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1. Strengthening women capacity: project business trip

<https://www.gwp.org/en/CACENA/News/strengthening-women-capacity-project-business-trip/>

2. Meeting of the Special Working Group of experts on the Agreement between the Republic of Kazakhstan and China on sharing water resources of transboundary rivers

Date: 4-6 February 2020

Place: Almaty, Kazakhstan

Organizers: Transboundary Rivers Department of the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of Kazakhstan

Participants: the working group, CWP-Kazakhstan

The meeting discussed the implementation of the protocol decisions of the 17th Session of the Kazakhstan-China Joint Commission on the Use and Protection of Transboundary Rivers and the 9th meeting of the Special Working Group on the study and approval of the draft Agreement on the allocation of transboundary rivers resources between the Republic of Kazakhstan and the People's Republic of China.

3. Seminar-training on safety of hydraulic structures

Date: 7 February 2020

Place: Taraz, Kazakhstan

Organizers: KazNIIVH and the International Training Center for Safety of Hydraulic Structures

CWP-Kazakhstan Executive Secretary Kuralay Yakhiyaeva took part in that seminar-training and was awarded with the Certificate.



4. Roundtable on SDG 12 "Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns"

Date: 13 February 2020

Place: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Organizers: State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry (SAEPF) under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, Agency "CSR Central Asia"

Participants: SAEPF, civil society organizations, UNDP, FAO

Purpose: Discussing SDG 12 within the preparation of the Voluntary National Review on SDGs achievement in the Kyrgyz Republic.

CWP-Kyrgyzstan participated as a member of the working group on ecology and environmental protection, including regional development, for the preparation of the Voluntary National Review on adaptation and implementation of SDGs in the Kyrgyz Republic.



5. Round table on evidence-based policies for sustainable urban development and innovative financing in the Kyrgyz Republic

Date: 19 February 2020

Place: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Organizers: State Agency for Architecture, Construction and Housing and Communal Services under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic; State Registration Service under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic; United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE); United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

Participants: UNECE, ESCAP, UNDP, Bishkek City administration, various relevant ministries and agencies of the Kyrgyz Republic, civil society, CWP-Kyrgyzstan (Total: 32 people, incl. 16 women).

Purpose:

1. Discussing achievements of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and SDG 11 in the Kyrgyz Republic at the national and local levels;
2. Discussing the planned joint projects in the Kyrgyz Republic namely the project on creating a second country review on urban development, housing and land use of the Kyrgyz Republic.



6. Workshop “Predicting Sustainable Urbanization: Supporting Sustainable Urban Infrastructure Planning” - Introduction and data collection

Date: 20-21 February 2020

Place: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Organizers: Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE).

Participants: UNECE, ESCAP, Bishkek City administration, various relevant ministries and agencies of the Kyrgyz Republic, scientific community and civil society, CWP-Kyrgyzstan (Total: 25 people, incl. 10 women).

CWP-Kyrgyzstan participated as a consultant of ESCAP.

Purpose: Discussing problems and opportunities for achieving sustainable urban development in Bishkek, especially in connection with sustainable resource management.

Participants identified corresponding data sources, developed the data collection plan and the data collection protocol to support basic analysis and forecasts of resources use, an overall project plan has been developed and a working group has been created to support the implementation of the Forecasting project.

CWP-Kyrgyzstan is involved in collecting data to support basic analysis and forecasts of resources use.



7. Meeting with “Ecological Policy” office

Date: 15th of February 2020

Place: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Organizers: CWP-Mongolia, Ecological Policy Office

Participants: 20 people from different NGOs and media

The Meeting has signed the contract for partnership between CWP-Mongolia and the "Ecological Policy" office;

has pointed that water is polluted and that protection of fresh water sources and other activities are important tasks for ecological policy. CWP-Mongolia suggested to organize a short training course for ecological policy officers for better water management and control of water bodies.

The meeting decided:

- Exchange information
- Involve volunteers for ecological policy
- CWP-Mongolia to draft the water related training course program and provide training within 2020;
- Cooperate to improve ecological education and protection of environment;
- Organize seminars on sustainable water management.



8. Workshop: "Assessment of Climate Change Impacts on Water and Land Use in the Amu Darya Basin"

Date: 26 February 2020

Place: Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Organizers: International Institute for Water Resources Management (IWMI), US Agency for International Development (USAID), International Center for Agricultural Research on Drought Areas (ICARDA), the Institute of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization Engineers (TIAME), PEER Cycle 5 USAID project.

Participants: Ministry of Water Resources of Uzbekistan, IWMI, USAID, ICARDA, IFAS, ADB, TIAME, CWP-Uzbekistan, CWP-Tajikistan (Total: 56 people).

Purpose: to discuss the findings of the implemented regional project "Implications of climate change, land use, and adaptation interventions on water resources and agricultural production in the transboundary Amu Darya River Basin" (PEER Cycle 5 USAID).

The workshop discussed issues such as "Overview of water resources and problems in the Amu Darya river basin", "Water resources management in the Aral Sea region", "Climate change models and regionalization of climate models and future forecasts for the Amu Darya river basin" and other topical issues, related to the problems of the Amu Darya and the Aral Sea.

CWP-Tajikistan is involved to this regional project (PEER Cycle 5 USAID). GWP CACENA Regional Council member Vadim Sokolov made a presentation "Creating local ponds, and sustainable management of wetland ecosystems in the Aral Sea region".

<https://tiiame.uz/ru/article/20-02-2029>



9. Lecture: "Water-saving irrigation technologies and water effective use in agriculture"

Date: 27 February 2020.

Place: Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Organizer: Department of Irrigation and Reclamation, Institute of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization Engineers (TIAME).

Participants: professors and teachers of the department, masters and students of the specialty "Water saving irrigation technologies" (Total: 35 people).

CWP-Tajikistan Chair, Professor Yarash Pulatov gave a lecture in which a comprehensive overview of water-efficient irrigation technologies used in Central Asia, including Tajikistan, the impact of climate change on the formation of the Amu Darya, and the ongoing problems of river formation and work to address them was delivered. A short video film on the formation of the Amudarya River was presented too.



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10. Interview by Vadim Sokolov: “The art of managing water” (in Russian)

Newspaper “Pravda Vostoka” (“The truth of the East” – Eng.)

<https://pv.uz/ru/newspapers/pravda-vostoka-30-ot-11-fevralja-2020-goda>

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