

Global Water Partnership Central Asia and Caucasus (GWP CACENA)

Report

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1. The Roundtable on the UNDP project "Decreasing transboundary degradation in the Kura-Araks river basin"

CWP-Azerbaijan took part in 2 events devoted to preparation of UNDP project "Decreasing a transboundary degradation in the Kura-Araks river basin" -Phase II:

- 1) On 22 October 2015 - in the roundtable attended by specialists from Azerbaijan and Georgia.
- 2) On 23 October 2015 - in the regional meeting attended by the same specialists and representatives from the Ministry of Environment and Nature Resources of Azerbaijan.

The two delegations exchanged experiences in the field of integrated water resources management. Experts gave their proposals for the second phase of the project.



2. Training-seminar "Toilet bowl isn't a rubbish dump"

CWP-Armenia conducted the training-seminar for schoolchildren and teachers on 16 October and 21 October 2015 in the Parakar village. The main aim was to raise awareness of schoolchildren and teachers that wastewater is a valuable resource and about guidelines for using a centralized sewerage system. Participants listened to a lecture "Climate change impact on water resources", as well they were informed about problems related to the wastewater treatment plant operation, and possible ways to solve it by involving inhabitants. Guest from Uruguay told about operation of wastewater treatment plant in Montevideo.



Training-seminar on 16 October 2015



Training-seminar on 21 October 2015

3. The signing ceremony of the agreement on social partnership in strategic programs

On 23 October 2015, CWP-Armenia took part in the signing ceremony of the agreement on social partnership in strategic programs between the Government of Armenia and the Civil Cooperation network on strategic programs. CWP-Armenia is a partner of the Civil Cooperation network on strategic programs of Armenia and leads the environment protection group.

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Signing the agreement

Participants

4. Preparing a project-proposal "Analysis of national strategies in the sphere "Climate Change and Health Care"

CWP-Armenia has developed a project-proposal "Analysis of national strategies in the sphere "Climate Change and Health Care" to be submitted for financing by the Climate East Forum.

The project is supposed to analyze national strategies in the above mentioned sphere, as well as to conduct workshops on climate change impact on people health in 5 communities in the Lori district in Armenia.

5. Seminars conducted by the Greens Movement of Georgia

On 17 and 24 October 2015 CWP-Georgia took part in the seminars conducted by the Greens Movement of Georgia in Tbilisi.

CWP-Georgia aim was to raise awareness of students about mechanisms of community development, social mobilization , GWP activities and WACDEP CACENA. CWP-Georgia will continue communication with young people next months. Total number of participants - 40.



6. Water Use Discussion

On 21 October 2015 CWP-Georgia participated in the discussion within the USAID project "G4G - Governance for Development" organized by the REC Caucasus. This discussion was held in the Conference Hall of the local administration in Tbilisi.

Themes:

- Challenges for implementing the water use plan;
- International experience in the water use sphere: challenges and problems.

Specialists (Total: 30 people) from governmental organizations, private sector and NGOs took part. CWP-Georgia Chair Mr. George Dzumukashvili informed participants about CWP-Georgia activity, emphasizing fruitful work on improvement of water legislation of Georgia by CWP-Georgia as a coordinator.



7. WACDEP CACENA in Georgia

CWP-Georgia finalized work on construction of drainage system in the Sakira/Borjomi village. There were built 3 lines of drainage pipes to make the drainage system more effective. The active villagers were involved into this work.

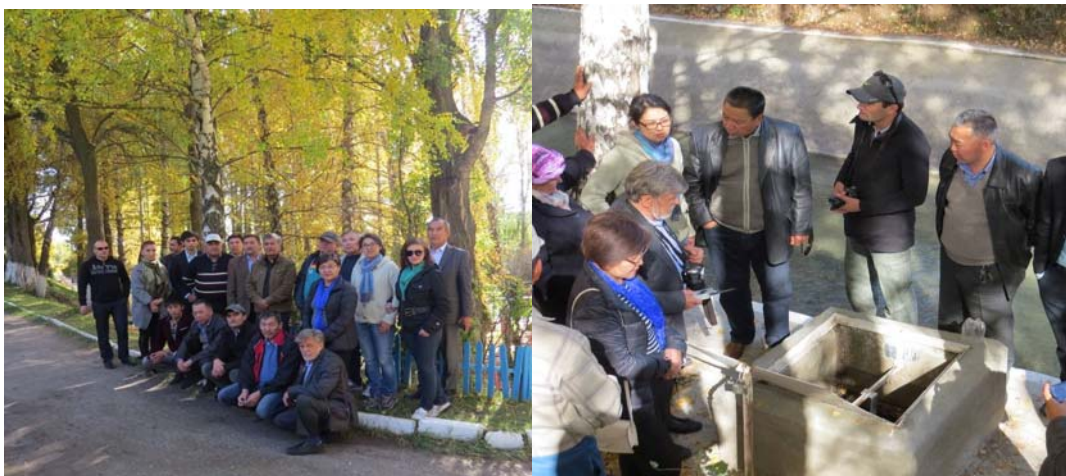


8. Study-tour on the projects implemented by the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (REC CA)

On 29-30 September 2015, CWP-Kyrgyzstan participated in the study-tour organized by REC CA within the project "Promotion of Ecosystems Services related to Water in Central Asia". This event was held in the Club-Hotel "Okhotny Dvor" (Hunting Yard) in the Korumdu village and Grigorievka village, Issyk-Kul region.

Representatives of governmental organizations, Ministry of Agriculture, WUAs, NGOs took part.

The aim was acquaintance with outcomes of the projects implemented by REC CA: "Implementing principles of ecosystems services in the Kyrgyz Republic", "Development of tools on sustainable management of ecosystems in the Chon-Aksu river basin", "Automation system for control of irrigation water distribution in the Chon-Aksu river basin".





9. Meeting with teachers and students of the Kyrgyz National Agrarian University

The meeting organized by CWP-Kyrgyzstan jointly with UNDP program "Environment Protection for Sustainable Development" and the Aarhus Centre was held on 7 October 2015, in the lecture-hall of the Kyrgyz National Agrarian University in Bishkek.

Participants were informed about the celebrating of 70th Anniversary of UN as well as SDGs and CWP-Kyrgyzstan activity.



10. WACDEP CACENA in Kyrgyzstan

CWP-Kyrgyzstan conducted 2 seminar-trainings within WACDEP CACENA in the Talas region:

1. On 29 October 2015 in the Conference Hall "Elina" in the Pokrovka village, Manas district. 35 people including 12 women (farmers, water managers, WUAs' members, agronomists etc.) participated.
2. On 30 October 2015 in the Conference room of administration of the Kok-Oy village. 24 people including 4 women (farmers, students being trained in "farm management" from the Vocational School №6 in Talas) participated.

Moderator: Ms. Kasiet Musabaeva (CWP-Kyrgyzstan Chair).

Seminar-training in the Manas district, Talas region



Seminar-training in the Talas district, Talas region



11. Eighth meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health

The eighth meeting of the Working Group on Water and Health took place in Geneva, from 21 to 22 October 2015.

The main objectives of the eighth meeting of the Working Group were:

- to review the implementation of the programme of work for the period 2014–2016.
- to provide guidance on its further development, with particular consideration of the financial situation
- to initiate a strategic discussion towards the formulation of the programme of work for 2017–2019 to be adopted at the fourth session of the Meeting of the Parties (Bern, 14–16 November 2016).

CWP-Kyrgyzstan Chair Ms. Kasiet Musabaeva and CWP-Turkmenistan Chair Ms. Guldjamal Nurmukhamedova participated.





12. National training course on IUWM

On 29 September - 2 October 2015 CWP-Mongolia under support of GWP, the World Bank and Water partnership program organized the National training course on IUWM that was held in the Mandal resort near Ulaanbaatar city for 30 participants.

The aim was to develop partnership, improvement a capacity of 26 water professionals on IUWM approach implementation.



Opening ceremony of training course



Participants



SDGs discussion



Presenting certificates of training course on IUWM to participants

13. GWP/World Bank meeting with the Vice-Mayor of the Ulaanbaatar city and the Head of the Tuv province

On 2 October 2015 in the City Hall of Mayor's office, CWP-Mongolia organized the meeting of representatives from GWP and WB with the Vice-Mayor of the Ulaanbaatar city and the Head of the Tuv province.

Participants (Total: 10 people) discussed GWP activity in Mongolia, as well as ways of cooperation on implementing IUWM modules in the Ulaanbaatar city and the Tuv province.



14. Meeting on water culture and education in Mongolia

On 2 October 2015 CWP-Mongolia organized the meeting of Mr. Francois Brikke and the World Bank representatives (total: 7 participants) with Buddha lama that was held in the Choijin monastery. There was discussed traditional water culture in Mongolia.

GWP representatives expressed interest to develop water culture in Mongolia and to support Mongolia in keeping culture regarding water protection and saving.



Meeting with Buddha lama

15. The training course on wastewater treatment for schools and kindergartens

CWP-Mongolia organized the meeting on development of the training course on wastewater treatment and of a user guide for schools and kindergartens that was held on 16 October 2015 in the Mongolian University of Science & Technology in the Ulaanbaatar city. The aim was to build capacity of 16 participants on improving water management and wastewater reuse for gardening as well as their understanding about water security and safety.



16. The meeting "Water governance and sustainable water institutions"

The discussion about water governance and sustainable water institutions organized by CWP-Mongolia and the Environmental Standing Committee of the Parliament of Mongolia was held on 22 October 2015 in the State Government House in Ulaanbaatar.

About 60 participants discussed and presented their suggestions on improvement of water sector including water legislation of Mongolia.



Discussion in the Parliament of Mongolia

Opening Ceremony

Presentation by Prof. Basandorj

17. The meeting on drinking water quality and security

CWP-Mongolia organized the meeting on drinking water quality and security on 17 October 2015 in the Delgerkhaan town, the Tuv province.

About 80 herders and local people have learned more about good quality water as a guarantor of good health, about the mineralized water to be treated for drinking etc.



Participants



Lesson by Prof. Basandorj



Discussion

18. The National Conference "Water governance and sustainable education"

On 13 October 2015, CWP-Mongolia took part in the National Conference organized by the President's Office of Mongolia, GTZ, SDC, in the State Government House in Ulaanbaatar.

About 1000 people attended this conference. The conference gave message to the Society that water is the most valuable thing for human life. It also contributed to water partnership development.



19. WACDEP CACENA in Turkmenistan

During October 2015 CWP-Turkmenistan promoted outcomes of the pilot project:

1. On 28 October - the lecture for students and teachers of the Agricultural University (hydraulic engineering department).
2. On 29-31 October - conducting Farmers' Days in the Akhalsky and Dashoguzsky districts.
3. Preparing publication on the pilot project method for mass media.

20. CWP-Turkmenistan became a partner of USAID Programme

NGO "Inanch-Bepa" became a partner of the project "Transboundary water management adaptation in the Amudarya basin to climate change uncertainties" within the USAID Programme (the leading organization - SIC ICWC).

21. The Pilot Training for Strengthening Model Capacity

CWP-Uzbekistan Chair Mr. Normukhamad Sheraliev took part in the Pilot Training for Strengthening Model Capacity held on 28 September - 2 October 2015 in Tashkent. The objective of this pilot training is to

strengthen model capacity -get people to understand a modeling (more information in the GWP CACENA Report for September 2015).



22. Second preparatory meeting for the establishment of the Asia Water Council

GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator Vadim Sokolov attended the Second preparatory meeting for establishment of the Asia Water Council. The meeting was held in the Daejeon city, South Korea (it is a headquartered of K-Water corporation), on 28-30 October 2015. The meeting was attended by 32 senior officials from 11 countries (Australia, Georgia, Indonesia, Mongolia, Laos, Uzbekistan, South Korea, China, Taiwan, Singapore, Thailand), and a number of international and regional agencies and organizations (including the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank).

The meeting was opened by the greetings from the K-Water corporation CEO Mr. Choi Gyewoon. Former Vice-President of ADB Mr. Lohani Bindu presented the goals and objectives of the Asian Water Council, and also suggested a draft of the AWC Constitution (main governing document). The draft Constitution is proposed on the basis of Article 32 of the Civil Code of the Republic of Korea.

The Asia Water Council aim is to raise awareness of Asia's water problems in the international society and promote sustainable development of Asia by solving regional water issues. AWC shall also make efforts to resolve regional water issues through water-related policies, technology development, researches and discussion. AWC also aims to implement sustainable development of Asia by building a platform where diverse water-related stakeholders in Asia can participate.

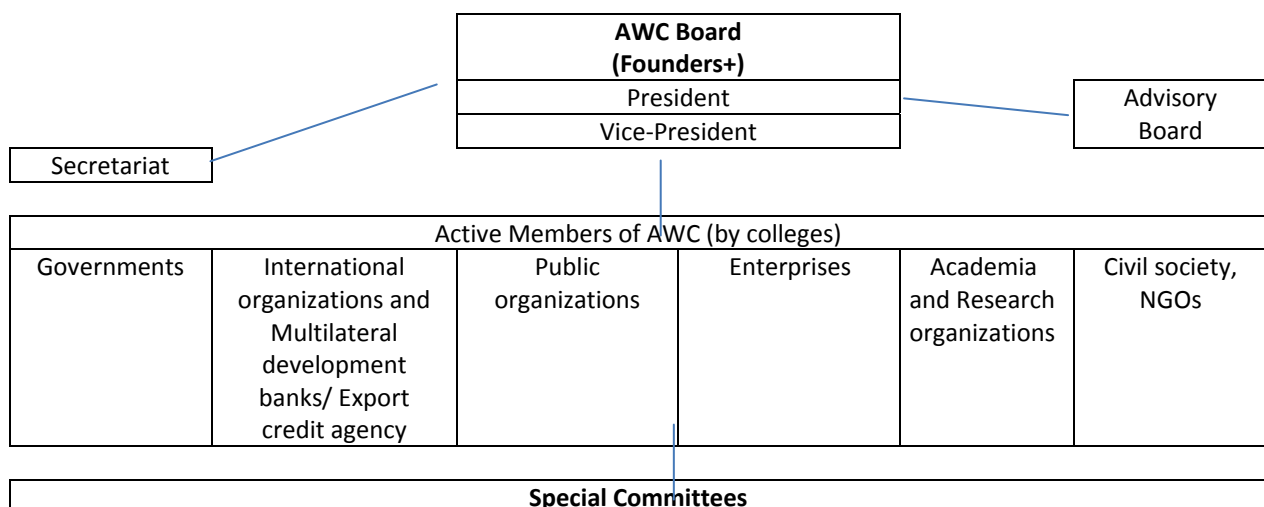


Figure1. Composition and Structure of the Asia Water Council

In accordance with proposed Constitution, the AWC is composed of General Assembly, Board of Council, Advisory Board, Special Committees and Secretariat.

During the meeting in Daejeon there was discussed a roadmap of the Asian Water Council for 2015-2017. It was proposed to hold the first General Assembly of AWC in March 2016. Director of the Directorate of Water Resources Management of the Ministry of Public Works and Services of Indonesia, Mr. Agnus Kusmulyono announced the invitation on behalf of the Government of Indonesia to host the first General Assembly in Bali on 24-26 March 2016.

Also there was proposed to hold the Second General Assembly of the Asian Water Councils in June 2016 during the World Water Week in Singapore.

The main goal of those two assemblies will be to prepare and conduct the 1st Asian International Water Week scheduled for October 2017 in Korea. The objectives of the Asia International Water Week are as follows:

- Raise awareness of Asia's water problems linking with the agenda of the World Water Forums across the world and seek for solutions
- Call for policy decision-makers to put a plan to solve water problems into action
- Provide a platform to share latest water-related technologies and information
- Provide an opportunity for shared growth by preparing a venue of international cooperation for companies
- Provide a venue for the preparatory meetings of Asian region prior to the 8th World Water Forum
- Provide a venue of networking in Asian region to achieve water-related goals among UN Sustainable Development Goals

The main goal of the 1st AIWW is to discuss the outcomes of the 7th World Water Forum and the following 8th World Water Forum which will be held in 2018 in Brazil.

The principal action during meeting in Daejeon was addressed to establishment of the special committees under the Asia Water Council. There were created the AWC special committees as follows:

1. Strategy & Policy
2. Smart Water Management Initiative Committee
3. International Standardization
4. Water-Energy-Food Nexus Committee
5. Water-Aid Program Committee
6. Water Education Committee
7. Knowledge Base & Dissemination Committee (Asia Water Insight)

The goal of special committees is to set priorities for implementation of activities under the auspices of the Asia Water Council in accordance with its vision and mission. Those committees should mobilize the key stakeholders and discuss with them solutions to the above priorities for each of the seven areas. The Special Committees should regularly inform AWC about progress and key outputs to be submitted in the Asian International Water Week.

To ensure the active work of seven special committees during a meeting in Daejeon the elections of Chair and vice-Chair of each committee, as well as permanent coordinator of actions were held .

As a recognition of strong involvement of GWP CACENA into preparatory process for AWC establishment and as a regional priority theme of water, energy and food nexus for Central Asia, the participants unanimously elected Mr. Vadim Sokolov (Regional Coordinator of GWP CACENA) for the post of Vice-Chairman of the Special Committee on Nexus.

According to initiative of Vadim Sokolov the Special Committee on water-energy-food nexus approved the formation of the package of sub-regional projects as a priority, taking into account specifics of linking water problems to other aspects in the individual sub-regions of Asia (South Asia, South East Asia, North Asia, and Central Asia). For example, there was offered the concept of linking water problems, taking into account the

negative impact of hydropower regime on food security and ecosystems sustainability in the Aral Sea basin as part of this package.

From a political point of view it is important that GWPO and RWPs of SA and of SEA will participate in the Asian Water Council at the policy level and in Ad Hoc Committees at the expert level. Representatives from GWP SA and GWP SEA are strongly recommended to attend the 1st General Assembly of AWC, which will be held in Bali on 24-26 March 2016.



Participants of the AWC meeting in Daejeon from CACENA (from the left): Mr. Tsenden Orgodol, Presidential administration of Mongolia; Mr. Ravshan Mamutov, Head of Investment department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of Uzbekistan; Mr. Vadim Sokolov, GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator; and Mr. Oh, senior officer of K-Water



Participants of the AWC meeting at the Central Dispatch Centre of the National Water Management System of Korea, located in the K-Water Headquarter in Daejeon.



Mr. Vadim Sokolov is making presentation on priorities for implementation under the AWC Special Committee on Water-Energy-Food Nexus

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resources for sustainable and equitable development.