

GWP CACENA in September 2006

Following to the Regional Work Program during September there were organized training seminars in all CACENA countries as element of the capacity development to facilitate National IWRM planning process. This activity is continuation of actions started in 2005 with special support from the Government of Finland. The target is capacity development for leaders of planning and IWRM implementation process, not only involving water specialists, but also water users and other stakeholders. The principal basis for training courses is the GWP paper “Catalyzing Change...”, IWRM Policy and Technical Briefs and CapNet “Manual on IWRM planning” already all translated into Russian. Also experience of a number of ongoing pilot projects over the CACENA region was used as best practices examples for dissemination.

With support from GWP CACENA there was organized EcoForum meeting of the most active NGOs from Central Asia, who are involved into water and environment actions. More than 40 NGOs and about 25 representatives of mass-media from five Central Asian countries gathered together in Almaty, Kazakhstan on 26-28 September to discuss how to increase public awareness about IWRM concept and the role of civil society for effective IWRM implementation into practice.