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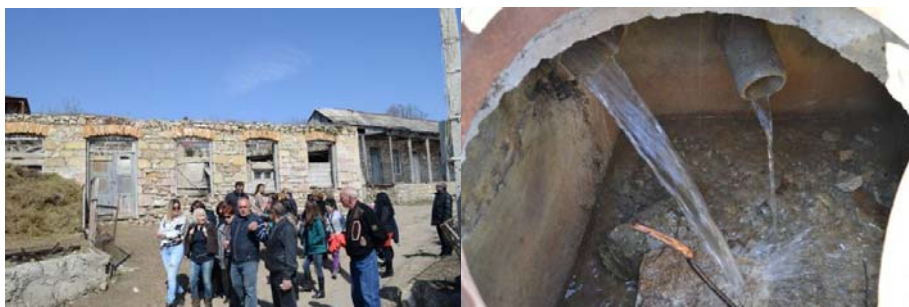
Section 1: Armenia

World Water Day -2015 in Armenia

CWP-Armenia jointly with its partner "SPRING Group" conducted a whole number of events devoted to the World Water Day under slogan "Water and Sustainable Development of Communities". This activity was within yearly project "Let's take care of Armenia".

a. The first meeting took place in the Yenokavan village, in the north of Armenia, which has pretensions to be the first eco-village in the Republic. The meeting was attended by representatives of relevant ministries and agencies (35 members), who discussed the existing problems of the village and opportunities for development as a "smart" and ecological village.

Experts on water and sanitation from the partner organization JINJ were also invited. CWP-Armenia investigated opportunities to develop water and sanitation infrastructure, wastewater treatment, and the collection and reuse of rainwater. Ways to manage mud streams, which have increased in recent years, were also discussed.



Participants see the sites of the historical part of the village

Drinking water sources in the village

b. On March 20, 2015 the Round Table "Water and sustainable development of communities" was organized by CWP-Armenia and SPRING Group in the Conference Hall of the Business Center "Elite Plaza". Representatives of the ministries (Nature Protection, Agriculture, Public Health), and agencies (Agency for Water Management, the State Committee of Water Resources), regional management authorities, the media, private and NGO sectors, villages (28 people) took part.

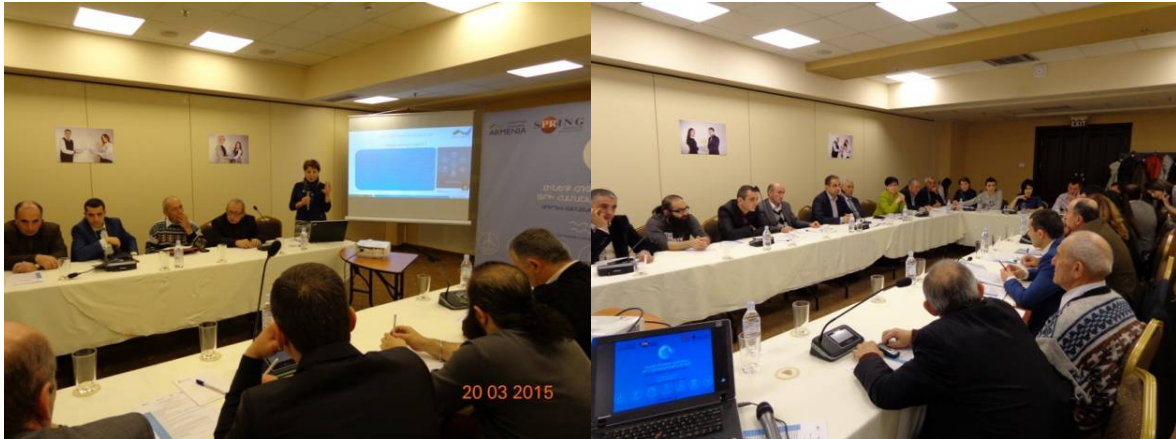
A trip to the Parakar village was organized for media representatives to demonstrate the treatment plant constructed within WACDEP CACENA.



Parakar treatment plant

Interview to TV channel "Shant"

After that participants have returned and continued the Conference in Yerevan. The representative of CWP-Armenia reported about water connection with different aspects of development (health, nature, urbanization, industry, food and equality). She also noted the need to include water into SDGs.



Presentation by Ms. Arevik Hovsepyan

Participants

The photosession on 7 messages (Water and Health, Water and Nature, Water and Urbanization, Water and Industry, Water and Energy, Water and Food) related to WWD-2015 and with participation of show business celebrities was organized.



Roundtable participants

c. On March 19, 2015 CWP-Armenia jointly with the Geological Museum conducted a workshop devoted to WWD-2015. Teachers from different schools, students, museum staff (22 participants) were involved. Presentations on water security of the country and the role of water in human life were made. Students presented their vision of water role in sustainable development of the country.



Announcement about workshop



Participants

WWD-2015 in Armenia in mass media:

	massmedia	website
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2	Eritasard.am	http://www.erit.am/index.php?lang=1&id=28706 http://www.erit.am/index.php?id=28706&lang=2
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6	Panorama.am	http://www.panorama.am/am/society/2015/03/21/water-day-2015/
7	Imyerevan.com	http://imyerevan.com/hy/culture/view/10327/ http://imyerevan.com/ru/culture/view/10333/
8	Shant TV	http://www.shanttv.com/am/news/political/2015_03_20/16288/

Dresden Nexus Conference 2015

On March 25-27, 2015 CWP-Armenia representatives under support of GWPO participated in the Dresden Nexus Conference 2015 (DNC2015) organized by UNU-FLORES, the Technische Universitat Dresden and the Leibniz Institute for Ecological Urban and Regional Development. The Conference was held under the umbrella "Global Change, SDGs and the Nexus Approach" and gathered more than 350 participants from 65 countries (<http://www.dresden-nexus-conference.org/>).

CWP-Armenia presented a poster on the WACDEP CACENA demonstration project as a Water-Land-Wastewater Nexus, when wastewater after treatment is used as irrigation water and therefore degradation of irrigated lands is being decreased.



Ms. Arevil Hovsepyan and Mr. Eduard Mesropyan (on the right) near their poster

Closing session

Section 2: Azerbaijan

Fourth NPD Steering Committee meeting in Azerbaijan

CWP-Azerbaijan took part in the Fourth NPD Steering Committee meeting held on February 27, 2015 in Baku.



The meeting discussed Joint National Policy Dialog and EU “Environmental Protection of International River Basins (EPIRB)” Project. Among other issues, participants discussed recent developments in the water sector of Azerbaijan, status with a draft national water strategy, EPIRB project activities in Azerbaijan, including development of IRBMP for Central Kura Pilot area, the planned process for setting of national targets under the Protocol on Water and Health, the multi-purpose water reservoirs in Azerbaijan, UNECE project on pilot assessment of the water-food-

energy-ecosystems nexus in the Alazani/Ganikh basin, Direction EUWI NPD activities in Azerbaijan for 2015 and beyond, etc.

Mr. Teymur Osmanov, GWP CACENA RC member, informed participants about results of IWRM principles implementation by the JSC Land Reclamation and Water Management. CWP-Azerbaijan disseminated the "Water Tales" book issued under its financial support among participants.

Conference "Water and Sustainable Development" in Azerbaijan

This conference was held by CWP-Azerbaijan jointly with UNDP within the project "Integrating climate change risks into water and flood management by vulnerable mountainous communities in the Greater Caucasus region of Azerbaijan" in the Oguzsky region of Azerbaijan on March 13, 2015 and was devoted forthcoming celebration of WWD-2015.



Representatives of JSC "Land Reclamation and Water Management', the Emergency Situations Ministry, the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, JSC "Azersu", Administration on irrigation systems of Oguzsky region, as well the public participated in the Conference.

Mr. Mammed Asadov, CWP-Azerbaijan Coordinator, did a presentation "Water management adaptation in Azerbaijan to the global climate changes". He informed in detail about GWP CACENA, WACDEP CACENA and IWRM principles.

CWP-Azerbaijan disseminated folders, pens, notebooks with WWD-2015 logo, together with the book "Water Tales" issued under its financial support among participants..



Section 3: Georgia

Stakeholders National Meeting within EMBLAS

On March 2, 2015 the national meeting within the UN/UNDP project "Improving Environmental Monitoring in the Black Sea" (EMBLAS) organized by the National Agency on Environment of Georgia was held in the Conference Hall of the Radisson Hotel, Tbilisi.

The following issues were discussed:

- Georgia's needs associated with the fulfillment of the obligations arising from the Association Agreement with the European Union;
- Framework Directive on marine strategy and its implementation in Georgia;
- Review of national and regional monitoring programs.

The meeting also considered coordination of international water projects in Georgia. It was observed a great achievement in the field of improvement of water legislation of Georgia. The process is being coordinated by CWP-Georgia.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources of Georgia, academia, the private and non-governmental sectors (total: 30 people). CWP-Georgia was represented by Mr. George Dzumukashvili and Ms. Nino Chkhobadze.

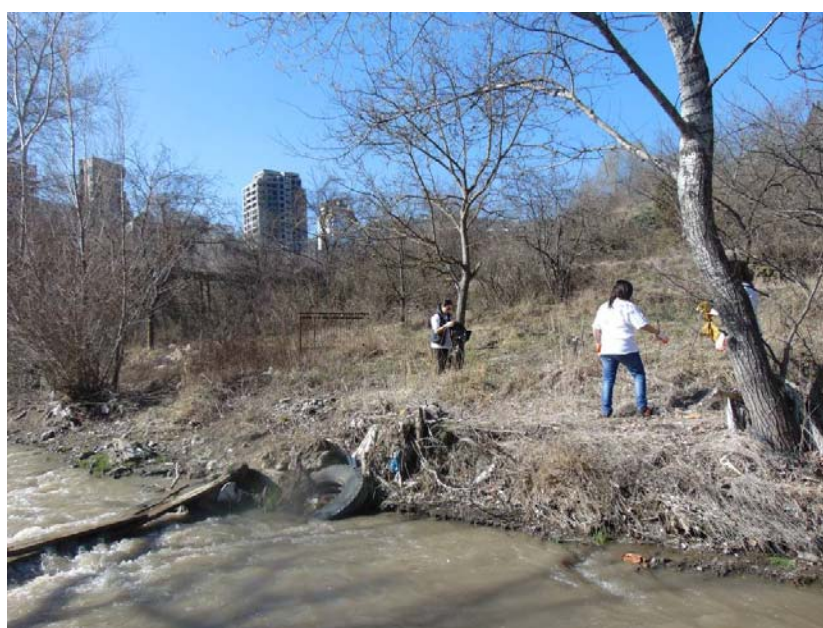


Cleaning Action in Tbilisi

CWP-Georgia took part in the cleaning action organized by the Greens Movement of Georgia on March 14, 2015 in Tbilisi.

This action was devoted to "Actions against dams", "Actions to protection of rivers, water and life".

Volunteers (20 people) have cleaned territory along river in the Veriysky coomb. The garbage was collected and thrown away.



Environmental NGOs Meeting

On March 16, 2015, in the European House in Tbilisi, up to 20 environmental NGOs met to discuss topical environmental issues and to plan joint activities accordingly.

The meeting was organized in the framework of the EU Eastern Partnership.

At the meeting the CWP-Georgia made a statement about the campaign for the Support of Water Goal. Participants were acquainted with CWP-Georgia's campaign plan on the Dedicated Water Goal. It was decided that NGOs- member of the National Platform of the Civil Forum of the EU Partnership will be involved to lobby the Dedicated Water Goal with aim to include it into SDGs.



Seminar "Water Resources of Georgia: protection, exploitation, management"

On March 17, 2015 CWP-Georgia organized the seminar "Water Resources of Georgia: protection, exploitation, management" in the Khulo town for young people (total: 23).

Participants were also informed about SDG campaign in Georgia planned by CWP-Georgia.

This seminar was devoted to the Day of action against dams and for protection of rivers, water and life (14 March) and the World Water Day (22 March).

Ms. Nino Chkhobadze, GWP CACENA Chairman, delivered a lecture.



Cleaning Actions in Tbilisi and Samtredia

CWP-Georgia took part in the cleaning actions organized by the Greens Movement of Georgia on March 22, 2015 in Tbilisi and Samtredia.

This action was devoted to the World Water Day.

Despite of raining more than 50 volunteers took part in the cleaning action "Let's clean Georgia". They have cleaned territory of the Tbilisi Sea. The garbage was collected on the territory of 500 m2 and thrown away. Volunteers cleaned also territory along the Churtava river - the right-hand tributary of the Rioni.



Public consultation meeting on the draft River Basin Management Plan

The public consultation meeting on the Draft Chorokhi-Adjaristskali River Basin Management Plan (RBMP) was held in Batumi, Georgia, on March 24, 2015.

The meeting gave the opportunity for 50 participants to learn more about the draft RBMP for the Chorokhi-Adjarsitskali Pilot basin, including the planned Programme of Measures, to take part in the discussions and to provide their comments and proposals on the draft plan.

Representatives of the Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources of Georgia, Department of Environment Protection and Natural Resources of Adjara, academia, private and non-governmental sectors, international projects took part in the draft plan discussion.

Participants noted that fact of draft development is a sign of progress in water sector of Georgia.

Agenda is here: <http://blacksea-riverbasins.net/en/pilot-basins/chorokhi-adjaristskali-basin>

Participants were acquainted with CWP-Georgia's campaign plan on the Dedicated Water Goal. CWP-Georgia also informed participants that new water legislation of Georgia is being created under coordination of CWP-Georgia.



Section 4: Mongolia

CWP-Mongolia negotiated with WB on trainings of Mongolian specialists

On March 9, 2015 Prof. Basandorj Davaa (CWP-Mongolia Chairman) has met with Ms. Toyoko Kodama (Urban specialist, Infrastructure Unit, Sustainable Development Department, East Asia and Pacific Region, World Bank) to arrange a short-term training on modelling of water supply of towns and IWRM approach for rational and sustainable use of water sources in the river basins and to discuss IWRM development. As a result the followings were agreed:

- a. start a training in September 2015;
- b. World Bank will cover all expenses related to training conducted by USA professors and GWP experts;

- c. CWP-Mongolia will select 20-25 people from various ministries, agencies, research organizations;
- d. CWP-Mongolia will arrange logistics in Ulaanbaatar.

Strategic Meeting and International Workshop on Tools for Customizing IWRM Guidelines for Water Security in Asia and in the Pacific: Challenges and Opportunities for Help and Ecohydrology

Prof. Basandorj Davaa (CWP-Mongolia Chairman) as a winner of case study "Water & Cities" was invited by UNESCO to participate in the Strategic Meeting and International Workshop on Tools for Customizing IWRM Guidelines for Water Security in Asia and in the Pacific: Challenges and Opportunities for Help and Ecohydrology that was held on 10-12 March, 2015 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

This meeting was held in conjunction with the Asia Pacific Pre-Meeting to the 7th World Water Forum to discuss the region positioning for the 7th World Water Forum. Prof. Basandorj Davaa did 2 presentations: "Drought & water management in Mongolia" and "Water management challenges in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia".



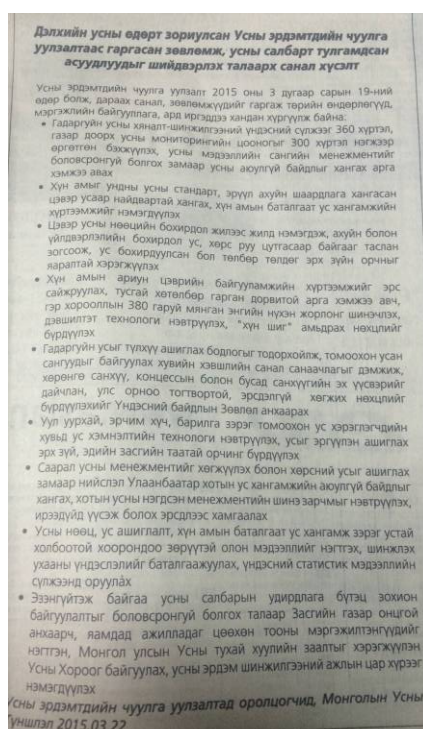
Water Symposium in Mongolia

The Water Symposium organized by CWP-Mongolia was held on March 19, 2015 and attended by 200 water scientists.

There were 9 presentations related to: hydrology, hydrogeology, hydropower constructions, water supply for agriculture and grasslands, water deficit in mountains and water shortage in energy enterprises, modelling and effectiveness of wastewater treatment, water quality in deserts, water and sustainable development, new HESs on the Selenga river.



As a result of discussion water scientists noted importance of researches on new dams on the Orkhon and Selenga rivers and long-distance transporting of water. There were defined 9 main ways of water researches and partnership as well the recommendations for government were developed.



Teleconference "Water and Sustainable Development"

On March 22, 2015 the teleconference "Water and Sustainable Development" devoted to the World Water Day was held on the National TV of Mongolia. Prof. Basandorj Davaa (CWP-Mongolia) among other water scientists took part in the discussion.



TV interview by CWP-Mongolia

Prof. Basandorj Davaa at the TV interview has proposed on behalf of CWP-Mongolia a wide partnership development in all spheres of economy that can overcome water problems by more clear understanding and saving of water resources and domestic use of treated wastewaters. He proposed to use groundwaters for irrigation of green belts, streets, autoroads etc. He also participated in the TV roundtable.





#Watergoal campaign in Mongolia

On the World Water Day, March 22, 2015, CWP-Mongolia conducted the action in support of a Dedicated Water Goal at the main squares of Ulaanbatar. People (total: 230) discussed ways to improve and increase friendly water supply and sanitation for all. They all signed a petition to support a Dedicated Water Goal.





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Section 5: Tajikistan

Meeting with electorate of Gissarsky region

CWP-Tajikistan's representatives participated in the parliamentary elections held in the Gissarsky region of the Republic of Tajikistan. They used this opportunity to meet electorate for raising knowledge on IWRM. CWP-Tajikistan talked to various people (farmers, school teachers, village doctors etc. - total: 20 people) about water and environment problems and importance of IWRM for problem solutions.



UNDP Workshop in Tajikistan

On 5 March 2015, in Dushanbe, CWP-Tajikistan took part in the one-day workshop on "Towards the Public Expenditure Review in the Water Sector" within a joint UNDP-UNEP Poverty-Environment Initiative (PEI) organized by UNDP in collaboration with the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan.

More than forty representatives of the respective ministries and agencies, local authorities, Water Users Associations, as well as civil society organizations and independent experts attended this workshop.

The main objective of the workshop was to launch the process of the Public Expenditure Review in the Water Sector (Water PER), and to explore how the Public Expenditure Review can support an ongoing reform process in the water sector and how the ongoing process of Public Financial Management in Tajikistan will affect the management of public financial resources in this sector. At the end of the session, participants were consulted on the roadmap for further carrying out the Water PER.



Celebrating International Women's Day

On March 7, 2015, CWP-Tajikistan organized the meeting of partners to celebrate International Women's Day.





Second Workshop on Developing the National Strategy for Adaptation to Climate Change in Tajikistan

CWP-Tajikistan participated in the Second Workshop on Developing the National Strategy for Adaptation to Climate Change held in Dushanbe, on March 12, 2015.

The workshop was conducted by Committee on environmental protection under the Government of Tajikistan and by PPCR Project 'Technical assistance to Tajikistan for building capacity for climate resilience' funded by Asian Development Bank. Committee on environmental protection under the Government of Tajikistan implementing PPCR Project 'Technical assistance to Tajikistan for building capacity for climate resilience' will support country in developing national adaptation strategy.

Participants discussed and selected proposed investment projects on adaptation to climate change, risks and impacts. General purpose of the workshop is development of National Strategy for Adaptation to Climate Change in Tajikistan.

Second workshop ended with identification of possible adaptation options and identification of priority investment projects in: water resources and energy, agriculture, transport, education, health, migration, labour market and social development sectors.





The Roundtable on "Science, technology and innovation"

On March 20, 2015, CWP-Tajikistan jointly with the Institute of water problems, hydropower and ecology organized the Roundtable on "Science, technology and innovation". The aim was to inform about achievements in those spheres and their use in water management and agriculture in Tajikistan as well to strengthen collaboration and building capacity. About 25 participants from Tajikistan and Japan took part.



Section 6: Turkmenistan

NPD Steering Committee meeting in Turkmenistan

On March 31, 2015, CWP-Turkmenistan took part in the NPD Steering Committee meeting organized by UNECE in Ashgabat.

Various agencies (total: 19) of Turkmenistan and some international organizations (UNECE, UNDP, GIZ, RC on Preventive Diplomacy, Dutch-Kazakh University) participated. Aim: reporting on activity for 2014 and planning for 2015-16.

It was decided:

- recommend the training module on IWRM for water specialists that developed by CWP-Turkmenistan within UNECE grant as a tutorial for training in the Ministry of Water Resources of Turkmenistan;
- arrange a working group on development of IWRM Roadmap;
- arrange an inter-departmental task force on Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents, and to discuss accession of Turkmenistan to this convention;
- arrange an inter-departmental task force on studying the Protocol on Water and Health under lead of the Ministry of Public Health of Turkmenistan.



NPD Steering Committee meeting

Open data workshop for NGOs in Eurasia

CWP-Turkmenistan took part in the Open Data training organized by UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub on March 24-25, 2015 in Istanbul.

The training brought together NGOs and young journalists from the Europe and CIS region interested in using governmental and open data in their work.

The training was led by data experts and activists from Europe and the CIS and trainers from the School of Data. It built on real-life case studies and hands-on exercises. The two-day event also supported the learning and networking of NGOs and journalists with like-minded organizations and people in the region.

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