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1. Series of the meetings on new water law

Date: 1, 8, 15 December 2020

Place: Georgia

Format: online

Organizer: CWP-Georgia

Participants: civil sector's experts, representatives of the Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture (Water Resources Department, Legal Department) (10 people per 1 meeting)

Purpose: discussing the new water law (2 chapters in each meeting) and propose amendments to the water law.



During the meetings, chapters 1-6 (32 articles) of the new water law were discussed:

Chapter 1 - General Provisions (4 Articles)

Chapter 2 - Competence in the field of water resources and water use (Articles 5, 6)

Chapter 3 - Water resources, its legal status, water bodies and protection

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Chapter 4 - Water use (Articles 12-21)

Chapter 5 - Water Resources Management System (Articles 22-30)

Chapter 6 - Water resources protection and restoration (art.31.32)

Participants prepared their suggestion on amendments for new water law and delivered it to the Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture. The series of meetings will be continued in 2021 and other chapters will be discussed.

2. Meeting on implementation of the National Water Program

Date: 25 December 2020

Format: online

Place: Mongolia

Organizer: CWP-Mongolia

Participants: CWP-Mongolia's partners, representatives of Water agency, ministries, Academy of Sciences (total: 30 people)

Prof. Basandorj hosted online meeting and delivered speech about implementation National Water Program (NWP).

The National Water Program was adopted by the Parliament of Mongolia in 2010. It has 2 implementation stages: 1 - 2010-2015 and 2 - 2016-2021. CWP-Mongolia has suggested to assess progress of NWP implementation in early 2021 and also to lay the government under the obligation of reporting about NWP implementation to Parliament of Mongolia.

Comments and suggestions of participants:

- The NWP implementation stage 2 was not successful and many objectives aren't fully implemented;
- Water governance improvement is most important;
- It is needed to monitor and discuss the Government report on NWP implementation;
- CWP-Mongolia should draw special attention on development of water partnership and improve capacity of non-governmental organizations.

3. International Scientific and Practical Online Conference "Integrated Use of Water and Energy Resources in Central Asia in the Context of Global Climate Change"

Date: December 3-4, 2020

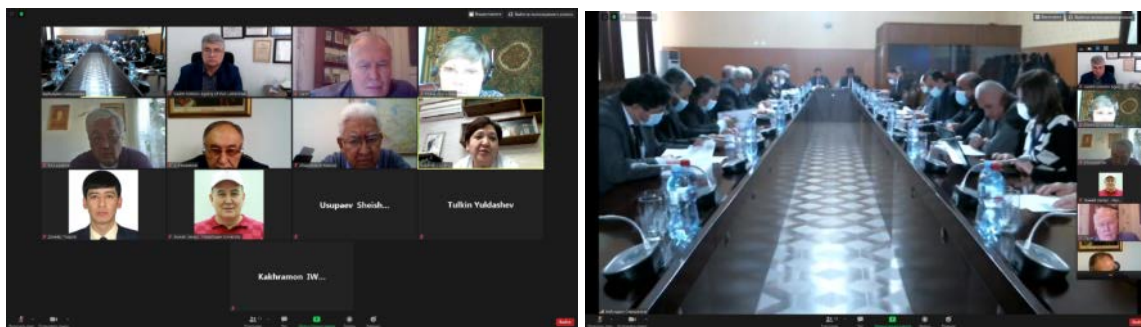
Place: Dushanbe

Organizer: Institute of Water Problems, Hydropower and Ecology of the National Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan

The main goal of the International Conference is to promote the regional dialogue, expand cooperation and ensure sustainable development of Central Asia on the integrated use of water and energy resources in the context of climate change, through the exchange of information, knowledge and experience.

CONFERENCE TOPICS:

- Water resources: formation and water-energy potential
- Management and use of water and energy resources
- Protection of water resources and environmental aspects of water use
- Nexus of Water, Energy, Food and Environment (NEXUS)
- Glaciers and climate change
- Water and energy cooperation: national and regional views (projects)
- Science, education and capacity building in the water and energy sector



Greetings from the GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator Guljamal Nurmukhamedova:

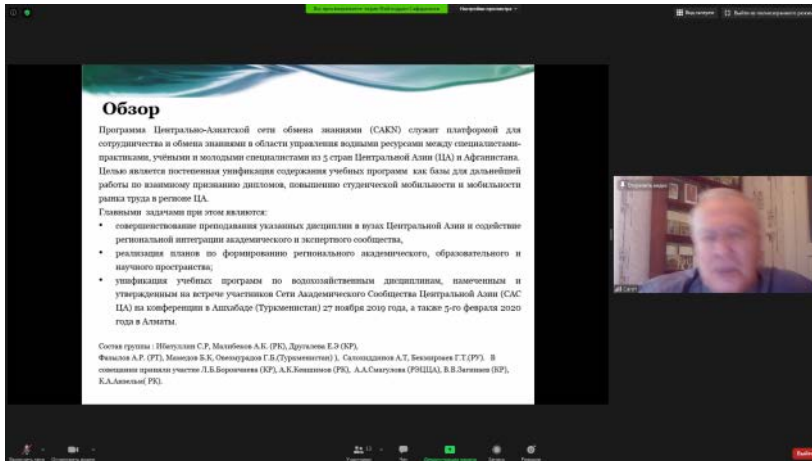
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«КОМПЛЕКСНОЕ ИСПОЛЬЗОВАНИЕ ВОДНО-ЭНЕРГЕТИЧЕСКИХ РЕСУРСОВ
ЦЕНТРАЛЬНОЙ АЗИИ В УСЛОВИЯХ ГЛОБАЛЬНОГО ИЗМЕНЕНИЯ КЛИМАТА»
(3-4 декабря 2020 г., г. Душанбе, Таджикистан)

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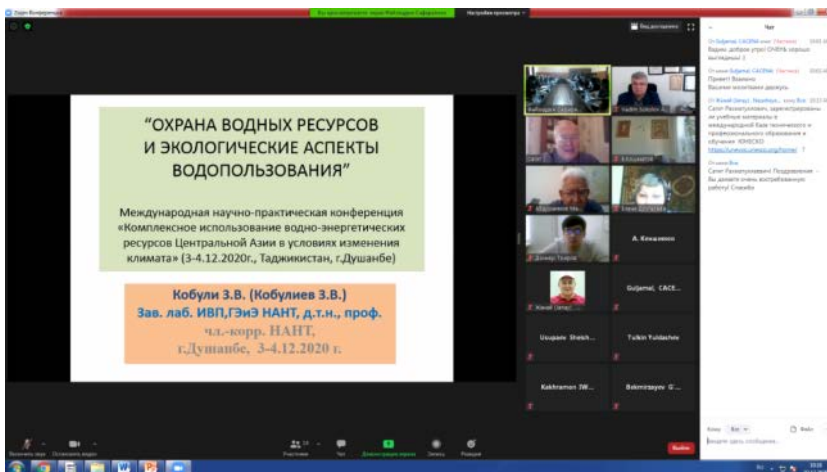
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Presentations:

- Common academic space in the water industry of Central Asia by Sagit Ibatullin



- Protection of water resources and environmental aspects of water use by Dr. Kobuliev



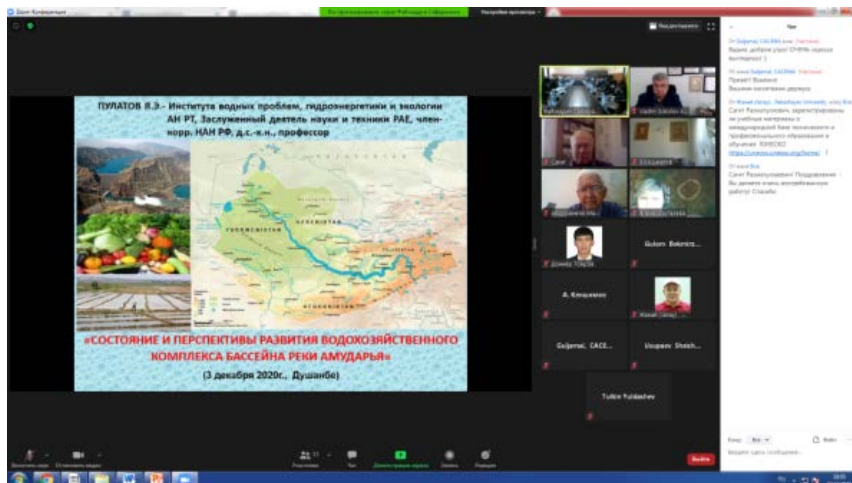
- Water diplomacy and scientific cooperation in Central Asia by Arslan Berdiyev



- Impact of climate change on the glaciers of Tajikistan by Prof. Abdulhamid Kayumov



- The state and prospects for the development of the water management complex in the Amudarya river basin by Prof. Yarash Pulatov



- Prospects for sustainable management of natural resources, protection of biodiversity, development of a "green economy" in the South Aral Sea region by Dr. Vadim Sokolov



4. Meeting on new water law

Date: 26 January 2021

Place: Georgia

Format: online

Organizer: CWP-Georgia

Participants: civil sector's experts, representatives of the Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture (Water Resources Department, Legal Department) (Total: 9 people)

Purpose: discussing the new water law (chapters VII, VIII) and propose amendments.

During the meetings, the following articles of the new water law were discussed:



- Authorized bodies for state control in the field of water resources protection and use;
- State system for water resources monitoring;
- State system of accounting for water resources use.

Participants prepared their suggestion on amendments for new water law and delivered it to the Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture.

Other chapters of the new water law will be discussed at the next coming meetings.

5. Seminar "Progress of Achieving SDG6 in the Kyrgyz Republic"

Date: 18-19 December 2020

Place: Kyrgyzstan

Organizer: CWP-Kyrgyzstan

Format: off/online combination

Participants: State Agency on Water Resources, State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry, Ministry of Emergency Situations, Ministry of Health, KyrgyzHydromet, civil organizations, GWP CACENA Chairperson George Dzamukashvili, CWP CACENA Regional Coordinator Guljamal Nurmuhammedova (Total: 29 people, incl. 9 women).



Background: Integrated water resources management requires active participation of the government and multiple stakeholders at the international, national, regional and local levels. SDG6.5.1 (IWRM implementation) is an important step towards consistent and sustainable water resources management at all levels and is important not only for the achievement of SDG 6, but also for other water-related SDGs.

Purpose of the meeting: Discussing problems and opportunities on the way to achieving SDG6.

Welcome words were delivered by:

- Abdybai Dzhayloobaev, Deputy Director of the State Agency on Water Resources under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic;
- George Dzamukashvili, GWP CACENA Chairman;
- Guljamal Nurmuhammedova, GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator.



6. CWP-Kyrgyzstan Chairperson interview on SDG 6.5.1: Gender Mainstreaming in Water Resources Management

Date: 4 January 2021

Format: online

Organizers: GWP, GWP CACENA, CWP-Kyrgyzstan

Participants: Maggie Kossida, GWP Gender Specialist; Guljamal Nurmuhammedova, GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator, Musabayeva Kasiet, CWP-Kyrgyzstan Chairperson.

The following issues were discussed:

A-1 / How is gender perspective taken into account in your country's water legislation? What specific considerations / policies / measures are / are being implemented in your country to ensure women's participation in water resources management at the local and national level?

A-1.1 / Why do you think gender mainstreaming in water resources management is important?

A-2 / What do you think are the key factors in the proper implementation of these measures?

A-3 / Could you share with us one or two best practices that highlight the efforts your country has made at the national or local level to improve the participation, voice and influence of women in the IWRM sector?

A-4 / Based on your experience, what are the main limitations / barriers to gender mainstreaming in your opinion?

C-6 / What do you think will help your country deal with these problems?

C-4 / Do you know / have country experiences with the process and steps for gender mainstreaming?

A-5 / Do you have access to sex disaggregated data in the water sector? How do you track the progress made in your country and the impact of applied gender mainstreaming practices in OIA (and at what level: local / national)?

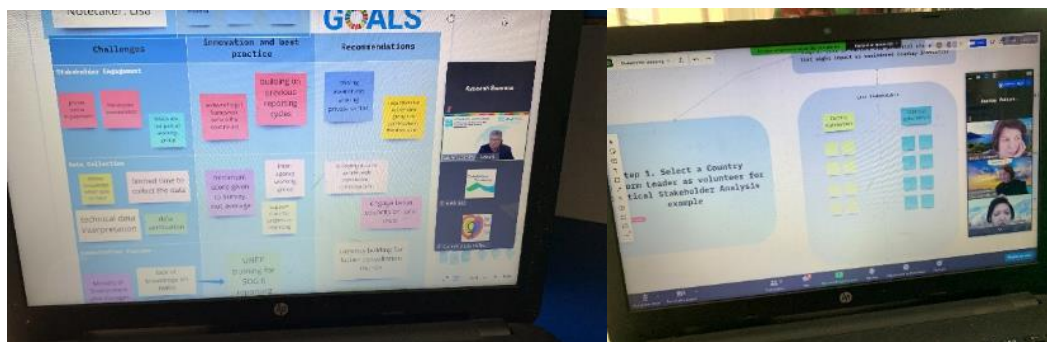
O-1 / What was the most difficult part for your country in answering question 2.2 d?

O-2 / What would make it easier for your country to answer question 2.2d and / or how do you think we should seek to achieve greater harmonization of the scoring process?



7. The event “CWP country leaders, meet your peers! Working towards stronger CWPs”

CWP chairpersons, GWP CACENA RC members and CWPs’ representatives (total: 16 people) took part in this event held on 21 January 2021.



8. Meeting "Youth and SDG 6 as drivers of Sustainable Development Goals: Initiatives in Kazakhstan"

Date: 9 December 2020
Place: Almaty, Kazakhstan

Organizers: Pan Ki-Moon Institute for Sustainable Development under al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Association “CAY4W” (Central Asian Youth for Water), WaterCafe online platform, the Political Science Club “PhD Welt”, the Representational Office of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation Kazakhstan.

CWP-Kazakhstan partners took part in the event and made the following presentations:

- "Youth and SDG 6 as drivers of Sustainable Development Goals: Initiatives in Kazakhstan";
- "Optimizing financing - using existing resources and mobilizing local and international funding".

9. Pan Asia Learning Exchange Workshop on Monitoring and Reporting of SDG Indicator 6.5.1

GWP CACENA representatives took part in this workshop organized by UNEP and GWPO on December, 10, 2020.



10. GWP CACENA Regional Council meeting

Date: 9 December 2020

Format: online

Organizer: GWP CACENA Secretariat

Participants: RC members, CWPs coordinators, GWP CACENA Secretariat, Network Officer.

Agenda:

- Make Network Officer acquaintance;
- Administrative and organizational issues;
- Establishing the Regional Advisory and Technical Council (TOR for the RATC Chairman, the RATC work plan 2021);
- Discussion and approval of the GWP CACENA work plan for 2021;
- About audit 2020 – 2021;

- Establishing the Committee on selection of candidatures for the Regional Coordinator vacancy.



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CACENA
Regional Council Meeting

Valentin Aich, Network Officer C
Guljamal Nurmuhamedova, Regi
Coordinator for CACENA

9th of December 2020

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