

GWP CACENA MONTHLY REPORT for DECEMBER 2012 – JANUARY 2013

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According to the GWP CACENA Regional Work Plans for 2012 and 2013 the following activities were implemented by GWP CACENA in December 2012 – January 2013:

2012 Strategy Goal 4: To increase the visibility and sustainability of the GWP network and its independent platform to build coherence and viable internal and external alliances

Outcome Challenge 4: Sustainability of the GWP network

Council Meeting of GWP Central Asia and Caucasus, Yerevan, Armenia, 10-12 December 2012

The Council Meeting was hosted by CWP Armenia. The RC meeting was attended by seven of eight Council members and some regional TEC members from seven countries (except Azerbaijan), and regional Secretariat.

Annual reports of national water partnerships were reported by each country representative, Regional Secretariat, and Chair. Country reports reflected the fulfilling the Strategy 2009-2013.

Summary of discussion and actions to be taken are as follows:

- ***Development of GWP CACENA Strategy 2014-2019:***

Some national councils organized internal consultations to assess achievements of current strategy. However, this is not sufficient and this consultation at national level will continue.

The regional meeting to consult on a new strategy is planned on April 8-9, 2013, jointly with GWP CEE.

The meeting will be limited at the participation of national partners. Therefore, it is important that a meeting will build on national consultations conducted in January – March 2013. Although CACENA and CEE regions work with the same international agencies (such as UNDP, UNECE, EC), these agencies have very different portfolios in these regions. The joint inter-regional meeting with GWP CEE is therefore an opportunity to make a joint effort of CEE and CACENA in approaching the donors. This regards specifically Caucasus region. The Caucasus countries (not limited to Central Asia) will elaborate specific proposals where they wish to cooperate with CEE and Danka will communicate with GWP CEE how to incorporate potential proposals into the agenda of the joint CEE/CACENA meeting.

- ***Regional workplan and budget 2013 was approved and adopted by the Regional Council:***

It was agreed, that the Regional Secretariat will elaborate a draft workplan of the CCA program by January 25, 2013 to consult with Danka and Alex. It is envisaged that a final document will be shared at the key document for the meeting in Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan) on March 18-19, 2013.

- ***Organizational issues***

Communication Officer: As well as there is an immediate and urgent need to hire a communication officer, therefore, a proposed communication officer – Khaydarova Valentina - was hired on full time for a probation period of three months (January-March 2013).

Host institute agreement – the expiration of the current agreement will be in March 2013. Vadim requested GWPO to support renewal of the agreement.

- ***Other issues***

- A model BEAM was launched and now is available at www.beam.cowi.com It is a result of one-year project in Central Asia to explore possible water allocation patterns. The main client of the BEAM model is International Fund for Aral Sea Saving (IFAS) to support the future investments in the basin. The model is available for the public and different scenarios are allowed to be modeled.

Preparing and delivering the “GWP CACENA 2012 Submission to GWP in Action 2012 Annual Report” to GWPO.

In January 2013 GWP CACENA and the Regional Secretariat submitted the "GWP CACENA 2012 Submission to GWP in Action 2012 Annual Report" to GWPO.

Preparing and delivering to GWPO the Financial Report of GWP CACENA/IWMI for 2012

In January 2013 the Regional Secretariat submitted the Financial Report of GWP CACENA/IWMI for 2012 to GWPO in line with requested rules.

2013 Strategic Goal 2: Address critical development challenges

Outcome Challenge 2.1: Enabling policy environment for regional cooperation

GWP CACENA was invited to mobilize CWPs of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan to be prepared to National Dialogues

Guidelines for National Consultations on the future development agenda for water were translated into Russian and sent to CWPs of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

CWPs of Uzbekistan and Tajikistan were requested to propose their vision of organizing events in February-March 2013 and confirm readiness to submit a report about those events.

Outcome Challenge 2.2: Practical steps to strengthening regional cooperation

Preparing GWP CACENA project proposal for GWP CCA Program

The GWP CACENA Proposal for GWP CCA Program 2013-2015 is aiming to help countries to systemize their efforts on climate change adaptation using GWP CACENA framework, which promotes power of IWRM as a tool for climate-resilient development.

The draft proposal was submitted to GWPO in January 2013. Its Russian version was circulated to CWPS in order to consult. Results of consultations with CWPs will be generalized at the meeting in Bishkek in March. After that the program will be launched for implementation.

Participation in the meeting with Korean experts from the Global Green Growth Institute on 14-15 January 2013 in Tashkent

Following a consultation meeting with Global Green Growth Institute in Seoul, South Korea on 4-5 October, Regional Coordinator of GWP CACENA, Vadim Sokolov took part in the meeting with Korean experts from the Global Green Growth Institute that was held in Tashkent (SIC ICWC office) on 14-15 January 2013.

In December 2012 the contract between GGGI and GWPO was signed and a new joint project addressing to development of Guidance and Strategies for the Water Security to Promote the Green Growth in the Aral Sea Basin was launched under support of the GWP CACENA Regional Secretariat (Vadim Sokolov, Regional Coordinator). After that the project implementation was started.

On 14-15 January 2013, Korean experts headed by Dr. Hong Ilpyo visited Tashkent. They participated in the working meeting together with regional experts, who will implement the joint project. That working meeting was held at the Training Center of the Interstate Coordination Water Commission.

2013 Strategic Goal 3: Reinforce knowledge sharing and communications

Outcome Challenge 3.2: Involvement into global and regional processes

Participation in the Consultative Meeting on Organization of 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit, in Bangkok, Thailand, on January 14, 2013

Chairman of GWP CACENA, Mr. Yusup Kamalov, took part in the Consultative Meeting on Organization of 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit, in Bangkok, Thailand, on January 14, 2013. The meeting updated the preparation of the 2nd APWS, revised the Summit scope and discussed a program.

The Integrated Water Resources Management was among considered themes. UNESCO was assigned as responsible for preparation of IWRM topics. The Chair, Prof. Dr. Anuchart Anukularmphai, noted that GWP should be invited to deal with these issues. On behalf of GWP, Mr. Hiroki, GWP Steering Committee Member, informed that GWPO didn't discuss so far this possibility.

NEWS

Meeting with Korean experts from the Global Green Growth Institute on 14-15 January 2013 in Tashkent increased the visibility of GWP CACENA in Korea.

Participation in the Consultative Meeting on Organization of 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit (Bangkok, Thailand, January 14, 2013) increased the reputation of GWP CACENA among countries/organizations participated in the APWS.

COMING EVENTS (with participation of GWP CACENA)

1. Kick-off meeting of Global Task Force, February 5-6, 2013, GWP Med, Athens, Greece.
2. Workshop on planning Climate Change Adaptation Activities in CACENA countries, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, March 18-19, 2013.
3. GWP CACENA Regional Council Meeting, March 20, 2013, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic.
4. Meeting on the project "Green Growth Framework for water security in the Aral Sea Basin", March 26-27, 2013, Seoul, Korea.
5. Inter-regional GWP CEE/CACENA meeting, April 8-9, 2013, Kiev, Ukraine.

PHOTOS



Meeting between the Global Green Growth Institute, SIC ICWC and GWP CACENA at the Training Center of ICWC in Tashkent



Vadim Sokolov, GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator (the second on the left), and Korean experts at the meeting with deputy chairman of the Ecological Movement of Uzbekistan, Sayedrasul Sanginov.