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According to the GWP CACENA Regional Work Plans for 2013 the following activities were implemented by GWP CACENA in May 2013:

Strategic Goal 1: Ensure water is a key part of sustainable national development

Outcome Challenge 1.1: Enabling policy environment for National IWRM plans

1) The Roundtable “National Consultations on water in the post-2015 development agenda”, 10 May 2013, Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

The Round Table was initiated by the Ministry of Land Reclamation and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan, GWP CACENA under support of and in cooperation with UNECE and CWP-Tajikistan.

34 participants from various organizations at high level attended this round table. During discussions the key national priorities for the sustainable development of water in Tajikistan were identified: hydropower engineering, irrigated agriculture, water supply and sanitation, industry, fishery, ecology and nature. Plans and proposals for improvement situation were presented at the regional and national level.

As to IWRM it was proposed the followings:

- Transition towards the hydrographic method of water resources management;
- Step-by-step implementation of the institutional reforms, integration of the strategy and water management;
- Public administration, introduction of democratic principles, economic mechanisms of water use and legislation meeting the IWRM principles;
- Introduce the principle of incentivizing water saving and increasing productivity of water and land use;
- Consider ecological and environmental requirements (sanitary and environmental releases, as well as water resources, for protecting the natural complex);
- Undertake a unified recording and planning of the use of surface, underground and returned waters;
- Build capacity via the educational process. Establish information systems, disseminate information...;
- Monitor and evaluate the IWRM implementation process;
- Carry out integrated scientific and research works on the implementation of the key IWRM principles.

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2) The NGOs meeting was held on 29 May 2013 in Tbilisi, Georgia, at the conference halls "Dasi" and "Balavari" in the Sheraton Metechi Palace Hotel. The meeting was organized by CWP-Georgia under support of UNECE and GWP CACENA. The meeting goal was presentation of new draft water law. Total: 25 participants. NGOs of Georgia were the first listeners of new draft water law presented by the expert group on water law. After presentation the participants were involved into discussion. The written comments and proposals will be delivered through CWP-Georgia. Participants noted achievements in the Georgian water legislation improvement and CWP-Georgia as a catalyst. NGOs thanked GWP for the productive work in water sphere.



3) The Extended Meeting of the Steering Committee of the National Policy Dialogue on Integrated Water Resources Management (European Union Water Initiative, Component for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia) was held on 30 May 2013 in Tbilisi, GEORGIA, at the Sheraton Metechi Palace Hotel. The meeting was organized by the Ministry of Environment Protection and United Nations Economic Commission for Europe in cooperation with CWP-Georgia under support of UNECE and GWP CACENA. In total 45 participants from the Parliament of Georgia, Europe, UNECE, other international organizations, private and non-commercial organizations, as well the ministries of Georgia participated in the meeting. The main theme of the meeting was a new water law. Participants gave the credit to CWP-Georgia for its role in developing water issues.

Participants also were informed on National consultations on water in post-2015 development agenda conducted under support of UNECE and GWP. The meeting results were highly appreciated by the participants.



Outcome Challenge 1.2: Capacity development for National IWRM plans

GWP CACENA has contributed to a comprehensive report on the findings of 22 country water consultations that took place between February and May 2013. Reports on Country Consultations in 3 CACENA countries (Georgia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan) are included into that report "National Stakeholder Consultations on Water: Supporting the Post-2015 Development Agenda" published by GWPO. All these reports are placed on the GWP CACENA Website for free downloading.

Strategic Goal 3: Reinforce knowledge sharing and communications

Outcome Challenge 3.1: IWRM knowledge accumulation and dissemination

CWP-Georgia jointly with "Greens Movement of Georgia" has delivered a lecture for the students from various high education institutes on 12 May 2013 in Tbilisi. The following themes were considered:

- IWRM concept - new thinking;
- National political dialogues about IWRM within EU Water Initiative;
- National Consultations on water in the post-2015 development agenda.

The aim of workshop was raising awareness of youth about IWRM concept and related events. The students have shown their willing to participate in similar workshops and in activity related to IWRM. This workshop is within CWP-Georgia's activity on youth involvement to IWRM process.



Outcome Challenge 3.2: Involvement into global and regional processes

1) GWP CACENA attended 49th meeting of Board of Governors of the World Water Council

GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator - Vadim Sokolov attended 49th meeting of Board of Governors (BoG) of the World Water Council on 12-13 May 2013 in Seoul (Korea) as an Observer on behalf of the GWP Executive Secretary, Ania Grobicki.

The first part of the BoG meeting was addressed to the administrative and governance issues of the WWC. The WWC President, Mr. Ben Braga presented the Activities Report for February-May 2013, which was approved by BoG. Mr. Henk Sterk was adopted by BoG for the position of Executive Director of the World Water Council.

Hydropolitics: At the 65th Session of the UN General Assembly, held in New York in September 2010, governments called for accelerating progress towards achieving the MDGs, and for thinking about ways to advance the UN development agenda beyond 2015. In response, the UN undertook several initiatives aimed at developing a Post-2015 Development Agenda and invited WWC to contribute to this process. The WWC BoG agreed to form a Task Force on Water for Inclusion in Post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

It was agreed that Task Force will conduct global consultations using a number of incoming events in 2013:

The WWC has been invited to be part of the High-level Conference on Water Cooperation organized in August 2013 by the Government of Tajikistan jointly with UN institutions. The BoG appointed Mr. Jerome Delli-Priscoli to represent WWC at this conference and highlight issues towards SDGs.

The WWC has engaged in organizing the Budapest Water Summit together with the United Nations System, which will be held in October 2013. It was agreed that Task Force will submit in Budapest concept on Water for Inclusion in Post-2015 SDGs.

Exploring New Ideas and Concepts: The BoG agreed to conduct the following Programmes under umbrella of WWC:

- Water and Green Growth - will be led by Dogan Altinbek. Dr. Hong Il Pyo suggested and BoG agreed to include the Aral Sea Basin project initiated by GGGI and GWP CACENA as a case study to the programme.
- Water, Food and Energy - will be led by Xavier Ursat
- Water and Food Security - will be led by Ricardo Andrade
- IIASA Future Water Scenarios - will be led by Bill Cosgrove
- IWRM - will be led by Torkil Jonch-Clausen. Torkil and Vadim Sokolov have suggested and BoG agreed to invite GWP to lead this programme.

BoG agreed to start consultations on the above-listed programmes during coming events - the 1st World Irrigation Summit in Turkey and Stockholm Water Week

Following up The 6th World Water Forum. The Governors discussed the projects financed with remaining funds from the 6th Forum as well as on what type of investment and follow-up is needed for the Platform of Solutions and Commitments. It was agreed that the Council analyze the existing solutions and investigate the ones proposed from a technical viewpoint as well as a political one. The Task Force was created and will report back at the next Board meeting.

The 8th WORLD WATER FORUM The Board of Governors had previously approved the following four candidate countries to 8th Forum: Brazil, Denmark, Qatar, and the Russian Federation. On 5 March the Secretariat received a note from the representative of Qatar about withdrawing their candidacy, therefore the Selection Commission conducted the informational sessions with the representatives of Brazil (1 representative), Denmark (5 representatives) and the Russian Federation (3 representatives). The Commission is tentatively planning to conduct the site evaluations in July and report back to the next BoG meeting.

The 7th WORLD WATER FORUM: The International Steering Committee (ISC) was formed including 16 persons. Four commissions for the 7th WWF preparations were formed under umbrella of WWC:

- The Political Process Commission Co-Chairman: András Szöllösi-Nagy - UNESCO- IHE
- The Thematic Process Commission Co-Chairman: Mark Smith - IUCN.
- The Regional Process Commission Co-Chairman: Torkil Jonch-Clausen - Danish Hydraulic Institute
- The Science and Technology Commission Co-Chairman: Glen Daigger - International Water Association.

The next Board meeting is planned to be held in October jointly with the Budapest Water Summit.



Participants of the WWC 49th BoG in Korea, May 2013

2) The 7th World Water Forum Kick-off Meeting, 14-15 May 2013, Daegu - Gyeongbuk, Republic of Korea

GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator - Vadim Sokolov participated in the Kick-off meeting for the 7th WWF on 14-15 May 2013 in Daegu. There were around 500 participants, representing 41 countries and 120 organizations.

The evening before, the Welcome ceremony took place in Seoul at Hyatt Hotel and was opened by Mr. Hongwon Chung, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea. Also the attendees at this welcome ceremony were Mr. Yong Jiao, Chinese Vice-Minister of Water Resources and representative of the Mayor of Marseille, Martine Vassal.

"The 7th World Water Forum will bridge the solutions of the last Forum to their implementation and will have in the agenda the high priority issue of Science and Technology agenda to stop

the water suffering" - the World Water Council President Ben Braga said by opening the Kick-off Meeting.



Mr. Hongwon Chung, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea welcoming participants of the 7th World Water Forum Kick-off Meeting in Seoul, May 2013



First introduction of the International Steering Committee Members of the 7th World Water Forum to the participants of the Kick-off Meeting in Daegu, May 2013

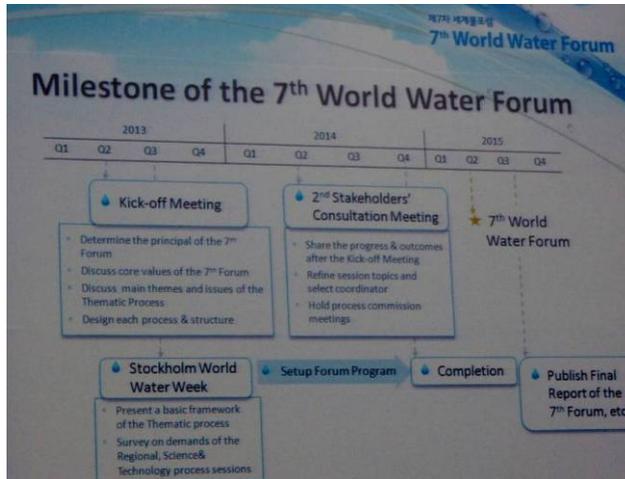
Also this two-day event was attended by distinguished guests: Mr. Seoung-hwan Suh, Minister of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of the Republic of Korea, Mr. Bum-il Kim, Mayor of Daegu, Mr. Jung-moo Lee, Chair of National Committee for the 7th World Water Forum and Mr. Kwan-yong Kim, Governor of Gyeongbuk Province.

The Kick-off meeting is the beginning of a 2-years preparatory process which will lead all the way up to the Forum week in mid April 2015. During 8 interactive break-out sessions the participants were working together on drawing out the next Forum's guiding principles and preparing the ground for the four working processes: thematic, regional, political and Science and Technology.



The EXPO Center in Daegu - Gyeongbuk, Republic of Korea, where the 7th World Water Forum will be held in mid April 2015

The main output of the Kick-off Meeting is the agreed Road Map for next two years.



The Road Map for the 7th World Water Forum presented to the participants of the Kick-off Meeting in Daegu, May 2013

3) GWP CACENA participated in the 2nd Asia-Pacific Water Summit held on 19-20 May, 2013, in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

GWP CACENA was presented by Vadim Sokolov, GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator. The 2nd APWS on the theme of "Water Security and Water-related Disaster Challenges: Leadership and Commitment" was organized by the Royal Thai Government in collaboration with the Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF) and supporting regional and international organizations.

The Summit consisted of: a high-level plenary and focus area discussions on 19 May and a ministerial-level Leaders' Forum on 20 May. It was preceded by an exhibition and poster session from 14-20 May focusing on research, policy, and innovation in the areas of water security and water-related disasters, and technical workshops from 16-18 May. Around 300 delegates from government agencies, international organizations, academia, non-government organizations and the private sector attended the Summit. Ten heads of state and government attended the Leaders' Forum, from Bangladesh, Brunei, Fiji, Georgia, Republic of Korea, Lao Peoples Democratic Republic, Niue, Tajikistan, Thailand and Vanuatu, as well as ministers (including from Uzbekistan) and high-level delegates from many countries.

During the Summit, participants discussed issues of water resources management in relation to food security, human well being, and disaster risk reduction, with many countries delivering policy statements and sharing their experiences and national actions towards water security.

The Summit produced an outcome document, the Chiang Mai Declaration, which was developed through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Thailand, working in cooperation with the Asia-Pacific Water Forum and its lead agencies. MOFA coordinated drafting of the text, including through informal bilateral discussions prior to the Summit, and the text was adopted.



Mr. Shavkat Hamraev, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Water Resources of Uzbekistan



H.E. Mr. Emomali Rahmon, President of the Republic of Tajikistan

4) CWP-Armenia took part at the 11th European Youth Parliament for Water

On 12-19 May 2013 the Republic of Armenia hosted 11th European Youth Parliament for Water on "Water Resource Management".



90 participants from 15 European countries (Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, France, Germany, Greece, Latvia, Moldova, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Switzerland, Turkey) took part in the Parliament. The Armenian delegation consisted of 8 participants, of which **3 were the representatives of Country Water Partnership NGO.**

The main goal of the Parliament was to discuss water resources management and to propose possible solutions for improvement of the management process and for maximal involvement of youth in the process.



The European Youth Parliament for Water started its activities since May 13, after the official opening ceremony in the NA Session Hall under the sounds of the RA state hymn. NA deputies, representatives of state authorities and international organizations attended the opening ceremony.

The RA NA President Hovik Abrahamyan addressed a welcoming word to the youth, having mentioned in particular: "The youth is the motivating force of the society and is our future, and its participation is very important in the search of the world problems

solutions."

Mr. Andranik Andriasyan, Head of the State Committee for Water Management, has read the message from the RA President Serzh Sargsyan. The swearing-in of parliamentarians followed the welcome speeches, during which each delegation from 15 countries promised to work hard and to implement concrete projects on informing on the water problems after its completion.

After the official opening ceremony at the NA, 15 delegates of the participating countries have met with the RA Prime-Minister Tigran Sargsyan and addressed their questions to him.





During one-week activities of the Parliament the young parliamentarians have met and discussed with the various stakeholders problems related to water resource management , as well as there was presented the initial study by the Parliament participants, when each delegation presented the processes of water resource management in their countries.



Playing various roles, the Parliament participants discussed water problems, as a result they concluded that water resource management represents a complex of processes closely related to each other, and that for its efficient functioning it is necessary that the system components are compatible with each other. During the Parliament, the participants visited also the pump station in Hrazdan town, the drinking water chlorination station in Dilijan town and the household wastewater treatment plant in Gavar town. After the visits the participants met with the towns' majors and spoke to the local residents on the

water supply and other problems existing in the towns.



One of the main processes of the Parliament was the development of the Declaration. After representation of the development methods by the Committee, the young Parliamentarians were divided into groups to reveal the global problems specific for their countries and to propose appropriate solutions for those problems.



On May 17 in Sevan the 11th European Youth Parliament met with the Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Territorial Administration, Armen Gevorgyan. The Deputy Prime Minister welcomed the participants, noting that topic of the meeting is an important and urgent topic in Armenia, like

in many countries. He expressed also his joy that young people are interested in such important problems, and welcomed their aspiration to take part in their solution.

The Parliament closing ceremony was on May 18 at the NA Session Hall. The ceremony was headed by the President and Vice-president of the new 11th Parliament elected by the young



Parliamentarians. At the closing ceremony the Declaration prepared by the Parliamentarians was officially adopted. The Declaration emphasizes the importance of including water management program into Curricula, as well as the cooperation with different countries, that will make the collaborative works even more efficient.



The Declaration developed by the young Parliamentarians was disseminated among all participants, and each of them promised to deliver the Declaration to his/her Government. The Armenian delegations officially submitted the Declaration to the Head of the State Committee of Water System - Andranik Andreasyan, who promised that all projects included in the Declaration by the Armenian delegation will be supported by the government.

5) The Subregional Workshop to Share Experience in the Implementation of the UNECE-WHO/Europe Protocol on Water and Health for countries of the Caucasus was held on 27 - 28 May 2013 in Tbilisi, Georgia, at the conference halls "Dasi" and "Balavari" in the Sheraton Metechi Palace Hotel.

The workshop was organized by CWP-Georgia jointly with UNECE and the Ministry of Environment and Nature Resources under the support of UNECE and GWP CACENA.

Representatives of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova, Tajikistan, Finland as well UNECE and WHO-offices working on implementation of the Protocol, participated in the workshop. Total: 45 people. Mr. Dzamukashvili and Mrs. Hovsepyan informed about activity of CWPs in the Caucasus countries. The workshop was highly appreciated by the participants.



6) Visiting the Water User Association and the farm in the Pastdargomsky district of the Samarkand area

On 1 May 2013 CWP-Uzbekistan took part in the familiarization visit of delegations of SDC and the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of Uzbekistan with local farmers of Samarkand area. This visit was within the Rural Enterprise Support Project - Phase II, financed by SDC. The aim of the visit was to become acquainted with achievements of WUA and farmers on IWRM for the last project period. In total 47 people took part in this event. CWP-Uzbekistan has delivered the earlier published materials of GWP CACENA in Russian.



COMING EVENTS (with participation of GWP CACENA)

1. Fourth Workshop on Water and Adaptation to Climate Change in Transboundary Basins (Transboundary climate change adaptation serving multiple purposes), Geneva, Switzerland, on 25-26 June 2013.
2. Sixth meeting of Task Force on Water and Climate (Convention of the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes), Geneva, Switzerland, on 27 June 2013.