

GWP CACENA in February 2005

The GWP TEC handbook “Catalyzing Change...” was translated into Russian and published in 600 copies for dissemination in the region. It will be used as guiding basis for training of trainers at the regional level, who then will lead training courses on IWRM at the National level – as a part of capacity building activities within preparation of National IWRM and water efficiency plans. The first regional training seminar will be held in March. The 60 copies of this handbook already transferred to Kazakhstan CWP as contribution to the Project “National IWRM and Water Efficiency Plan for Kazakhstan”.

The above-mentioned project executed by UNDP-Kazakhstan in cooperation with CWP and Committee on Water Resources of Kazakhstan completed first phase – detailed project document and working papers concerning 3 main goals of the project submitted and discussed with stakeholders, pilot sites identified and working groups recruited. In February next stage started – the main output of which in May 2005 should be first draft of National IWRM plan. It is suggested that follow up activities under this project will be addressed to step by step implementation of the Plan.

During the period 6-17 February a group of water managers representing the Project “IWRM in Fergana Valley” from three Central Asian countries (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan) visited Australia. The study tour was funded by Swiss SDC and organized with support from IWMI and NCID-Australia. The leader of the visiting group was GWP CACENA Chair – Vadim Sokolov. The main goal of this study tour was to obtain experiences of the Murray-Darling Basin Commission with IWRM practice and process of transition from state institutional arrangements to commercial/private ones, which was occurred in 1990-es. These experiences is valuable for CACENA countries as well as they are recently only in the beginning of the similar reforms of water sector.