

## **GWP CACENA in May-June 2005**

There is under way the public awareness campaign towards IWRM principles – in order to ensure the complete comprehension of the IWRM concept in context of the achievement of MDGs by civil society in all CACENA countries. As a part of this process the second regional training seminar on key IWRM aspects was held in May in Tashkent. The “Catalyzing Change...” was used as a basis for training content. The main attention while training of trainers was paid to the worst learned in the region aspects of the IWRM: organizational issues of the water sector reforms and how to organize the public participation; legal and financial aspects of water management; technical and managerial innovations and tools. During June 2005 the trained trainers with acquired knowledge and materials started national seminars - for more wide dissemination of this knowledge in all CACENA countries.

During 30 May -1 June there was held the 2<sup>nd</sup> “International Conference on regional Cooperation in Transboundary River Basins” initiated and conducted by the Tajikistan President Mr. Imomali Rahmonov. In total about 300 participants attended from around 50 countries and international organizations, in particular from UN agencies but also from the World Bank and Asian Development Bank. A final conference resolution took up the Central Asian water issues in the context of the MDGs and WSSD and how these are of global concern in a poverty, health and environmental perspective. The 4<sup>th</sup> thematic session of the Conference on Public *Participation in Building Water Cooperation* was conducted by GWP CACENA. The session was attended by about 50 persons representing networks in CACENA region, Russia, Canada, USA. Also the regional focal points (including GWP CACENA Chair) for 4<sup>th</sup> WWF presented how regional issues are in preparation for the Forum in Mexico.