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## 1. Improving the new water law of Georgia

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Place: Georgia

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Organizer: CWP-Georgia

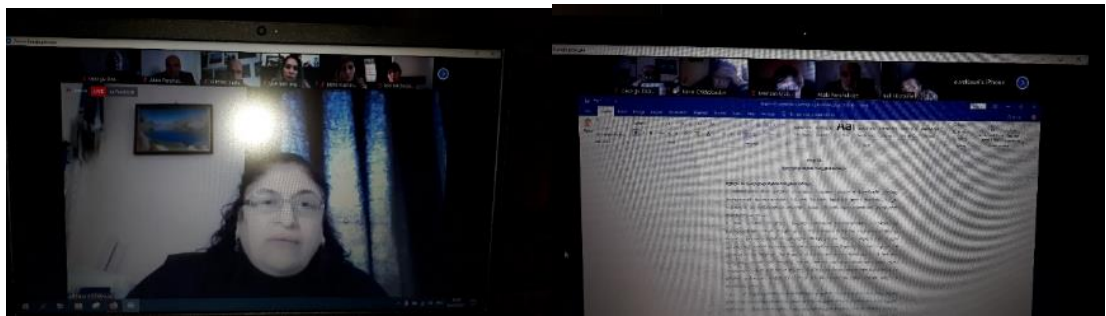
Participants: civil sector's experts, representatives of the Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture (Water Resources Department, Legal Department) (10 people per 1 meeting)

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

During the meetings, chapters IX and X of the new water law were discussed:

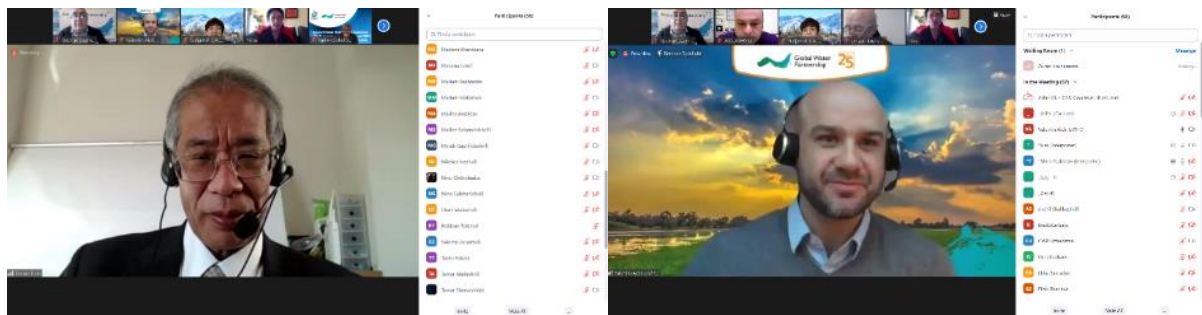
- ✓ Chapter IX - Flood risk management;
- ✓ Chapter X - Economic mechanisms of water resources management.

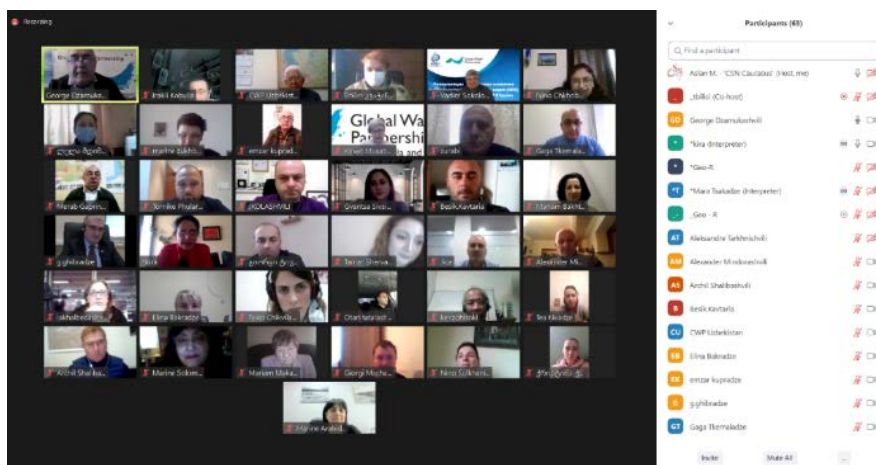
Participants prepared their suggestion on amendments for new water law and delivered it to the Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia. Participants decided that several discussions on the competence of flood risk management are needed.



## 2. Consultation on Addressing Water-Related Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) under the Covid-19 Pandemic in Georgia

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### 3. Consultation on Addressing Water-Related Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) under the Covid-19 Pandemic in the Republic of Uzbekistan

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### 4. Mongolia on track to updating a National Water Law

The Water Law of Mongolia entered into force on 22 April 2004. Due to rapid economical social development, water users and providers require more reliable, faster, transparent, and honest governance. In this regard the President of Mongolia proposed to found new task force that aimed to update water law. The task force jointly with government, ministry, agency, CWP-Mongolia, and non-governmental organizations, could improve legal environment for enforcing governance of water and developing their communication each other.

Since September 2020 till February 2021 several seminars and interviews with people working in the water supply field, and scientists were held. As a result, it was decided to develop and improve legal environment for water supply. CWP-Mongolia was an organizer of the most those events. CWP-Mongolia developed and proposed the following amendments to Water Law of Mongolia:

- ✓ Legal environment for water law is not well created. There is city water supply law, water pollution law and water usage law, separately. It is crucial to combine all the laws and make one united water law.
- ✓ Government organization that aimed to handle and solve water related problems must be regulated by water law accurately and properly. Water institutions should be supported as minister governs the organization directly. In that way, there will be person who is in charge of regulating water supply in whole and water institution must be legitimized.
- ✓ In order to enforce water management, IWRM (Integrated Water Resource Management), RBMP (River Basin Management Plan) must be enforced in advance.
- ✓ New law for grey water must be made.
- ✓ Loopholes and repetition must be fixed and ambitions in the divisions should not be the priority.
- ✓ Water resource must be legitimized as strategically important resource and the details should be thoroughly made.
- ✓ To improve participation of private sectors in this field.
- ✓ Mineral waters, ponds, reservoirs and artificial pools shall be legitimized
- ✓ It is certain that water law should be renewed and implemented as soon as possible with greater focus from government. Currently, there is no particular person or entity who is in charge of all water related problems. Water problems handled in different organizations according to different laws. One governing organization is in demand to be established for solving all water related problems.

The joint working group, including CWP-Mongolia, responsible for updating water law has prepared and submitted suggestions and amendments to water law to the Mongolian Presidential Office.

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