the use of regional expertise
- Co-ordination and synergy in other activities funded by donors

- Cross-sectoral working groups on specialized topics (e.g., Hydraulic safety, etc.)

**Project component on investments:**

- Modernization of infrastructure for water monitoring
- The construction / rehabilitation of buildings; information centers
- Scoping / technical state of water infrastructure analysis and modernization needs (including hydraulic engineering safety, efficiency)
- Pilot projects (based on global best practices), water resources monitoring, SCADA, SMART water and information technology, the efficiency of water resources use - for two BWOs and Chu-Talas Commission, etc.
- Increased use of modern information and communication technologies (hardware, software)

This set of recommendations will be forwarded to the Regional Steering Committee, consisting of high-ranking officials from the five countries for the approval and development of further guidance.

**12. GWP CACENA Regional Council Meeting, 10 February 2016 Almaty, Kazakhstan (“Uyut” Hotel)**

**Participants:**

**GWP CACENA RC Members:** Arevik Hovsepyan (Armenia), Gaibali Gadjimetov (authorized delegate of Teimur Osmanov, Azerbaijan), Nino Chkhobadze (Georgia) - Chairman, Nariman Kipshakbaev (Kazakhstan), Kasiet Musabaeva (Kyrgyzstan), Yarash Pulatov (Tajikistan), Mansur Abduraimov (Uzbekistan), Davaa Basandorj (Mongolia). Turkmenistan was not attended

**GWPO:** Francois Brikke, Senior Network Officer (Central Africa, South East Asia, Caucasus and Central Asia).

**GWP CACENA Regional Secretariat:** Vadim Sokolov.

**Invited participants:** Eduard Mesropyan (Armenia), Kurulay Yakhiyaeva (Kazakhstan), Abdybay Djailoobaev (Kyrgyzstan), Bulat Yessekin (GWP Steering Committee member).

**Minutes:**

1	14.00 – 14.05	Opening the meeting by GWP CACENA Chair Nino Chkhobadze	Adoption of agenda
2	14.05 – 14.15	Info about the GWP Regional Days 2015	1. Regional Coordinator Vadim Sokolov presented brief outcomes of the GWP Regional days held in Stockholm in November 2015 2. Senior Network Officer Francois Brikke highlighted importance of annual regional work plans adoption to GWP Strategy during remaining years of 2017-2019
3	14.15 – 15.45	Results of activities in 2015: brief presentations by 8 of 9 CWP Coordinators (Turkmenistan was not	Key outputs from 2015 GWP CACENA work activities by countries were discussed and regional summary by Regional Coordinator Vadim Sokolov

		attended)	was delivered.
4	15.45 – 16.15	Presentation from GWP SC member Bulat Yessekin on Water and SDGs in Central Asia and short exchange of opinions	Bulat presented link of water factors with the SDGs on example of Kazakhstan and highlighted role of GWP to assist countries with IWRM tools towards SDGs achievement
5	16.15- 16.45	Results of WACDEP CACENA 2013-2015 by Project Manager Abdybay Djailoobaev	<p>First draft report on WACDEP 2013-2015 activities and outputs was presented. There was noted that background part of the report is not enough completed about evidences of climate changes in the countries. Also recommendations on result interpretation and wider practical use not clearly stated. It was agreed that report could be basis for future publication if those two parts will be additionally worked out. GWP CACENA Secretariat should coordinate those additions, and publication should be ready before June 2016 (Pan-European Conference in Batumi).</p> <p>Senior Network Officer Francois Brikke suggested to consult results with GWPO WACDEP reference group.</p>
6	16.45 – 17.00	Financial audit 2015	Regional Coordinator Vadim Sokolov explained forms required by GWPO auditors and agreed with CWP Coordinators the ways to meet deadlines for financial audit 2015, and all requirements.
	17.00 -17.45	Work Plan and Calendar for 2016	There were discussed preparations for Pan-European Conference in Batumi - June, WACDEP regional workshop in Mongolia – first part of October, SDGs activities in Armenia and Kazakhstan. Also there was agreed to support MoU for cooperation between GWP SA, GWP China, GWP SEA and GWP CACENA, which will be signed during GWP Regional days to be held in Stockholm in May 2016.
	17.45 – 18.25	Organizational issues: communications, template and content of monthly reports, rotation	CWP-Kazakhstan Coordinator, Prof. Kipshakbaev raised issue on how to increase efficiency of GWP CACENA



		of RC members etc.	<p>activities. It was suggested to ask GWPO to provide additional training on outcome mapping for CWPs to increase their skills in proper reporting.</p> <p>Senior Network Officer Francois Brikke highlighted importance of General assemblies of partners at country and regional levels.</p> <p>A group composed of the Chair of Kazakhstan (Kipshakbaev), Chair of Mongolia (Basandorj) and Chair of Armenia (Hovsepyan), led by the GWP CACENA Chair (Chkhobadze) and facilitated by the SNO (Francois) will be setting up a methodology to explore views and possible alternatives for the rotation of the Regional Coordination Office that include both Managerial and Institutional dimensions. The group will be in touch with all CWPs and make a proposition ahead of the RC meeting that will take a final decision on that matter in October 2016.</p>
9	18.25 - 18.30	Closing of meeting by GWP Chair Nino Chkhobadze	<p>Taking into account that all CWPs will attend the Pan-European Conference in Batumi – June 2016, it was suggested to conduct next GWP CACENA RC meeting in line with the Conference.</p> <p>The proposed agenda should include: the future 3 years program, as well as some key governance aspects concerning RWPs and CWPs, the role of CWPs in the new strategy, the finalization of the accreditation processes, the monitoring processes, fund raising and project development, rotation of Regional Office, etc.</p>

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