

**GWP CACENA (Central Asia and Caucasus)
Progress Report on activities during January-June 2006**

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<p>1. IWRM water policy and strategy development facilitated at relevant levels</p>	<p>Organization of political dialogue at the national level (in the form of inter-sector seminars and round tables). The main focus addressed to issues of implementation of IWRM concept in context of the UN MDGs.</p> <p>Support to public awareness campaign towards IWRM principles.</p> <p>In collaboration with the Finnish Environment Institute SYKE during 12-14 June, 2006 there was held Workshop "The Finnish Approach to Transboundary Water Management and Integrated Water Resources Management" in Helsinki, Finland.</p>	<p>The first round tables were organized in all eight countries.</p> <p>These activities are the continuation of the work started in each country of the region in 2004 -2005 – in order to ensure the complete comprehension by civil society of the concept of IWRM in context of the achievement of MDG.</p> <p>GWP CACENA using special grant from Finland Government brought to Helsinki 19 water professionals from all eight countries, including a number of high level officials. The workshop discussions were addressed to the transboundary water aspects that are of key importance for the general development in the CACENA region.</p>	<p>Second round under way – planned for autumn.</p> <p>It is scheduled the preparation and dissemination of different publications in form of special brochures, posters or through mass media.</p> <p>The outcomes of the workshop will be summarized and published for wide dissemination in the region.</p>	<p>Promotion of the political environment for IWRM principles implementation started with different deepness in different countries.</p> <p>The Finnish experience and expertise in resolving transboundary issues would be a most valuable contribution for the stakeholders in the CACENA region. This support will help the GWP CACENA to effectively fulfill its commitments as an IWRM facilitator and create governmental commitment for practical IWRM implementation.</p>
<p>2. IWRM programmes and tools developed in response to regional and country needs</p>	<p>Published English version of the book “Water and Ethics”, written by Abror Kadyrov (Uzbekistan).</p> <p>Published English/Russian version of the regional report “Conserving Ecosystems of Inland Water Bodies in Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus”, which was prepared by national experts from eight</p>	<p>The book shows that the presence of requirements of social ethics in the field of water resources use and protection demands for adequate approaches not only in the process of considering practical water use, but also issues of water resources management at different levels.</p> <p>The report considers the current challenges related to preserving ecosystems of inland water bodies in Southern Caucasus and Central Asia, within the framework of the specific program of the Global</p>	<p>A number of new publications are planned for the rest part of the year</p>	<p>Public in large aware about principal water related problems.</p>

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	<p>countries conducted by CAREC and funded by Government of Finland.</p> <p>Joint Workshop on GWP ToolBox dissemination organized by GWP CEE and GWP CACENA with 20 water professionals actively participating was held on 3-6 May 2006 in Charvak resort, Tashkent province (located on the Charvak water reservoir – the biggest dam in Uzbekistan).</p>	<p>Water Partnership. The first part of report describes general concept and regional analysis of current conditions. The second part summarizes the national reports prepared by all eight countries and presents the more detailed analyzing of the status of water resources management, ecosystems, available mechanisms for meeting water requirements of ecosystems and their preservation, as well as basic conclusion and recommendations for each country.</p> <p>The main topic was transboundary issues of IWRM. A number of ToolBox case studies were discussed as examples. The International Water Law Institute of Dundee conceptual Legal Model was presented in its new Russian language version as a new instrument for transboundary negotiations. Participants from all eight countries reported on the water governance and transboundary cooperation state of the art and problems.</p>	<p>The second joint workshop with GWP CEE on ToolBox are scheduled for end of July in Kyrgyz Republic</p>	<p>GWP CACENA encouraged countries of the region to use proper tools for IWRM plans implementation (for example, ToolBox as check list during planning process)</p>
<p>3. Linkages between GWP and other frameworks, sectors and issues ensured</p>	<p>The Central Asian delegation (18 persons) attended to the all principal WWF-4 events in Mexico during 16-22 March 2006. The most part of delegates (12 persons) were sponsored by Japan Water Forum.</p> <p>Three joint workshops with the UNEP (UCC-Water)</p>	<p>The key event for delegates was topic session “IWRM as a Basis for Social and Economic Development in Central Asia” held on Sunday, 18 March. The session conveners were: Prof. Victor Dukhovny, Vice-President ICID, Director of Scientific-Information Center ICWC and Dr. Vadim Sokolov, Chairman, GWP CACENA. Two local actions were presented during this session.</p> <p>The delegation took participation at the opening ceremony of the Asia-Pacific regional presentation. Mr. Abdukhohir Nazirov, Tajikistan’s Minister of Land Reclamation and Water Resources, expressed delight that the UN has taken up the initiative of Tajik President Emomali Rahmonov, presented at the 3rd Forum, to launch the UN International “Water for Life” Decade (2005-2015).</p> <p>Four high level officials from the Central Asian delegation (Nazirov, Ryabtsev, Mommadov and Bekbolotov) took participation in the Ministerial Conference.</p> <p>The main topic was inter-sector interaction in water</p>	<p>The collaboration of Interstate Commission for Water Coordination (ICWC) with Interstate Commission for Sustainable Development in Central Asia, same as involvement of the key players (including GWP CACENA and CAREC) is crucial for meeting MDGs related to water. Almost in all countries of Central Asia the concept of IWRM is officially recognized as a base of state policy in a field of development of water sector.</p>	<p>The Central Asian Governments expressed formal political support to IWRM concept in all countries, and Kazakhstan even expressed full commitment for practical IWRM plan implementation.</p> <p>High level officials reiterated Central Asia’s commitment to strengthening water cooperation in the region for the achievement of the MDGs within the framework of launched Asia and Pacific Water Forum.</p> <p>The development objective</p>

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	<p>Project involvement in the form of round tables to support for achieving the IWRM 2005 targets were conducted in Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.</p> <p>The public manifestation was organized in Yerevan, Tbilisi and Baku (capital cities of the Caucasian countries) on 2 June to attract public attention to the IWRM issues and specific problems of the Kura and Araks river basins.</p>	<p>use and transition to IWRM within the on-going reforms in agriculture and water sectors.</p> <p>It was the first action conducted by the newly established CWP Armenia and CWP Georgia in association with principal water NGOs from three countries of Caucasus and supported by GWP CACENA to celebrate the Day of Kura and Araks rivers.</p>		<p>of the joint sub-regional work programme with UCC-Water is: Acceleration of the implementation of the IWRM 2005 target in Central Asia</p>
<p>4. GWP partnerships established and consolidated at relevant levels</p>	<p>Georgia launched Country Water Partnership. It was officially registered in May 2006 by the Ministry of Justice as non-governmental foundation.</p>	<p>This is third CWP established in the region among eight countries (after Kazakhstan and Armenia).</p>		<p>The GWP CACENA is on the way to transformation into RWP by the end of 2006.</p>
<p>5. GWP network effectively developed and managed</p>	<p>RTAC conduct their first working meeting, which was held on 6 May in Charvak, Uzbekistan.</p> <p>Coordination by GWP Headquarter and GWP CACENA Secretariat</p>	<p>The principal issues discussed were the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New CWP of Georgia and new Georgian representative Ms. Marina Makarova were welcomed. • The transformation process to RWP is in full swing. Existing and upcoming CWPs are preparing to take their part of the regional work plan in 2007. • The August meetings in Stockholm will have 16 participants from GWP CACENA (incl. the CWPs with 8 persons) • For the inter-regional meeting in June, it was strongly suggested to set a detailed agenda of the two CWP days in Stockholm in order to “avoid the unavoidable” • Logistic issues for meeting with Finnish transboundary waters experts at a workshop in Helsinki, 12-16 June. <p>Appropriate GWP CACENA network service/governance system established. Routine work well organized.</p>	<p>Preparations for CWPs meeting and GWP CP meeting in Stockholm in August are under way</p> <p>Efficient use of funds guaranteed.</p>	<p>Awareness about outputs among all GWP CACENA stakeholders established. Consensus on proper actions achieved</p>