

GWP CACENA Activities July -August 2011

1. IWRM Water Policy & Strategy development facilitated at relevant levels

The second round of the National policy dialogues and training seminars on IWRM was conducted during July - September by the CWP and GWP CACENA Secretariat in all eight countries. This second round of dialogues and seminars is a continuation of the awareness campaign and capacity development program to facilitate National IWRM planning process in all CACENA countries. The target is capacity development for key players of planning and IWRM implementation process, not only involving water specialists, but also water users and other stakeholders (in average about 35-40 persons in each country were attended to the meetings).

As example, **CWP-Georgia supported round table discussion** on the topic “Strengthening of the Water Legislation in Georgia”. There were discussed two documents:

- The concept of the water resources management policy
- National Plan of Convergence (Roadmap)



Presentation of the documents in the Ministry of Environment supported by CWP Georgia

Round-table discussion led by CWP-Georgia

Outcomes and the past activities that influenced them

Country Water Partnerships in all CACENA eight countries has implemented eager activity amongst all ministries, research and educational institutions, the functions of which are related to water resources. As a result, the representatives of the water and sewerage companies and research institutions have prepared corresponding materials and represented at the round table discussions.

2. IWRM Programs & Tools developed in response to regional and country needs

Collaboration with Executive Committee of the International Fund for the Aral Sea (EC IFAS)

GWP CACENA created collaborative alliance with Danish partners (DHI and COWI) Consortium, which won the **PROJECT: “Comprehensive analysis of the economic value of the integrated use and conservation of water resources in the Aral Sea Basin”**. The Project funded by USAID grant (USD 520 K), client is Executive Committee of the International Fund for saving the Aral Sea (EC IFAS).

On 10-11 August 2011 in Almaty, Kazakhstan there was held **Inception Seminar for the project**. Members of the project team (partners of the GWP CACENA from five Central Asian countries) participated in the seminar, which was aimed at establishing a common understanding of the project and its objectives, discussing the model concept and defining the project management and work procedures, including the role of the Regional Expert Team. Representatives of EC IFAS and USAID participated in the seminar.

It was agreed that the model shall be developed with a view to the need to facilitate an improved regional policy dialogue among the 5 Central Asian countries. Hence, it shall not aim at covering every single point source as these have been identified in various research activities carried out.

Special attention was paid to the Dropbox (www.dropbox.com), since all final documents prepared within the project, all background documents and also various draft documents will be made available in the dropbox. It facilitates transparency and easy exchange of documents, including Excel files and even photos. Slides used at the seminar are in the Dropbox, which is named "IFAS, Aral Sea Basin".



Participants of the Project meeting in Almaty, August 2011

In August GWP CACENA sent a Letter of interest to the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan as a potential provider of the training services on the IWRM. The Republic of Azerbaijan has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Public Investment Capacity Building Project. **The training will aim at** providing a comprehensive overview of integrated water resources management techniques, concept of IWRM, the development of IWRM frameworks and conceptual models, barriers and enablers to these IWRM approaches, planning

and management tools. The training program will help the participants to improve efficiency and effectiveness in the application of integrated water resources management for sustainable management and development of water resources, leading to water security.

3. Linkages between GWP and other frameworks, sectors & issues ensured

CWP – Armenia and CWP-Uzbekistan supported respective water ministries to fill out the 2 levels questionnaires for UNDP/GWP Survey on IWRM progress (Rio+20).

4. GWP Network effectively developed & managed

The Chair of GWP CACENA, Mr. Yusup Kamalov, Regional Coordinator, Dr. Vadim Sokolov and Communication Officer of the Regional Secretariat, Mr. Ilhom Babaev took participation at the GWP Regional Days Meetings and Consulting Partners Meeting, held on 15-19 August 2011 in Stockholm.

During CP meeting Mr. Kamalov did a presentation on behalf of GWP CACENA to brief all participants on the key aspects of the food security in the contexts of general water security in Central Asia and to discuss what value added GWP can bring on. If to look at who are key actors in agricultural water management – we can see two groups: responsible actors and contributing actors. GWP can influence to those two groups of actors. For the key responsible actor - government – GWP can support policy dialogues and National IWRM planning. For relevant national and local agencies and farmers – who are end users of water - GWP can support capacity building programs and advanced knowledge dissemination. For contributing actors GWP can help by facilitation of partnerships and alliances, by organization joint pilot projects and consultations. Also, capacity building activities for those actors are key.



Conversation with Patron of GWP - Visit to the Bjorn's grave in Trossa Prince of Orange

During reporting period GWP CACENA has undertaken a wide information activity on GWP in all countries over the region (www.gwp-cacena.org).

News



Prof. Erejep Kurbanbaev from NGO “Eco Priaralie” in Nukus, Uzbekistan – CACENA Regional TEC member - celebrated his 70th anniversary on 12 September. The all partners are sending to Erejep congratulations and best wishes.