

**GWP CACENA (Central Asia and Caucasus)
Progress Report
July-December 2004**

Table 1: Narrative reporting table

GWP Work Programme Outputs	Key Activities in 2004	Outcomes	Next Steps	Problems & Remedial Actions
<p>1. IWRM water policy and strategy development facilitated at relevant levels</p>	<p>To promote political support for process of IWRM implementation the GWP CACENA Secretariat organized during reporting period a number of seminars associated with some principal water events in the region:</p> <p>The UN ESCAP since 2000 implements project “Capacity Building in Natural Resources Strategic Planning and Management in Asia and Pacific” (SPM), within framework of which since August 2002 SIC ICWC has organized activity in Central Asian countries. The SPM system has a goal to realize IWRM principles to achieve sustainable functioning of water sector and to solve strategic priority issues of social-economic development.</p> <p>In this context, IWRM principles approbation is possible firstly on pilot system with development of recommendations on staged transition to entire water sector and other economic sectors.</p> <p>Some RTAC members took active participation in two events organized jointly with Kazakhstan CWP within the UNDP/NORAD project “National IWRM and Water Efficiency Plan for Kazakhstan”. The first one – round table with the key project stakeholders - was held in Almaty, Kazakhstan on 15 September 2004. The main goal of this meeting was to discuss three guiding project papers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal for National IWRM and Water Efficiency Plan. • Proposal for creation of the public councils in all Basin Organizations of Kazakhstan. • Proposal for National Strategy towards achievement of the MDGs in IWRM and WS&S. 	<p>RTAC members wrote the IWRM status report detailed by countries, and 200 copies of it were published in English and disseminated among international donors and interested organizations around the globe.</p> <p>The governmental water authorities from Armenia, Kazakhstan stressed strict commitment to the IWRM concept implementation. Other countries offered formal support to the IWRM concept.</p>	<p>It necessary to continue policy dialogue with more wide involvement of the governmental officials and the key NGOs.</p> <p>Joint UN/ESCAP and GWP CACENA initiative with SPM methods application of IWRM strategy development is very important for decision makers understanding and long-term experience use for survival strategy development under growing water scarcity. It is supposed that participation of technical experts from five Ministries of agriculture and water management will contribute to preparation of materials on certain organizational, technical and legal measures and legislative initiative, public campaigns promoting fund rising.</p>	<p>Formal support to the IWRM concept from the governmental institutions – is a good basis for its real implementation. More attention and forces of the GWP CACENA team should be directed to the facilitation of the process by promoting of guidelines what and how could be done.</p>

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	<p>The second one – the project workshop for eight Basin Organizations of Kazakhstan – was held on 22-23 September 2004 again in Almaty. The main goal of this event was to discuss approaches how to establish Public Council within each Basin (legal, institutional, financial, etc. aspects).</p>			
<p>2. IWRM programmes and tools developed in response to regional and country needs</p>	<p>To implement specific actions addressed to the public awareness about IWRM concept at the country level:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To publish brochure on methodological aspects of the National IWRM planning. 2. To organize two-three seminars with involvement of the water managers, NGOs and mass-media with the aim to disseminate general and practical knowledge about IWRM concept. 3. To submit the GWP CACENA Secretariat short report about the implemented actions and results achieved (before 15 December, 2004). <p>The Second training seminar jointly with the ToolBox Focal Point in GWP CEE (Danka Thalmeinerova) was organized on Issyk Kul Lake in Kyrgyz Republic on 6-7 August.</p>	<p>Russian version of ToolBox-2 widely disseminated in the region. The full understanding and applicability of ToolBox was achieved. It was agreed to use it for evaluation of the beginning of works on national planning of IWRM in CACENA countries as well as a check list for evaluation of the progress of works on implementation of IWRM principles into practice.</p>	<p>A number of case studies for ToolBox from the CACENA experience will be prepared in 2005.</p>	<p>It was stressed demand for hands on case studies addressed to practical engineering realities.</p>
<p>3. Linkages between GWP and other frameworks, sectors and issues ensured</p>	<p>GWP CACENA facilitated workshop “Gender Issues in Water Supply and IWRM at Farm Level”, which was held in Fergana – city, Uzbekistan on 14 September 2004. The Workshop goal was discussion of the problems that face women and men during water resources use and management at farm level. A basis for discussion was the findings of the special survey of representative households in Kuva district of Fergana province in Uzbekistan on ‘Gender aspects in water resources access and management’. In the result of discussions it has been agreed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To carry out a number of educational activities (workshops/trainings) on water use for targeted groups. Gender issues, water saving methods and water management skills should be included into the training program. 			<p>The most problematic is co-operation with the EU Water Initiative. Some RTAC members took participation in the High level meetings and are members of the IWRM working group of the EU WI, but there is no any real progress. The main goal is to push this initiative to practical ground.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To promote establishing water users' groups including trained women as their active participants. The participants fully supported initiative of GWP CACENA and SIC ICWC to establish a Gender and Water Network in Central Asia. <p>Tbilisi Conference</p> <p>TEC paper No 9 "Water Management and Ecosystems..." was translated into Russian and published in 200 copies for dissemination in the region. The first copy was presented to its author, Prof. Malin Falkenmark in August during the World Water Week in Stockholm.</p> <p>TEC paper "Guidance in Preparing a National Integrated Water Resources Management Plan: Advancing the WSSD Plan of Implementation" (version 2) was translated into Russian and published in 100 copies for dissemination in the region.</p> <p>The newly prepared movie (15 minutes long) about IWRM practices in Fergana Valley was presented to a number of conferences in the region.</p>			
4. GWP partnerships established and consolidated at relevant levels	<p>The GWP CACENA web-site is updated each quarter. Please, visit: www.gwpcacena.org</p> <p>Stockholm, August</p> <p>Tokyo, December</p>	<p>Launching of the National IWRM and water efficiency plan for Kazakhstan, supported by UNDP, GWP CACENA and funded by Government of Norway. The key parties involved agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CWP Kazakhstan specific activities for 2004 as GWP CACENA in-kind contribution should be presented for coordination with the existing UNDP project activities. The good will was expressed to 	<p>Draft Inception report of the National IWRM and water efficiency plan for Kazakhstan will be circulated for comments in September, 2004</p>	<p>Priority issues of the Kazakhstan project will be coordinated with other initiatives (UNDP, DFID, GWP, WB, etc)</p> <p>The region and newly established CWP need advice and supervision how to develop and keep its potential. In this respect it is necessary to activate proper co-operation with CapNet activities.</p>

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		form the Advisory Board for volunteered participation of experts from GWP, UNDP and the local experts.		
5. GWP network effectively developed and managed	<p>Two meetings of the GWP CACENA RTAC were organized during reporting period:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On the Issyk Kul Lake in Kyrgyz Republic on 8 August. 2. Tbilisi, Georgia on 23 October. 	<p>The most important issues discussed during the Issyk Kul meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To establish the position of scientific advisor to RTAC with the view of experienced expertise of GWP CACENA activities. The RTAC members approved Prof. Dokhovny on this position for the period of 2004-2006. 2. The RTAC members agreed on prolongation of the contract with IWMI-Tashkent for hosting of the Secretariat of GWP CACENA for the period of 2005-2006. 3. Approved the decision, that in January, 2005 to replace 3 RTAC members. <p>The key issues discussed by RTAC in Tbilisi:</p>	Detailed work program for 2005 was elaborated and discussed among RTAC members. It should be finally agreed by GWP CACENA stakeholder conference in Bishkek on 17-18 January 2005.	The Host Institute agreement should be prolonged with IWMI regional office in Tashkent for two more years before end of March 2005.