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# Report

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## 1. PARTNERSHIP AS A DRIVING FORCE FOR ACHIEVING WATER SECURITY






2021 marks 25 years since Global Water Partnership (GWP) was founded.

Throughout 2021, celebrations will take place in the worldwide network of 3,000 Partners, highlighting past successes and setting new goals for future achievements.

On July 13-14, Country Water Partnership organized a training for environmental journalists in Aghveran how to highlight various problems in the water sector and present proposals for their solution.



The winners will be selected in five nominations:

-  Best publication in print media
-  Best radio broadcast
-  Best TV show
-  Best online publication
-  Best Photography (two podcasts: professional photography and “shot with a smartphone”)

By September 10, journalistic research and analysis will be published in the form of articles, interviews, videos, and other journalistic materials in the local press or on local TV channels or online.

The final event will take place on September 15, during which the journalists will present their works, which will be sent to participate in the international competition.



## 2. JAPAN EMBASSY GRANT

Country Water Partnership Armenia applied for the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP).

The project will be implemented in Mets Parni community of Lori region. The only secondary school of Mets Parni does not have adequate toilets and water supply and sewerage to provide the required sanitary and hygienic conditions for schoolchildren and the school staff.

The Project goal is to increase the level of healthcare, awareness on the sanitary and hygienic rules and treated water reuse among schoolchildren in Mets Parni community. To reach this goal the Project will rehabilitate the school toilets and construct a compact wastewater treatment plant to treat the school wastewater and reuse it via irrigation system (800 linear meter) around the school area. Gardening will be a component of eco-education for schoolchildren. In addition, the trees and bushes will protect the school area from winds and storms (the school is

at the edge of the community which lacks forest areas). The irrigation system will in its turn foster the behavioral change among the schoolchildren on the efficient and water-saving practices.

As a result of the project implementation, three toilets (each with two seats) of the school will be rehabilitated, the sewerage system will become operational, a small wastewater treatment plant and a drainage facility will be constructed, trees and bushes barrier will be constructed and they will be irrigated with the treated wastewater. In addition, the schoolchildren will be trained on sanitary-hygienic rules and taking care of the garden.

### **3. Meeting on water resources management**

Date: 14 July 2021

Format: online

Organizer: Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of Kazakhstan

Participants: Public organizations, NGOs, journalists, CWP-Kazakhstan

CWP-Kazakhstan Chairman Prof. Nariman Kipshakbayev initiated discussion on water security, sustainable development and staffing.

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### **4. Meeting of the public council on the National Project "Zhasyl Kazakhstan"**

Date: 22 July 2021

Format: online

Organizer: the public council

Participants: the public council members, CWP-Kazakhstan

The Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan has developed two national projects: "Zhasyl Kazakstan" and one on water resources management.

1) The national project "Zhasyl Kazakstan" consists of 7 main sections: improvement of water bodies, reduction of air pollution, waste management, conservation of biodiversity, greening of the country, energy efficiency, eco-education and improvement of ecological culture. According to the results of the project implementation, by 2025 it is planned to achieve a decrease in the volume of wastewater discharges, to increase the share of waste processing from the current 18% to 35%, as well as to reduce the energy intensity of the country's GDP.

2) The previously developed draft state program on water resources management was transformed into a national project. 6 main directions have been identified, including the improvement of interstate water relations to strengthen water diplomacy, digitalization, accounting and monitoring of water resources, water conservation, restoration of irrigation systems and facilities. In addition to these points, it is also planned to update the legal framework, develop a new version of the Water Code, and strengthen the work on the training of specialists in the water industry.

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### **5. The Fourth Central Asia Climate Change Conference (CACCC-2021) "Regional Cooperation for Climate-Resilient Future"**

Date: 26-27 July 2021

Place: Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Format: a mix of in-person and online

Participants: The Ministries of Environment Protection and Ecology of Central Asian countries, as well as representatives of governmental and non-governmental institutions (incl. CWP-Kazakhstan), academia,

international partners, multilateral development banks, youth unions and civil society organizations active in the field of climate change.

The conference is organized within the framework of the "Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Program for Aral Sea Basin" (CAMP4ASB) project; it is also a continuation of the World Bank's initiative on climate change information exchange in Central Asia, which was launched in 2013. The regional component CAMP4ASB is implemented by the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) and coordinated by the Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (EC IFAS).

Within the framework of the conference, two plenary sessions were held: (1) National policy on climate change and the role of civil society (2) Climate finance: opportunities and prospects for Central Asia.

In the framework of the conference, parallel sessions were organized to discuss the importance of inter-sectoral cooperation, the role of information, science in the implementation of climate policy, as well as the preparation of the Central Asian countries for the COP-26 of the UNFCCC.

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<http://ca-climate.org/eng/news/pervye-rezultaty-tsentralno-aziatskoy-konferentsii-po-voprosam-izmeneniya-klimata-2021/>

## **6. Virtual Webinar on “Advancing the Energy Transition in Central Asia through Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and Long-Term Strategies (LTS)”**

Date: 8 July 2021

Format: online

Organizer: International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)

Participants: representatives of governments, financial institutions, development partners, media and non-governmental organizations (incl. CWP-Kazakhstan)

Purpose: to continue a dialogue between energy and environment stakeholders and enable further sharing of information and experiences between countries, organizations and experts to strengthen the collaboration and partnerships that could support the implementation of RE actions in NDCs.

<https://www.irena.org/events/2021/Jul/Advancing-the-Energy-Transition-in-Central-Asia-through-Nationally-Determined-Contributions>  
[https://www.irena.org/-/media/Files/IRENA/Agency/Events/2021/Jul/IRENA\\_COP26-Presidency\\_Central-Asia\\_Virtual-Event\\_Version-final.pdf?la=en&hash=C9CA647470C1A1816E520F8445A99482C35CE3F0](https://www.irena.org/-/media/Files/IRENA/Agency/Events/2021/Jul/IRENA_COP26-Presidency_Central-Asia_Virtual-Event_Version-final.pdf?la=en&hash=C9CA647470C1A1816E520F8445A99482C35CE3F0)

## **7. Regional Expert Water Council established in Kazakhstan**

On the initiative of the Water Partnership of Kazakhstan, a Regional Expert Water Council was created because of the water situation is getting worse in Kazakhstan and the decision-making system clearly lacks professional and independent expertise.

The Regional Expert Water Council consists of well-known experts from CA countries and other countries to develop consolidated recommendations on regional and national water policy and timely response to current and urgent issues. It is headed by Nariman Kipshakbayev, an honorary member of ICWC and Chairman of CWP-Kazakhstan. A draft regulation on the Council has been prepared.

During July, members of the Regional Expert Water Council discussed the following documents:

- 1) State program of water resources management of the Republic of Kazakhstan until 2030;
- 2) National Water Resources Management Plan;
- 3) National project on water resources management for 2021-2025.

Comments on the State Program and the National Project on Water Resources Management were prepared.

## 8. Climate and Health Resilience Webinar

Date: 14 July 2021

Format: online

Organizer: Human Rights to Water and Sanitation

Participants: World leaders and experts on the human rights to water and sanitation

Purpose: Prepare to COP 26 in November 2021, and use the webinar knowledge to mobilize support and advocacy for governments to play an active role in preventing human suffering from the consequences of large-scale emergencies.

CWP-Kyrgyzstan representatives participated in the webinar.

Participants reviewed the [Declaration](#) prepared by the Committee of Experts on the Human Rights to Water 2, which sets out principles that can serve as a basis for further policy development so that decision-makers are better equipped to protect the human rights to water and sanitation in the next emergency.



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### Climate and Health Resilience

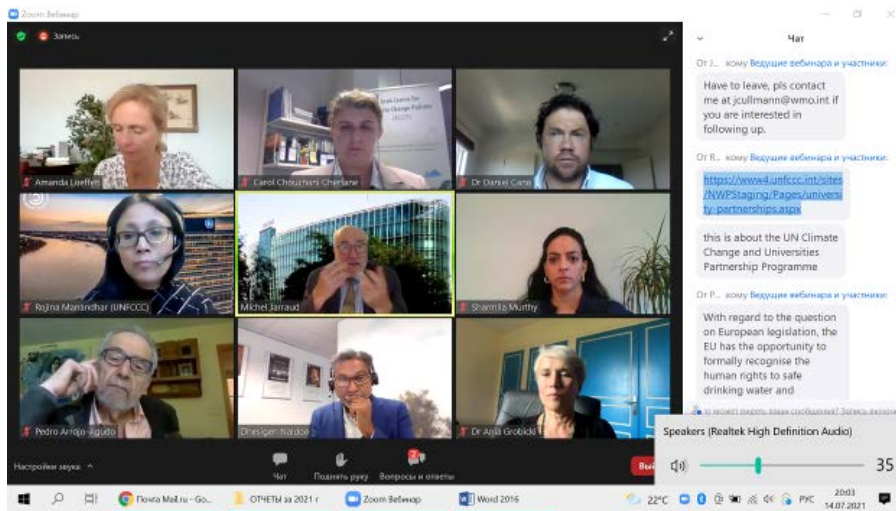
WEBINAR | 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 | 14:00h – 16:00h CET

**Keynote Presentation**  
**Pedro Arrojo-Ajuda**, Special Rapporteur on Human Rights to Water and Sanitation

**Michel Jarraud**, Emeritus Secretary General, WMO  
**Dhesigen Naidoo**, Climate Commissioner, Water Research Commission  
**Amanda Loeffen**, CEO, HR2W  
**Carol Chouchane Cherrane**, Director, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia  
**Johannes Cullmann**, Director, World Meteorological Organization  
**Dr Ania Grobicki**, Deputy Director, Green Climate Fund  
**Dr Saleemul Huq**, Director, International Centre for Climate Change and Development  
**Rojina Manandhar**, Programme Officer, UN framework Convention on Climate Change  
**Sharmila Murthy**, Associate Professor, Suffolk University Law School

At the start of the 2020 pandemic many countries rushed to introduce emergency decrees, legislative fixes, and other policies to protect people's human rights to water and sanitation. Most countries had not anticipated a public health emergency of this kind, and their existing legal framework failed to take account of the stresses on water in emergency situations. Maintaining protection of the human right to water, while balancing the need to support the vulnerable sections of society, therefore requires detailed planning to ensure that affordability and continuity of supply are both fully considered.

In this webinar we bring together global leaders and experts on the topic of human rights to water and sanitation, and resilience to climate and health emergencies. It is preparation for a meeting at COP26 this November, and the outcomes of this preliminary webinar will be used to generate support and advocacy for governments to take a proactive role in preventing people from suffering from the impacts of large-scale emergencies.



## 9. Introductory Workshop of the USAID Regional Water and Environment Project in the Kyrgyz Republic

Date: 14 July 2021

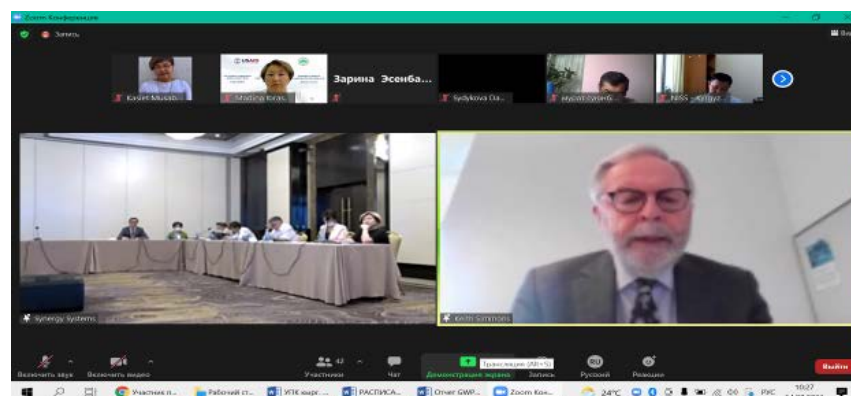
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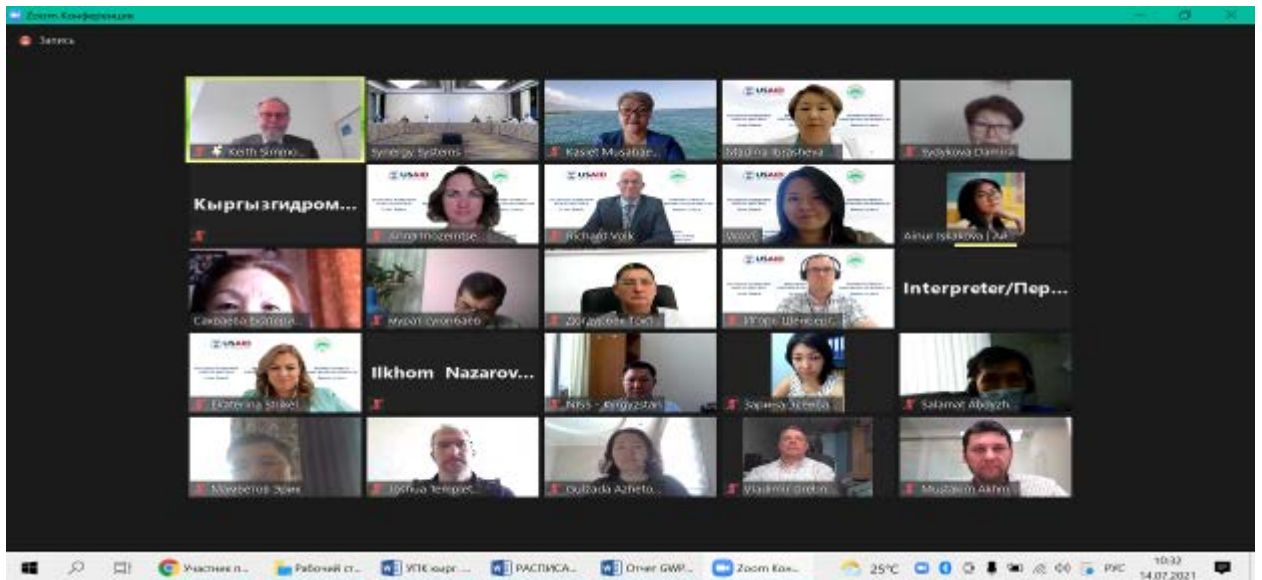
Organizers: USAID Regional Water Resources and Environment Project in cooperation with the State Agency for Water Resources of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Regional Development of the Kyrgyz Republic

Participants: representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Regional Development, the State Agency for Water Resources, the State Committee for Ecology and Climate, the Ministry of Energy and Industry, the Ministry of Education and Science, the Ministry of Emergency Situations, representatives of international organizations, regional water organizations, civil society, private sector, academic and research institutions.

Purpose: to familiarize stakeholders and partners in the Kyrgyz Republic with the new USAID Regional Water and Environment Project.

CWP-Kyrgyzstan was invited to participate.





## 10. Meeting of interested teams working with the Green Climate Fund in Central Asia

Date: 27 July 2021

Format: a mix of in-person and online

Organizer: CAREC

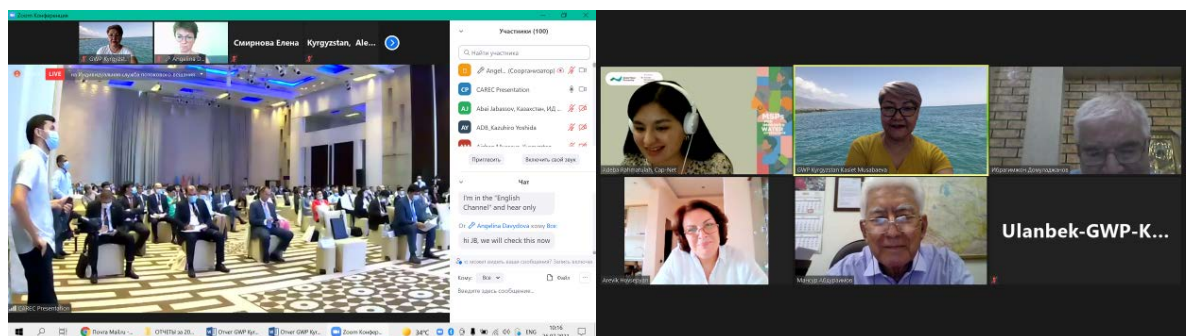
Participants: Representatives of government bodies; national teams for working with the GCF; CAREC

GWP Kyrgyzstan participated in the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the issue of creating a Regional Mechanism to work with the Green Climate Fund in Central Asia.

The purpose of the Regional Mechanism is to assist the national authorized bodies in the countries of Central Asia to exchange experience, study various financial instruments of the GCF and its work experience, have a regional voice and prepare joint project proposals of regional significance. The regional mechanism will also help build the capacity of local institutions for accreditation to the GCF and lobby for a regional representative to sit on the GCF Board of Governors to make financial decisions.

Participants became familiar with the findings of the Central Asia Climate Finance Survey, discussed the issue of creating a regional mechanism and the CAREC approach, gave comments and suggestions.



## 11. Meeting on Water shortage and Water projects

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

Format: online

Organizers: CWP-Mongolia, Water Agency of Mongolia

CWP-Mongolia Chairman Prof. Basandorj suggested to update the National Water Program and CWP-Mongolia could help to organize number of meetings on importance of implementation of water projects, which direct to water management and economic growth in Gobi Desert /South of Mongolian Mining projects/ area and reduce impact of mining in other hand. Global climate change and global warming are felt more intensely in Mongolia that affects surface water resources and the environment significantly. It's indirectly impacting the social and economic development as well as the country's security. Mongolia is located in a remote part of the Central Asian plateau, so it's becoming increasingly important to use the regional geopolitical policy to accumulate surface water resources and adjust the runoff to properly utilize the infrastructure and mining industry. To this end, the Ministry of Environment and Tourism created the project proposal of the surface water reservoir to increase water resources through the flow regulation - the KHUKH-MORI /Blue horse/ project.

33 areas were nominated to storage water and build dams and manage surface water resources:



Discussion outcomes:

- Increase public awareness of economic and ecological importance of “Water project”;
- Need to update and develop the National Water program and approve by the Parliament of Mongolia;
- Organize number of public and academic discussion on improvement of water policy and management;
- Water law of Mongolia should be updated and IWRM mechanisms should be improved;
- Water activity coordination and collaboration need to more effective water governance.

## 12. Multi-Stakeholder Platforms Workshop Series

Date: 15 July 2021

Format: online

Organizers: GWP in collaboration with Cap-Net UNDP and Wagenigen University



Participants: **CACENA CWPs**

The workshop series is to enhance the skills of CWP leaders, RWPs, and Cap-Net network managers on key MSP capability areas and reveal actionable insight on what makes an effective MSP for the water sector.

On 15 July the first workshop was on Policy and Context Analysis.

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Our mission is to advance governance and management of water  
resources for sustainable and equitable development.