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1. Celebrating the Day of the Kura-Araz rivers and the Day of Water Specialists and Irrigators in Azerbaijan

In Azerbaijan, like in the previous years, the Kura-Araz rivers Day simultaneously with the Day of Water Specialists and Irrigators was celebrated on 5 June 2016 in Baku and all over the Republic. These events were broadly reported in mass-media and information was disseminated by the Eco-Forum.

CWP-Azerbaijan jointly with JSC "AZERSU" organized the Scientific-Practical Conference for water specialists. Mr. Asadov, CWP-Azerbaijan Chair, has reported about rational use of water resources of Azerbaijan. For this event the pens, folders and notebooks with GWP logos were prepared and distributed among participants.



Mr. Nadeem Kazibekov, honorary member of GWP.
At the present time he continues to spread IWRM principles.



2. Regional Workshop within the Integrated Climate Risk Programme

CWP-Armenia took part in the Regional Workshop organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Armenia and the RA Ministry of Nature Protection on 13-15 June 2016 within the first phase of the programme being implemented in six countries: Armenia, Honduras, Indonesia, Kenya, Nepal, and Uganda.

The project is aimed at helping countries to build resilience through risk-informed development, in order to tackle climate change and related natural hazards. The global results-sharing workshop provided opportunities to reflect on and share the results and good practices from across the six participating countries in order to improve the resilience and effectiveness of interventions globally. Additionally, the workshop supported countries in the preparation of sustainability plans for the programme's next phase and the new global partnership initiative "5-10-50".

CWP-Armenia presented 6 pilot projects to promote integrated management of climate risks in rural communities ("Greenhouse with drip irrigation"; "Implementation of Drip Irrigation"; Implementing measures on storm prevention"; "Installation of net for hail protection"; "Creating the terrace orchard"; "Reducing the risk of flooding").



3. Celebrating the Day of the Kura-Araks rivers protection in Armenia

Traditionally CWP-Armenia organized celebrating the Day of the Kura-Araks rivers protection on 2 June. This year the event was held in the Mez Parni village, Lory region, under support of the head of village community and the youth group.

At the beginning of the event, in the hall of the village municipality, schoolchildren received T-shirts with logos of Kura-Araks and GWP and the leaflets. The purpose of this event was to inform schoolchildren about the vital importance of the Kura and Araks rivers for development of the region, about value of conservation of river ecosystems at national and regional levels, as well as to involve them into the environment protection process.



In front of administration building of Mez Parni village



Participants before the trip to Trchkan

Then schoolchildren went to the Trchkan waterfall (15-km from the Mez Parni village), formed by the left feeder of Chichkhan river (Pambak river), in the border area of Shirak and Lori regions. Thanks to the activity and enthusiasm of all the participants, the green area around the waterfall was carefully cleaned from the domestic waste. All collected waste was transported to the landfill of Spitak town.





4. National Conference "Environmental Ideology and Green Economy for Sustainable Development"

On June 15, 2016, CWP-Armenia participated in the roundtable organized by its partner - NGO "Association for sustainable human development".

Ms. Karine Danielyan (the Head of NGO "Association for sustainable human development") presented the Concept of the Strategy of implementation of the "Rio+20" recommendations in Armenia that was developed within the Concept of «Sustainable Development Agenda 2030». CWP-Armenia presented results of "SDG Water-PF" project.



5. Workshop on the Project "Development of the Action Plan on Adaptation to Climate Change at the local level"

CWP-Armenia organized the workshop to discuss the developed measures on adaptation to climate change for 3 villages: Basen, Margaovit and Mets Parni. This workshop was held on 24 June 2016 in Vanadzor, Armenia.



6. Working Group meeting of the EU Water Initiative in Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia

The meeting of the EU Water Initiative Working Group organized by OECD and UNECE took place on 12-13 May 2016 at the International Energy Agency Headquarters (IEA) in Paris, France.

It brought together senior officials representing water and environmental authorities from countries of Western and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) as well as international organizations, multilateral and bilateral donors.

Georgia was presented by Ms. Mariam Makarova (Ministry of Environment Protection of Georgia) and Mr. George Dzamukashvili (CWP-Georgia Chair).

The meeting reviewed the implementation of National Policy Dialogues on integrated water resources management and on water supply and sanitation in the region. The discussion was focused on three main components: transboundary cooperation, managing water for green growth, and water-climate-food-energy nexus. Moreover the meeting discussed future of the EECCA Working Group and the post-2016 activity in the region. The meeting noted importance of NPD on water policy as a strong tool for IWRM implementing as well a need to continue NPDs.



7. Disseminating knowledge on water security

CWP-Georgia in cooperation with the Greens Movement of Georgia organized the lecture on water security for students on June 4, 2016 in Tbilisi.

Students (total: 25) were informed about:

- water resources in Georgia;
- mobilization of societies;
- Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystem Nexus;
- GWP activity;
- 20th Anniversary of GWP.

They watched a video devoted to the 20th Anniversary of GWP.



8. Seminar devoted to integration of Georgia with EC

The Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum organized 2-days seminar to discuss integration issues of Georgia with EC. This seminar was held on 26-27 June 2016 in the Napareuli village in Georgia.

The meeting discussed implementation of obligations under the Association Agreement between the EU and Georgia mainly harmonization of country's legislation.

In 2013-2014, CWP-Georgia has developed a new water law, which is scheduled to be debated in Parliament in 2017.

The meeting discussed the role of the Georgian Civil Society in the EU integration process. The meeting was attended by 50 organizations, parliamentarians, representatives of the authorities.



9. Meeting "Impact on Environment. Ways and Possibilities to Overcome"

CWP-Georgia in cooperation with the Greens Movement of Georgia organized the meeting for stakeholders on problem related to impact on environment and its overcoming. This meeting was held on June 28, 2016, in the Conference Hall of the Geologists Society of Georgia in Tbilisi.

Among other issues the climate change and its impact on water resources was the core question.

Participants (total: 25) were informed about GWP activity and the 20th Anniversary of GWP too.



10. Meeting on transboundary water resources management

The meeting organized by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan was held on June 24, 2016 in Astana.

The meeting discussed two issues:

- 1) IWRM principles in the Syrdarya water resources apportioning;
- 2) draft agreement on water resources apportioning of transboundary rivers between China and Kazakhstan.

Participants: CWP-Kazakhstan, representatives of the Committee on water resources of the Ministry of Agriculture of Kazakhstan, the Aral-Syrdarya basin inspectorate, EC IFAS, Kazakh branch of SIC ICWC, Department of transboundary rivers of the Ministry of Agriculture of Kazakhstan, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan, the Ministry of National Economy, the Ministry of Energy, the Committee on Emergency Management, administrations of Almaty and Eastern-Kazakhstan regions, Balkhash-Alakol and Ertis Basin Inspectorates, research institutes and interstate organizations.

11. Meeting on wastewater reuse

On June 15, 2016 Prof. Kipshakbaev (CWP-Kazakhstan Chair) had met Prof. Myrzakhmetov (Kazakh National Research University) to discuss increasing of additional surface water resources within the State Program "Water Resources Management in the Republic of Kazakhstan".

They developed the provision of a rational for renewal and development of irrigation in the area of coverage by the Sorbulak wastewater accumulator and the letter to the head of administration of Almaty region.

12. WACDEP CACENA in Kazakhstan

CWP-Kazakhstan jointly with the Center of Knowledge Dissemination "Kyzylorda" prepared the booklet on results of demo-project which was disseminated among farmers of Kyzylorda region.

13. Doors Open Day devoted to the 15th Anniversary of CAREC

On June 20-21, 2016, CWP-Kazakhstan took part in the Doors Open Day devoted to the 15th Anniversary of CAREC. This event was attended by the graduating students of Kazakh National Agrarian University and Kazakh National Technical University as well as students of the Ushkonur water resources college.

14. Roundtable "Environmental protection - the key to sustainable development of the Issyk-Kul region"

CWP-Kyrgyzstan took part in the Roundtable "Environmental protection - the key to sustainable development of the Issyk-Kul region" organized by the Aarhus Center in Bishkek, "KGZ-Water/Issyk-Kul" project, "FinWaterWEIII" Programme in Kyrgyzstan. The Roundtable was held at the Conference Hall of the "Kyrgyz Seaside" spa resort in the Issyk-Kul region.

The following issues were considered:

- activity of Aarhus Center;
- activity of the Republican Fund of Nature Protection and the forestry development;
- environmental monitoring and assessment of water quality of the Issyk-Kul lake;
- activities of the youth organizations related to promotion and implementation of measures on the environment protection.

Participants watched a video about environmental activities at the Issyk-Kul Lake. Also the divers demonstrated how to clean the bottom of the coastal zone of Issyk-Kul Lake from household waste.



15. Meeting with the Agricultural College graduates

On June 20, 2016, CWP-Kyrgyzstan organized a meeting with the Agricultural college graduates in Kant town.

This meeting was aimed to inform about GWP activity and to develop partnership. CWP-Kyrgyzstan made the presentation about GWP activity with demonstration the GWP 20th Anniversary video as well as informed participants (total: 28, incl. 16 women) about CWP-Kyrgyzstan activity and ways to be a partner. Also CWP-Kyrgyzstan presented results of the demo-project implemented in Talass region.



16. WACDEP CACENA in Kyrgyzstan

CWP-Kyrgyzstan organized the training on results of demo-project within WACDEP CACENA for water specialists, farmers, experts, civil society representatives. The training was held on June 15, 2016, in Talas town.

The recommendations on agrotechnologies and irrigation rates for bean in Talas region were presented. The climate change in the Talas region and its impact on water resources as well adaptation to climate change at local level were considered. Also the ways to decrease mono-crop cultivation and transit to cultivation of other crops were discussed. Additionally CWP-Kyrgyzstan informed about role of GWP at the global, regional and country level and showed the GWP 20th Anniversary video.





17. Discussion "Adaptation measures to climate change and human impact"

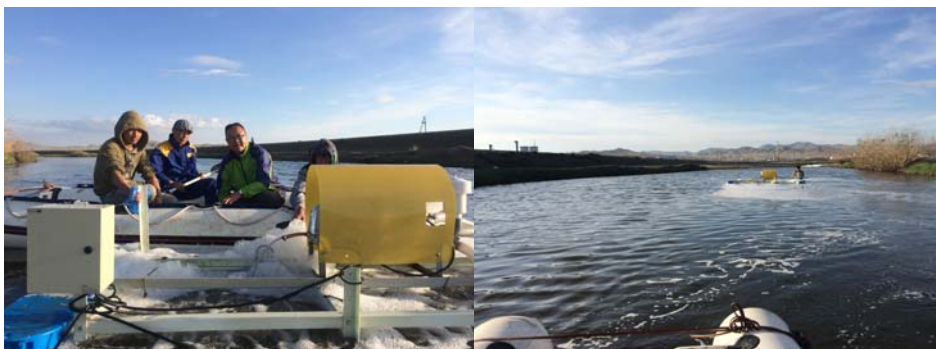
CWP-Mongolia organized a meeting "Adaptation measures to climate change and human impact" for citizens to better understanding of climate change impacts and adaptation and mitigation measures. This meeting was held on 6th of June 2016 and was attended by 43 representatives of local administration of Ger area.

The following issues were also considered: ways to reduce human impact on climate when coal extraction; how much CO₂ is being produced and what is right ways to reduce air pollution from raw coal and to produce less CO₂ emission.



18. Improving of water quality of Mongolian water sources

CWP-Mongolia took part in the testing the USA "Biocleaner tecnologia" for wastewater treatment. Then the side event was held to demonstrate how the polluted rivers and springs could be treated. Also this method was shown on TV.



19. Meeting on Hydro-Economic analyses development

CWP-Mongolia took part in the meeting on Hydro-Economic analyses development organized by WRG2030. This meeting was aimed to identify cost effective solutions to reduce water deficit in Ulaanbaatar in the future.

40 people from different institutions were involved into this discussion. CWP-Mongolia presented a number of comments in case of IUWM.



20. WACDEP CACENA in Tajikistan

CWP-Tajikistan organized the round table on results of demonstration project "Water saving crop irrigation technologies for all-the-year-around use of irrigated lands for adaptation to climate change in Tajikistan". This roundtable was held on June 2, 2016, in Gafurov town, Sogd region.

Representatives of governmental, research, educational and non-governmental organizations participated (total: 20 participants).

The following issues were considered:

- Results of the demonstration project "Water saving crop irrigation technologies for all-the-year-around use of irrigated lands for adaptation to climate change in Tajikistan";
- Drip irrigation of crops: current state and prospects;
- Prospects for development of land reclamation and irrigation under climate change in Sogd region of Tajikistan.



21. Presentation of the book issued by the Tajik Agrarian University named after Sh. Shotemur

CWP-Tajikistan took part in the roundtable on presentation of the book issued by the Tajik Agrarian University named after Sh. Shotemur. This roundtable was held on June 23, 2016. The book is devoted to activity of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan Emomali Rakhmon and the 25th Anniversary of Independence of Tajikistan. The book reflects development of the agrarian & industrial sector in the years of independence of Tajikistan.

A special place is given to the rational use of water and land resources, as well as land reclamation.

The roundtable was attended by representatives of the ministries, universities, research institutes, public organizations, mass media etc. (total: 50 people).



22. Workshop on the IncoNet Central Asia project

CWP-Tajikistan participated in the Workshop on "IncoNet Central Asia" project within the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation "Horizon 2020". The workshop organized by the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tajikistan was held on 20 June 2016 in the Conference Hall of the Academy of Sciences in Dushanbe. More than 70 representatives of academia, research institutes, governmental and public organizations attended the workshop.

Participants discussed results of implemented projects within the EU Framework Programme "Horizon 2020", as well they were informed about new projects submitted and requirements to submission of new project proposals. CWP-Tajikistan presented some projects on innovation technologies in the sphere of water resources, hydro-ecology and agriculture.



23. Ninth meeting of the Task Force on Access to Justice under the Aarhus Convention

CWP-Turkmenistan took part in the ninth meeting of the Task Force on Access to Justice held from 14 June 2016 to 15 June 2016 in Geneva. The meeting aimed to provide a platform for exchanging information on key recent developments concerning legislation, policy and case law with regard to the implementation of the third pillar of the Convention.

24. Twentieth meeting of the Working Group of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention

CWP-Turkmenistan took part in the twentieth meeting of the Working Group of the Parties to the Aarhus Convention held on 15-17 June 2016 in Geneva.

The Working Group reviewed the implementation of the current work programme and discussed a number of items, including, progress achieved in promoting access to information, public participation and access to justice, and in ratification of the Convention's amendment on genetically modified organisms; financial matters; and promotion of the Convention and relevant developments and interlinkages.



Geneva, 16 June 2016

25. Consultation on NGOs' role in the CAREC environmental programs

CWP-Turkmenistan took part in the consultation on NGOs' role in the CAREC environmental programs held on 8 June 2016. CWP-Turkmenistan discussed current initiatives of CAREC in Turkmenistan and proposed using its potential (the training module on IWRM, the training module on international and national water law, "Health and security in schools and kindergartens", "Solid Waste Management", "Medical Waste Management", "Food Safety", the principles of gardening of settlements under arid climate).

26. WACDEP CACENA in Turkmenistan

CWP-Turkmenistan took part in the seminar on cultivation of cotton on irrigated lands. This seminar organized by the administration of Dashoguzsky region was held on 24 May 2016. CWP-Turkmenistan made a presentation "Irrigation of cotton by irrigation pipelines". Presentation was based on the results of the demonstration project within WACDEP CACENA. Participants expressed a great interest to the developed irrigation technology and discussed possibility to its implementation for agricultural production in the Dashoguzsky region.



27. Competition "Best Idea for Adaptation to Global Climate Change"

The fraction of the Ecological Movement of the Legislative Chamber of Oliy Majlis of Uzbekistan in cooperation with CWP-Uzbekistan under support of the Ministry of Higher and Secondary Education organized a competition "The Best Idea for Adaptation to Global Climate Change" among the students and masters of the higher educational institutions.

Of the submitted works for competition, 120 presented by the students of 24 universities of Uzbekistan were admitted to competition. On June 3, 2016 in the city park named after Gafur Gulam the Ecological Movement of Uzbekistan held a festive event dedicated to the World Environment Day. It was attended by representatives of the public, embassies and offices of foreign countries in Uzbekistan.

Welcoming the participants of the festive event, Vice-Speaker of the Legislative Chamber of Oliy Majlis of Uzbekistan, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Ecological Movement B.B. Alikhanov said that the parliamentary group is doing a systematic analytical work in order to improve the current legislation related to nature protection and water resources, as well as to develop the environmental protection culture among population. At the end of the festive event the winners were awarded. The winners received diplomas and memorable gifts.



Organization of festive event was supported by the Chinese Embassy in Uzbekistan, the ZTE company, Shandong Kerui Petroleum Equipment Co. Ltd, Huawei and others.



28. GWP CACENA internal consultations

GWP CACENA Regional Secretariat during June promoted consultation process with all CWP's concerning workplan and financial conditions for new strategic period 2017-2019. It was agreed that during next three years CACENA countries will better systemize their efforts for creation water security at all levels using GWP CACENA framework, which promotes power of IWRM as a tool for sustainable development. GWP CACENA should strengthen decentralized resources mobilization capacity to ensure that locally raised funds secured at the regional and country levels as a minimum 1:1 to core funds received from GWPO.

29. Celebrating 50th anniversary of land reclamation in the Soviet Union

GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator Vadim Sokolov on the request from Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan and with support from CWP-Uzbekistan took part in the Jubilee meeting to celebrate 50th anniversary of the Program of the wide land reclamation in the Soviet Union (1966), held on 2 June 2016 in Moscow, Russia .



Celebration of the 50-years anniversary of the Program of the vast land reclamation in the Soviet Union (1966) held in the House of the Unions in Moscow



GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator Vadim Sokolov's statement on behalf of water professionals of Uzbekistan

The May 1966 Plenum of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union played a special role in the development of land reclamation in the USSR. After the plenum, land reclamation was begun on vast areas (for example the Golodnaya and Karshinskaya steppes in Central Asia, the lands along the Karakum canal in Turkmenistan, the Kakhovka irrigation system on the Dnieper, the non-chernozem zone in Russian Federation, the Baltic region, and Western Siberia). By 1971 the area of irrigated land reached 11.1 million hectares, and that of drained lands, 10.2 million hectares. More than 22 million hectares were limed between 1966 and 1970. All the rice produced in the USSR (1,279,000 tons in 1970, or almost 2.5 times as much as in 1965), as well as all the cotton, is raised on reclaimed lands, as are more than 30 percent of the vegetables and a significant percentage of the grapes, fodder crops, and sugar beets. More cereal crops, including winter wheat and corn, are being planted on irrigated and drained lands. In 1971 cereal crops occupied 3.9 million hectares of improved land. One of the main challenges was the intensive development of irrigated farming in the cotton-growing regions (the Karshinskaya, Sherabadskaya, and Golodnaya steppes, the Karakum Canal zone, and the Fergana Valley). That was one of the reasons for the Aral Sea crisis.

30. National workshop for leaders of the basin administration of irrigation systems of Uzbekistan

GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator Vadim Sokolov on the request from Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of Uzbekistan took part in the National workshop for leaders of the basin administration of irrigation systems of Uzbekistan, held on 4-5 June in Fergana province. Main topic of the workshop was addressed to exchange practical experiences and knowledge on water saving technologies implemented in irrigated agriculture of Uzbekistan.



On the wall picture in the Main Administration of Fergana Irrigation Systems: showing the Great Fergana Canal construction in 1939 by 160,000 Uzbek and Tajik workers, who created canal 270 kilometers long within 40 days.



Drip irrigation system on vineyards



Irrigation of cotton field with flexible pipe



Opening Ceremony of the newly constructed Dargana pumping station



Demonstration of different water saving technologies at the field level



Wheat in the Fergana Valley

GWP CACENA contribution to the Eighth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference

The Eighth Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference took place in Batumi, Georgia, from 8 to 10 June 2016.

31. Side event: Towards greening the economy across sectors through nexus assessments: lessons from the Alazani/Ganykh and the Syr Darya River Basins

The Side Event convened by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), Global Water Partnership (GWP; represented by National Water Partnerships of Georgia and Kyrgyzstan) was held on 9 June 2016.

Resource management is traditionally confined to sectoral silos and does not adequately take into account risks related to inputs required from other sectors. Furthermore, if development plans and actions are not coordinated at transboundary level, tension may result due to the impacts or investments may be ineffective. The "nexus approach" to managing interlinked resources holds promise as a way to enhance water, energy and food security by increasing efficiency, reducing trade-offs, building synergies and improving governance, while protecting ecosystems. This side event contributed to the discussion in Batumi on green economy.

The nexus approach has already demonstrated value in facilitating transboundary dialogue, identifying beneficial intersectoral opportunities for cooperation, also beyond the sub-regions showcased in this side event.

The basin assessments of the Alazani/Ganykh and the Syr Darya were carried out an assessment of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus in selected transboundary basins as a part of the work programme for 2013-2015 adopted by the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Water Convention).

A step-by-step methodology for carrying out a participatory assessment of the nexus in transboundary basins has been developed under the Water Convention and the basin examples presented in this side event illustrate the application, providing relevant references for the Eastern pan-Europe. The event served to inform those interested in applying the methodology further.



Chair: Mr. Sergiusz Ludwiczak, Chief of Transboundary Cooperation Section, UNECE; H.E. Ms. Ekaterine Grigalava, Deputy Minister for the Environment and Natural Resources Protection, Georgia, has opened the side event and Mr. Seppo Rekolainen, SYKE has presented NEXUS approach



Panelists of the side event: Mr. Vadim Sokolov, GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator; Mr. Baadur Ukleba, Georgian Amelioration Ltd; Mr. Tagoimurod Gulov, Head of Water Resources Department, Ministry of Energy and Water, Tajikistan; Mr. Rasim Sattar-Zada, Head of Environmental Policy Division, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Azerbaijan



Participants



32. Side event: Global Water Partnership: Network for Knowledge on Water Security to Help Stakeholders Move Towards to Achieve SDGs

The Side Event organized by GWP CACENA and GWP CEE was held on 9 June 2016.

The main purpose of the side event was to intensify cooperation of GWP CACENA and GWP CEE with the key regional stakeholders and international community, in particular, international organizations, financial institutions, donors, foundations and CACENA countries in order to attract their attention and efforts to address the knowledge generation and dissemination on water security which would help key regional stakeholders to move towards to achieve SDGs

Participants: GWP Partners from all CACENA countries and key Stakeholders/participants of the Conference + representatives from GWP CEE

The session was organized in the form of the expert panel discussion of issues related to aspects of knowledge generation and dissemination on water security – how we understand concept of water security, and how GWP’s network experiences and potential can help key regional stakeholders to move towards to achieve SDGs.

The following outputs from the side event were promoted:

- Better understanding among the professionals in the Caucasus and Central Asia including Mongolia of water security elements and tools and techniques for water resources practice;
- Contribute to strengthening of the cooperation arena for all CACENA and CEE countries by providing an opportunity for joint learning, better understanding of alternatives and strengthened capacities and consensus building skills of key stakeholders on the way to SDGs achievement;
- Establishing a foundation for further networking, communication and informed dialogue among key stakeholders on all levels in CACENA and CEE regions.



GWP Senior Network Officer, Francois Brikke contributed to the side event



The side event was chaired by Mrs. Nino Chkhobadze, GWP CACENA Chair



WACDEP CACENA project managers: Shukhrat and Abdybay at the side event



Working moment of the side event

GWP CACENA RC members and partners took part in sessions, side events, discussions etc.

Prof. Kipshakbaev (CWP-Kazakhstan Chair) made presentation "Developing the SDGs Strategy: Kazakhstan case study" at the session "Global Water Partnership: Network for Knowledge on Water Security to Help Stakeholders Move Towards to Achieve SDGs"

Prof. Basandorj Davaa (CWP-Mongolia) has suggested to organize the Steering committee meeting and the WACDEP training in Ulaanbaatar on September, 27-28, 2016. He also discussed with Mr.Francois Brikke possibility to host APWF water summit in Mongolia in June 2017.

33. GWP CACENA Regional Council Meeting

GWP CACENA Regional Council Meeting was held on 9 June 2016 in the Chao Hotel in Batumi, Georgia.

The main issues were discussed:

1. News from GWPO - Francois Brikke, SNO
2. Outputs from Regional Days in Stockholm held in May 2016
3. Information from CWP Armenia and Kazakhstan about progress on SGDs promotion
4. Financial discipline: Audit 2016 - lessons learnt
5. GWPO Financial guidelines and Fundraising – locally raised funds
6. WACDEP project – how to proceed
7. Organizational issues – Chair of GWP CACENA about SWOT progress of the Regional Secretariat rotation
8. Future events, suggestions to the Work Plan for 2017-2020 (including preparations for regional WACDEP workshop in Mongolia in October 2016)



34. Regional Working Group Meeting on Information Exchange in Central Asia

GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator Vadim Sokolov actively participated in the Regional Working Group Meeting within the UNECE project on exchange of information on water, energy and environment in Central Asia, which was held on 15 June 2016 in Almaty, Kazakhstan. The meeting was attended by participants representing key organizations and institutions of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea, the Coordination Dispatch Center "Energo" as well as partner organizations, including the Central Asian Regional Environmental Centre (CAREC), UNEP, GIZ, SDC, GWP CACENA and the World Bank.

The meeting discussed how to improve regional information space and to coordinate access to this space among the water, energy and environmental sectors. It was agreed to send letters to all Governments and interested institutions asking them to contribute to this process and to support efforts undertaken by the Regional Working Group.

35. Kick-off Workshop on the Mongolian Water Project of Asian Water Council

GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator Vadim Sokolov was invited by Korean Corporation K-Water to take part in the Kick-off Workshop on the Mongolian Water Project of Asian Water Council, which was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia on 21-25 June.

The Board of Asian Water Council (AWC) has approved the Mongolian Water Project, which is submitted by the Mongolia government. The title of water project is "Update and develop national water policy in line with SDGs, Paris declaration and long term development policy of Mongolia", which shall lead by the Special Committee of Water-Energy-Food (WEF) Nexus in AWC. Dr. Vadim Sokolov, GWP CACENA Regional

Coordinator, is a Vice-Chair of the WEF SC, that allows to wider disseminating GWP knowledge over the Asian continent.

The objective of the workshop was to initiate the Mongolian Water Project and to evaluate the current water management practices in Mongolia and to recommend the Implementation Plan to raise up the efficiency based on WEF nexus approach. The evaluation and recommendation for the Mongolian water management plan will be carried out on the basis of the National Water Program until 2030, linking with the international development agendas such as SDGs and Paris Declaration.



The kick-off workshop in the Ministry of environment, green development and tourism of Mongolia



Group photo of the kick-off workshop participants, 22 June 2016



During the field trip to the site area of the future water reservoir in the Tuul river basin



Visiting the Gachuurt ground water in the floodplain of Tuul River. View to the Ulaanbaator city from the top of the hill where main water reservoir of this system is located (about 18 kilometers distance).

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