

Global Water Partnership Central Asia and Caucasus (GWP CACENA)

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Preface

GWP CACENA Regional Secretariat during November promoted consultation process with all CWP's concerning reporting indicators of the work outputs in 2015, and workplan and budget for 2016.

As a summary, during 2015 GWP CACENA together with its CWP's have conducted/participated in a big number of events (including meetings/roundtables/seminars/conferences/forums) to achieve common understanding among decision-makers and communities on the key national and regional water related issues. National Water Authorities and key Regional bodies got practical outputs from a number of the projects with strict contribution from GWP CACENA Partners: WACDEP demo activities in eight countries contribute to policy making process on adaptation to climate change; GWP CACENA in cooperation with the World Bank conducted the pilot training on modelling capacities for Central Asian countries - as a contribution to the Aral Sea Basin Programme-3. More than 30 organizations were involved into participation at the Special issue session organized by GWP CACENA at the 7th World Water Forum in Korea on April 2015. GWP CACENA jointly with the UNECE assisted to conduct the Expert workshop on Decision-Support Tools for Policy Dialogues on Water-Food-Energy Nexus in the EECCA region.

Various mechanisms were used during 2015 to deliver GWP's key messages to relevant audiences and key stakeholders in all nine CACENA countries: publications and reports translated into Russian and local languages, GWP CACENA web-site regularly updated. All media including television, print, Internet were used to advocate GWP mission, IWRM principles and GWP activities. National water and environmental authorities in eight countries got detailed information about outputs of the WACDEP demonstrations.

In terms of planning for 2016, it is important to note that Mongolia will join and take active participation in WACDEP-2. Taking into account this, budget allocation for 2016 was specifically discussed with all CWP's.

1. Conference "Towards Paris: Armenia on the threshold of the 21st Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC"

On 5 November 2015 in Yerevan CWP-Armenia took part in the Conference "Towards Paris: Armenia on the threshold of the 21st Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC" organized by NGO "Khazer" under support of UNDP, OSCE, the Embassy of France and the Armenian office of the Red Cross.

The representatives of ministries, international financial organisations, NGOs, mass media (about 50 people) participated. Some issues were discussed and various presentations including "Intended Nationally Determined Contributions of the Republic of Armenia under UNFCCC" were made.

Participants decided that the Republic of Armenia should do the followings:

- ✓ do not exceed the greenhouse gas emissions beyond the ability of self-reproduction of nature; to standardize these limits, environmentally permissible quota in respect of each person on the Planet and set the obligation of every state, aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions, on the basis of these parameters;
- ✓ the study of climate change vulnerability and adaptation measures should be carried at the transboundary level, taking into account the fundamental principles of "green economy" and the fact that ecosystems have conditional limits and have nothing to do with the state borders, and also the policy should be based on the ecosystem approach;
- ✓ to strengthen regional solidarity for cooperation based on ecosystem approach.



2. Regional workshop "Alternative approaches to wastewater treatment"

The Regional workshop "Alternative approaches to wastewater treatment" organized by CWP-Armenia and JINJ Ltd Engineer - Consulting Company within WACDEP CACENA was held on 27 November 2015 in the Parakar village, Armavir district, Armenia.

The aim:

- to inform representatives of various state agencies of Armenia as well international organizations acting in Armenia, as well as the public at large about current situation in the wastewater disposal, existing problems and possible ways to their solving;
- strengthen understanding of water managers that waste water is a valuable resource.

Participants: Ministry of Nature Protection, Ministry of Health Care, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Department for Emergency Situations, Regional Department for Urban Planning, the state inspectorates for

environment and health care, as well as authorized representatives of urban and rural communities of Armavir region, and representatives of water companies (Total: 37 people).



Participants at the workshop



Participants at the treatment station

The current problems in water sector were discussed, various thematic discussions were conducted, new proposals were considered. Finally participants visited the treatment station constructed in the Parakar village.



The lagoon systems for domestic wastewater treatment in the Parakar village

3. Seminar "IWRM role in water resources conservation"

The Seminar "IWRM role in water resources conservation" organized by CWP-Azerbaijan in cooperation with the working group of the World Bank project "Support for Water User Associations" was held on 27 November 2015 in the Zardobsky district, Azerbaijan.

This project provides a repair & restoration of the on-farm irrigation and drainage networks on the area of 85 thousand. ha.

The seminar aim was to inform participants who deals with water and land use about IWRM principles and water resources protection. The seminar was attended by water specialists, farmers, local administration (Total: 27 people).

The Regional Council member Mr. Osmanov Teimur made a presentation on rational use of water resources and IWRM principles implementation in Azerbaijan.



4. Conference "Water, Sanitation and Development of Gender Equality"

The Greens Movement of Georgia / Friends of the Earth Georgia organized an international conference within the "Empower Women - Benefit (for) All" (EWA) program on 25 November 2015 in "Rooms Hotel" in Tbilisi. The conference aim was to initiate a consultation on national level about water sanitation norms, importance of gender equality and provision for a sustainable development. More than 50 participants attended the conference.

During the conference has been discussed the legislation situation in Georgia concerning water and sanitation, as well as the "Protocol on Water and Health" in terms of the commitment and the prospects for ratification. In addition, the sustainable development goals (SDGs) and Georgia's commitments.

CWP-Georgia Chair Mr. George Dzamukashvili made presentation "Process of National Dialogues on Water Policy". He informed about CWP-Georgia contribution to preparation of new water code of Georgia as well that CWP-Georgia will implement the project on determining the target indexes within the Protocol on Water and Health in 2016. This project will be devoted to SDGs challenges.



The international conference has been attended by Mr. Gigla Agulashvili, minister of environmental and natural resources protection of Georgia. The conference was attended by the organizers, together with experts, politicians and non-governmental organizations.

At the end of the conference, participants have developed the declaration "non-governmental organizations and experts" positions - about water, sanitation and gender-equal development".

5. Memorandum of Cooperation

The signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Cooperation between the Government of Georgia and the Civil Society Platform "Eastern Partnership" was held on 12 November 2015 in the Conference Hall of the Marriot Hotel in Tbilisi.

This document is aimed to strengthening cooperation for implementing commitments on the Associated Agreement between Georgia and EC on various spheres including environment protection. As to CWP-Georgia it is additional possibility to collaborate with the governmental organizations towards water security.

The event was attended by 100 people including CWP-Georgia representatives - Mr. George Dzamukashvili and Ms. Nino Chkhobadze.



6. The meeting on forthcoming the UN Climate Change Conference (COP21) in Paris

The meeting on forthcoming the UN Climate Change Conference (COP21) organized by the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia was held on 13 November 2015 in Tbilisi.

Representatives of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia and partners of the National Platform of Civil Forum discussed issues on country approaches to climate change adaptation.

About 12 NGOs, including CWP-Georgia (Mr. George Dzamukashvili and Ms. Nino Chkhobadze) participated.



7. Seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention

The seventh session of the Meeting of the Parties to the UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes took place on 17-21 November 2015 in Budapest, Hungary. The meeting was held at the Budapest Congress Centre.

74 countries, Parties and non-Parties to the Convention, were represented in Budapest to review progress achieved in the Convention's implementation and discuss how the Convention can best support transboundary water cooperation worldwide. Overall, the session gathered about 350 participants, representatives of countries, international organizations, NGOs and academia.

Georgian delegation was headed by Deputy Minister of Environment Protection and Natural Resources of Georgia, Ms. Catherine Grigalava.

The new memorandum on improving water governance through the National Policy Dialogues under the European Union Water Initiative was signed by Georgia and UNECE.

At the session, the Meeting of the Parties addressed a wide variety of topics including assessing the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus in transboundary basins of Alazani and Syrdarya rivers.

Mr. George Dzamukashvili informed participants about a side event on NEXUS supported by UNECE and GWP CACENA within the Pan-European Ministerial Environment Conference to be held in 2016 in Batumi, Georgia.



8. Seminars for students

On 14, 22 and 29 November 2015, CWP- Georgia together with the Greens Movement of Georgia held a series of seminars within the process of water leaders training. The lectures covered issues such as water resources use and conservation in Georgia, IWRM, social mobilization, and was explained the transition process from NDG to SDG.

Total: 60 participants. Lecturers: Ms. Nino Chkhobadze, Mr. George Dzamukashvili.



9. Regional Conference "Droughts and Floods Risk Management in the Kyzylorda Region"

CWP-Kazakhstan partners headed by the CWP-Kazakhstan Chairman took part in the Regional Conference "Droughts and Floods Risk Management in the Kyzylorda region" held on 3 November 2015 in Kyzylorda.

The conference was conducted within the UN Program "Improving the well-being and quality of life in the Kyzylorda region through implementation of innovative approaches to providing economic, social and environmental services for local population, including the most vulnerable".



Organizers: UNDP, Centre "Assistance to Sustainable Development", Akimat of Kyzylorda region, Department of Emergency Situations of Kyzylorda region at the Committee of Emergency Situations of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Executive Board of IFAS in Kazakhstan, CAR @ WAN, CWP- Kazakhstan.

The purpose of the conference: Introduction of innovative approaches to improve welfare of Kyzylorda region and to achieve water security.

Participants: Representatives of international, governmental and public organizations. In total - 52 people, including 18 women (35%).



Outcomes: The conference discussed the current problems in the field of prevention and response to natural disasters, the law on safety of hydraulic structures, the methodology of the national situational analysis to assess the risk of natural disasters on the territory of Kazakhstan.

Participants were acquainted with the problems of ice movement on the Syrdarya River, dangerous hydroclimatic phenomena in the Kyzylorda region, control of mudflows, avalanches, landslides in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

During the conference, the following presentations were made: "National inter-sectoral working groups in the field of climate risks in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan." "Analysis of drought situation in Turkmenistan", "About experience of engaging local communities to solving the problems associated with climate risk (case study of the Republic of Tajikistan)." "The expected climate changes and their impact on dangerous hydrological phenomena".

The modeling issues of flood zones, hydraulic accidents effects, dam failure, flood forecasting in the complex system of rivers and canals by use the advanced software (MIKE by DHI) and involvement of civil society to solving the problems of vulnerability were considered.



The role of CWP-Kazakhstan: CWP-Kazakhstan Chairman Prof. Nariman Kipshakbayev made a presentation "Drought Risk Control: IWRM solutions for demand management of irrigation areas in the lower reaches of the Syrdarya River" based on the project results implemented in Kyzylorda Region in 2013-2014.

10. Technical seminar on the EC / UNDP / UNECE project

CWP-Kazakhstan partners participated in the technical seminar on development of proposals and recommendations for pilot projects in the framework of the EC / UNDP / UNECE project "Support to Kazakhstan for transition to a green economy model". This seminar was held in the form of plenary and group discussions.

Organizers: Public Fund "Water Initiatives Centre", the EC / UNDP / UNECE project.

Participants: Representatives of state bodies, state-owned enterprises and non-governmental organizations and the business sector. Total: 59 persons, incl. 15 women (25%).

Venue and date: Borovoe, 26-27 November 2015

Outcomes: proposals and recommendations are developed for the following pilot projects:

1) Integration of green growth ideas in construction of a centralized system of water supply and sanitation in rural areas, 2) Modernization and operation of multipurpose waterworks, 3) Development of urban agriculture in Astana and prospects of oasis irrigation in arid and semiarid regions of Kazakhstan.

The role of CWP-Kazakhstan: Introduction of IWRM principles to proposals and recommendations for the EC / UNDP / UNECE project "Support to Kazakhstan for transition to a green economy model".

11. Seminar "Drought Risk Control: IWRM solutions for demand management of irrigation areas in the lower reaches of the Syrdarya River"

CWP-Kazakhstan jointly with the Centre for Knowledge Dissemination "Kyzylorda" conducted the seminar "Drought Risk Control: IWRM solutions for demand management of irrigation areas in the lower reaches of the Syrdarya River" within WACDEP CACENA on 3-4 November 2015 in Kyzylorda.



Organizers: CWP-Kazakhstan, the Centre for Knowledge Dissemination "Kyzylorda".

Participants: specialists of agricultural and water sectors, PhD students and teachers from educational organizations of Kyzylorda region. Total: 26 participants, incl. 15 women (58%).

Outcomes: capacity building for exchange of knowledge and training in the field of agriculture and water resources to climate change in the Kyzylorda Region, as well as for promotion of advanced technology and water resources management improvement.

12. Training "IWRM and hydro-climatic risks control"

CWP-Kazakhstan partners took part in the training "IWRM and hydro-climatic risks control" with participation of Cap-Net UNDP international expert Mr. Wangai Ndirangu.

The training deal with IWRM application to reduce risk of droughts and floods, adaptation and reducing of population vulnerability, and importance of institutional and legal framework for disaster control.



Organizers: UNDP, Centre "Assistance to Sustainable Development", CAR @ WAN.

Participants: International experts, specialists of agricultural and water sectors, PhD students and teachers from educational organizations of Kyzylorda region. Total: 36 persons, incl. 21 women (58%).

Venue and date: Kyzylorda, 4-6 November 2015.

Outcomes: knowledge obtained will be applied in the preparation of lectures for training of young water professionals

CWP-Kazakhstan role: Sharing knowledge with Cap-Net UNDP international expert Mr. Wangai Ndirangu.



Cap-Net UNDP international expert Mr. Wangai Ndirangu (on the left) and Ms. Kurulay Yakhiyaeva (CWP-Kazakhstan)



Visit to the Aitek waterworks facility (the Syrdarya River)



Certificate

13. Roundtable "Climate Risks Control"

CWP-Kazakhstan partners took part in the Roundtable "Climate Risks Control" organized by the UNESCO Almaty Cluster Office under support of the Public Fund "Centre on Support to sustainable development".

During the round table the issues of climate change and its impact on water resources and agriculture were discussed, and the course "Climate Risk Management" developed for schools of Kyzylorda region within the framework of the project of the UNESCO Cluster Office for Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan was launched.



Venue and date: Kyzylorda, 6 November 2015

Organizers: UNDP in Kazakhstan, the UNESCO Almaty Cluster Office, the Centre "Support to sustainable development".

Participants: Representatives of international, governmental, educational and public organizations as well as academia. In total - 41 people, including 20 women (50%).

Outcomes: the course "Climate Risk Management" developed for schools of Kyzylorda region.

CWP-Kazakhstan role: Contribution to raising awareness on importance of education and training on climate change impact in Kazakhstan.

14. Meeting with Parliamentarians

The meeting of the Female Democratic Network of Kyrgyzstan with women-parliamentarians was held on 24 November 2015 in the office of International Republican Institute in Bishkek.

Organizers: the Female Democratic Network of Kyrgyzstan, the Civil Legal Union, CWP-Kyrgyzstan under support of the International Republican Institute.

The meeting discussed issues of Kyrgyzstan Parliament activity in the priority areas. It was proposed to include environmental issues and water management improvement into the priority areas. The relevant specialized committee of Parliament envisaged consideration of introduction of new irrigation technologies, including drip irrigation system in Kyrgyzstan in the future.

Outcomes: CWP-Kyrgyzstan will attend the meetings with Parliamentarians to discuss measures and plan implementation on urgent problems.



15. CA-WaRM working group meeting

The working group meeting on preparing the CA-WaRM program measures for the Kyrgyz Republic was held on 20 November 2015 in the World Bank office in Bishkek.

CWP-Kyrgyzstan actively participated in the discussion on 3 themes: Information; Governance; Investments.

Proposals and suggestions on water resources monitoring, use of traditional knowledge on water resources management, capacity building, water professionals training, sharing advanced experience, use of multimedia tools for video-conferences/meetings were made.



16. Roundtable "Role of civil society organizations in planning, implementing and monitoring SDGs in the Kyrgyz Republic"

On 12 November 2015, CWP-Kyrgyzstan partners took part in the Roundtable "The role of civil society organizations in planning, implementing and monitoring SDGs in the Kyrgyz Republic" organized by the Civic Movement for Effectiveness of the Kyrgyz Republic under support of United Nations Development Programme

Venue: City Hotel Bishkek, Bishkek.

The roundtable was aimed to raise awareness of civil society on SDGs, as well discuss possibilities to involve civil society organizations into discussion of these goals for Kyrgyzstan: planning, implementation and monitoring.

Participants: UNDP Resident Representative and UN Resident Coordinator in the Kyrgyz Republic, representatives of the Ministry of Economy, Ministry of Finance, the National Statistical Committee, the Public Councils of state bodies in the Kyrgyz Republic and civil society organizations.

CWP-Kyrgyzstan partners actively participated in the discussion on institutionalization of civil society participation in the SDGs processes in the Kyrgyz Republic, in particular:

- Gender equality;
- Pure water and sanitation;
- Climate change control;
- Land Ecosystems conservation.



17. Seminar on feasibility study for new treatment facilities

On 5 November 2015 CWP-Mongolia took part in the seminar organized by the French company Artella. The seminar was held in the Blur Sky Hotel in Ulaanbaatar and was devoted to development of feasibility study for new treatment facilities with estimated capacity of 250000 m³/day.

Participants: representatives of various ministries, "Vodokanal" company, universities and NGOs (Total: 50 people).

CWP-Mongolia proposed its view on sludge utilization and treatment by mechanical method as well as elimination of disagreeable odours.



18. Study tour to Moscow

On 21-22 November 2015, Prof. Basandorj as a CWP-Mongolia representative and expert on wastewater treatment took part in the study tour to Moscow at the invitation of the Morton company. Some biological treatment stations were visited.



19. 19 November - the World Toilet Day

CWP-Mongolia took part in the press-conference devoted to the World Toilet Day particularly to improvement of sanitation in suburbs of Ulaanbaatar city where there no centralized sewerage system what leads to soil and water contamination and negative impact on water security. This press-conference was shown on all TV channels. CWP-Mongolia talked about eco-toilet, its benefit for users etc.



20. Meeting on the Tula river contamination

CWP-Mongolia took part in the meeting with Vice-Mayor of Ulaanbaatar on 23 November 2015. The problem of water contamination of the Tula river was discussed. Representatives of water inspectorate, health care and NGOs attended this meeting.



21. Lecture on purification of drinking water

CWP-Mongolia organized a lecture on purification technology of drinking water in schools and kindergartens on 20 November 2015. The Korean company DAVINTEX made a presentation. More than 40 people took part in this event.



22. Roundtable "Rational use of water resources of the inter-state rivers of Tajikistan and Afghanistan"

The Roundtable "Rational use of water resources of the inter-state rivers of Tajikistan and Afghanistan" was held on 21 November 2015 in the Institute of Water Problems, Hydropower and Environment of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Organizers: Institute of Water Problems, Hydropower and Environment of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tajikistan, CWP-Tajikistan.

Participants: specialized institutes, Centre on implementation of the project on the Pyandj river, water specialists from Tajikistan and Afghanistan, public organizations (Total: 25). Representatives of the University of Nebraska (USA) participated through Skype.

The aim: consideration of readiness level of cooperation on rational water resources use between water sectors of Tajikistan and Afghanistan.

The following issues were considered: development of effective mechanisms for cooperation between two countries; e-learning as a way of raising the level of knowledge and general education; identification of main problems in water sectors of two countries; development of collaborative complex research projects; creation of information systems and databases, etc.

To establish cooperation on a permanent basis, it was proposed to organize a working group to develop a joint action plan in water sphere with participation of specialists from Tajikistan, Afghanistan and the University of Nebraska at Omaha (USA).



23. Roundtable "The need for water economy balance and development of national water cadastre of the Republic of Tajikistan"

The Roundtable "The need for water economy balance and development of national water cadastre of the Republic of Tajikistan" organized by the Ministry of Energy and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan was held on 12 November 2015 in Dushanbe.

Participants: the Ministry of Energy and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan, Agency of Land Reclamation and Irrigation at the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Ministry of Health Care and Social Protection of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Ministry of Industry and New Technologies of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Tajikistan, Committee of Environment Protection at the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, Committee of Construction and Architecture, Agency on Statistic at the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tajikistan, TajikHYDROMET, UNDP, EC, ADB, SDC, the Aga Khan Development Network, etc. (total: 50 participants).

The roundtable aim: Analysis and assessment of situation with water economy balance, water resources assessment, presentation of template for development of water cadastre.

CWP-Tajikistan partners from 21 organizations actively participated in the roundtable discussion. They proposed measures for improving situation with development of national water cadastre in Tajikistan.



24. Regional Conference "Towards Paris 2015: expectations and opportunities for the countries of Central Asia in the context of a New Climate Agreement"

The Regional Conference "Towards Paris 2015: expectations and opportunities for the countries of Central Asia in the context of a New Climate Agreement" was held on 5-4 November 2015 in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

Organizers: UNEP, REC CA, KOICA.

This conference was held within the project "Capacity Building and Development of Strategic Framework for Supporting Low-Carbon Development in the countries of Central Asia".

Participants: national coordinators of UN FCCC, national experts dealing with climate change problems particularly development of National Reports and INDCs, official representatives of delegations of Central Asian countries announced for participation in COP21.

The conference aim was to formulate possible joint actions reflecting vision of Central Asian countries on climate change ahead of COP21.

CWP-Uzbekistan Chair Mr. Sheraliev made presentation about activity of IFAS as well as efforts to draw attention and financial support of international organizations and donors to implementation of programs and projects on overcoming the Aral Sea crisis and improving the Priaralie zone.

Implementation of projects within the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 20 January 2014 between EC IFAS and REC CA on cooperation for ASBmm in 2011-2015 was discussed.



25. Silva2015 - joint session of the ECE Committee on Forests and the Forest Industry and the FAO European Forestry Commission

Venue and date: Engelberg, Switzerland, 2 - 6 November 2015

Thirty-nine countries from Europe, the Russian Federation, Central Asia, the Caucasus and North America agreed to continue their efforts to build climate change into national forest programmes, strategies and plans, and encouraged each other to play an active part in the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests (UNFF). They also asked UNECE and FAO to work on developing global forest-related indicators related to Sustainable

Development Goals, building on existing indicators. Countries were strongly interested in developing markets and investments for forest ecosystem services, and appraised the Market Discussions as a unique platform for information and experience exchange on forest products markets at regional level.

Participants of Silva 2015 discussed the values of forests. The meeting brought together people from forestry and other interests, including government representatives and delegations, forest owners, industry, businesses, environmental NGOs, academics and students.

CWP-Uzbekistan Chair Mr. Sheraliev made presentation "Reforestation and afforestation in the Aral Sea Basin".

Implementation of the project proposal "Reforestation and afforestation in the Aral Sea Basin" within Declaration of intents signed on 29 October 2015 in Urgench between EC IFAS and UNECE was considered.

CWP-Uzbekistan Chair Mr. Sheraliev discussed possibilities of financial support for implementation of programs and projects on overcoming the Aral Sea crisis

and improving the Priaralie zone with representatives of international organizations and donors.



26. GWP CACENA at the Regional Days in Stockholm

GWP CACENA Chair Nino Chkhobadze, Regional Coordinator Vadim Sokolov and WACDEP Project Manager Abdibay Djailoobaev took part in the GWP Regional Days, held in Stockholm, Sweden on 22-26 November 2015.

The principal goal of those days was to create mutual vision of the ways for more effective GWP's movement towards its mission – to provide more water secured world. The arrangements and format of the meeting were unusual: there were organized group discussions in the form of six roundtables during which the future steps were suggested on the basis of analysis of lessons learned from the past activities.

The Regional Days started on 22 November by Plenary Session: Getting everyone on the same page, corporate news, announcements, and all day's agenda. The session was conducted by GWP Executive Secretary Rudolph Cleveringa. Then, during three first days there were conducted six roundtables. The 6 topics are discussed at 6 tables moderated by selected Hosts. The hosts stay at the same table and welcome 4¹ successive groups of participants, as these rotate between tables. A brief background note was prepared for each of the roundtables sessions and distributed beforehand. The note was briefly introduced in plenary before the start of the roundtable session. Typical duration: 4*25mn= 1h40 plus 4*5mn=20mn reporting; total: 2 hours. Everybody got a chance to discuss and contribute to roundtable topics. While rotating, participants are asked to change the composition of the groups (avoid to rotate with the same colleagues from one table to the other). After the 4 rotations, the hosts made a brief report in plenary.

¹Or 3 (depending on logistics)

The following six roundtables were conducted:

ROUNDTABLE 1: Progress review 2015. What has GWP achieved in 2015? The topics for discussion:

- The results framework and how we monitor it
- GWP lessons learned in 2015

ROUNDTABLE 2: Partners, CWPs, RWPs – Challenges & ways for strengthening. The topics for discussion:

- Governance issues and linkages (GWPO/RWPs/CWPs), incl. Conditions for Accreditation
- Administration; incl. financial management, role of host institution etc
- Reaching out to / involving Partners
- Risks&risks management
- Strengthening needed

ROUNDTABLE 3: GWP Strategic positioning & Mobilizing Resources. The topics for discussion:

- Strategic positioning
- Structure of GWP programme
- Supporting Countries for SDGs
- Accessing Locally Raised Funds
- Strengthening needs for RM

ROUNDTABLE 4: GWP programme: thematic perspectives, contributing to achieving SDGs. The topics for discussion:

- Climate agenda
- Gender & Youth agendas
- Working at TB scale
- Working at Urban scales
- Food, energy, ecosystem within a Nexus perspective

ROUNDTABLE 5: Knowledge Management in GWP. The topics for discussion:

- GWP programme quality management (TEC, RTEC, knowledge centers etc)
- South-South Knowledge exchanges
- GWP approach to capacity building
- GWP knowledge base, closing the loop
- Strengthening the GWP knowledge management function

ROUNDTABLE 6: Allies, Strategic partners, Boundary actors and the 2017- 2019 Work Programme. The topics for discussion:

- What is Partners base?
- Pathways for change at country and regional levels
- Engaging implementing partners and allies
- Roadmap for developing the 2017-2019 Work programme

Vadim Sokolov, GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator, was a host of the Roundtable 6: Allies, Strategic partners, Boundary actors and the 2017-19 Work Programme. Topic: Engaging implementing partners and allies. During discussion there were presented some lessons from the past:

- Important to involve any strategic partner at the earliest stage when you have just an idea and are at the start of work plan formulation and funds searching.
- Important that your partner also is involving into monitoring and evaluation outputs of joint implementation
- It is important to have partner for long-term period, that gives us opportunity to follow up properly achieved outputs.
- Good experiences with those partners who are global, but have representation at the regional and country levels.
- Existing statistics from our report does not reflect real picture, we not able to assess properly all out boundary partners

- In the past there was not big success to engage strong strategic partners at country level, as well as they are more focusing to the governments or international agencies and donors
- There is lack of proper vision of GWP on water-energy nexus, no TEC papers on the issue.

Some recommendations for work plans 2017-2019:

- To process stakeholders mapping
- Guidelines on engagement
- Basis should be identification of opportunities suitable for both parties and then to go to engagement.
- With those who are not from water linkages should be based via SDGs
- Due to limited funds we have to try optimizing engagement process with the as possible bigger amount of strategic partners with the aim to involve them into put three directions of work plan.

In the last day of Regional Days (25th November) there was organized **Joint meeting of the Regional Water Partnerships, GWPO, Steering Committee, and Financing Partners**. The main goal – to increase understanding about the contribution and activities of those GWP entities in delivering the *Towards 2020* strategy in the context of Agenda 2030. The meeting was conducted by GWP Chair Ursula Schaefer-Preuss.

GWP CACENA Chair Nino Chkhobadze was elected as a Chair of Chairs.

At this joint session to each of 13 RWPs there were given opportunities to deliver two minutes statement about regional vision towards GWP Strategy 2020. Below you can find statement on behalf of GWP CACENA:

**GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator Vadim Sokolov's
Two minutes Statement for Joint meeting of RWPs
with GWP Financing Partners Group and members of Global Steering Committee**

25 November 2015, Stockholm, Sweden

The region of Caucasus and Central Asia, including Mongolia (which joined us in 2014), is very specific within the GWP family, as well as one leg of RWP is standing in the Europe and another in the hearth of Asia.

We have full range of water related issues which are obvious in many places over the globe, but in CACENA they are the most sharp in the agenda for solutions. For example, climate change processes are going two times faster rather than average over the globe, we faced with widely famous Aral Sea disaster, transboundary cooperation addressing water issues is the most complicated, and water use efficiency in irrigated agriculture (which uses about 85% of total water) is the lowest in the world practice, etc.

Taken into account of those circumstances, CACENA Regional Water Partnership sees the way for development agenda towards 2020 strategy via three principal keys:

1. We have to update regional stakeholders mapping to achieve better understanding of their needs in relation to regional water challenges
2. We have to update list of gaps in stakeholders' knowledge related to solution of the above mentioned challenges
3. We should formulate optimized (taking into account limited funding) work program for 2017-2019, which will permit us to properly provide whole luggage of GWP's knowledge delivery to priority stakeholders.

These three keys will help RWP CACENA to fill up existed and future gaps in water related knowledge and put for principal stakeholder the appropriate basis to solve the most challenging issues related to the water security, and to come closer to Strategic Development Goals.



Plenary Session: Getting everyone on the same page, was conducted by GWP Executive Secretary Rudolph Cleveringa



GWP CACENA delegation with Francois Brikke in the GWPO premises in Stockholm



GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator Vadim Sokolov's two minutes statement for joint meeting of RWPs with GWP Financing Partners Group and members of global Steering Committee



GWP CACENA Chair Nino Chkhobadze and Regional Coordinator Vadim Sokolov enjoy the Swedish weather



Some working moments of the regional Days in Stockholm

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