

Global Water Partnership Central Asia and Caucasus (GWP CACENA)

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



Country Water Partnership organized a training for environmental journalists in how to highlight various problems in the water sector and present proposals for their solution.

By September 10, journalistic research and analysis published in the local press.

The final event took place on September 10 in Water Committee. Journalists have presented their works, which will be sent to participate in the international competition.



2. A SERIES OF WEBINARS ON THE 2021 STATUS OF WATER AND SANITATION

Date: 20-30 September 2021

Format: online

Organizer: [UN-Water Integrated Monitoring Initiative for SDG 6 \(IMI-SDG6\)](#)

CWP-Georgia took part in the following webinars:

- Progress on Household Drinking Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (SDG 6.1.1 and 6.2.1), by WHO and UNICEF
- Progress on Wastewater Treatment (SDG 6.3.1), by WHO and UN-Habitat
- Progress on Ambient Water Quality (SDG 6.3.2), by UNEP
- Progress on Integrated Water Resources Management (SDG 6.5.1), by UNEP
- Progress on Transboundary Water Cooperation (SDG 6.5.2), by UNECE and UNESCO
- SDG Means of Implementation Targets 6.a and 6.b and the 2021/2022 GLAAS Cycle (SDG 6.a.1-6.b.1), by WHO

In particular, the following topics were covered:

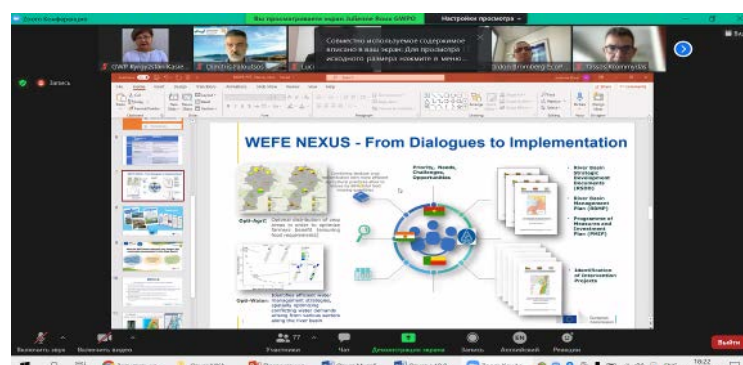
- Drinking water services, Sanitation services,
- Hygiene services, Progress on Wastewater Treatment,
- Overview of indicator 6.3.2 methodology and data requirements,
- Key findings from 2020 Data drive,
- Code sign of SDG Indicator 632 Online Hub –functionality requirements,
- Global IWRM progress: key messages,

- Beyond reporting: working towards Target 6.5,
- SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme,
- Results and key messages from the of SDG indicator 6.5.2,
- How the monitoring on SDG indicator 6.5.2 can be used to focus efforts towards advancing transboundary water cooperation and the achievement of Target 6.5,
- How to make the most of the SDG 6.5.2 monitoring process to advance transboundary water cooperation by 2030,
- Demonstration of the SDG661 fresh water ecosystem explorer to access national freshwater data trends for all countries,
- Promoting management actions to support the protection of freshwater ecosystems,
- UN-Water GLAAS background,
- 2021-2022 GLAAS data collection.



CWP-Kyrgyzstan took part in the Side event on Nexus and Transboundary water resources management (*Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus: Operationalising solutions, strengthening transboundary cooperation*) organized by GWP and held on September 27.

CWP-Uzbekistan participated in the webinar “Progress on Transboundary Water Cooperation (SDG 6.5.2)” on September 14.



3. Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes

Date: from September 29, 2021 to October 1, 2021

Format: hybrid

Participants: more than 250 people from various countries

The following topics were discussed:

- Status of ratification of the Convention and its Protocols and report on credentials. Progress in the global opening of the Convention;
- Transboundary water cooperation: a catalyst for peace;
- Accelerating progress on transboundary water cooperation to achieve sustainable development;
- European Union Water Initiative and National Policy Dialogues;
- Water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus in transboundary basins;
- Reporting under the Convention and on indicator 6.5.2 of the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Supporting monitoring, assessment and information sharing in transboundary basins;
- Identifying, assessing and communicating the benefits of transboundary Cooperation;
- Adapting to climate change in transboundary basins;
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- Water and industrial accidents).

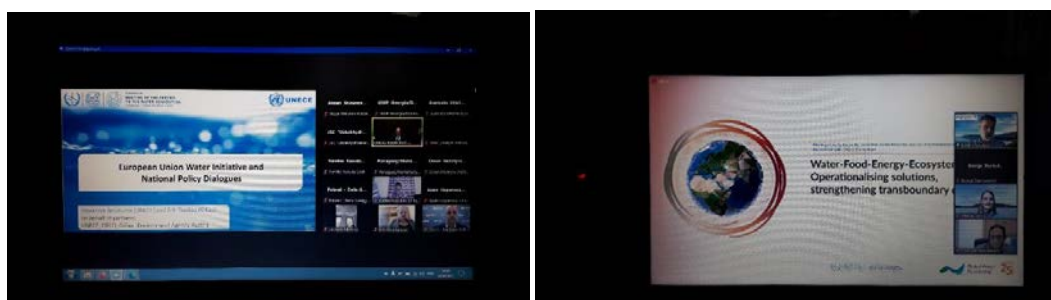
Side events were held prior to the ninth session, which discussed the following topics and issues:

- Water flows regulations in a fragmented world;
- Transboundary collaboration from source to sea – Opportunities for action;
- Water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus: Operationalizing solutions, strengthening transboundary cooperation;
- Civil society voices and local communities in transboundary water cooperation;
- Women, Water and Peace.

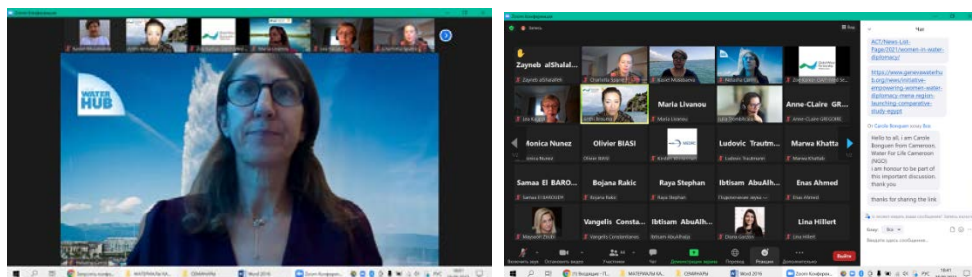
CWP-Georgia chairman George Dzamukashvili attended the 9th Session and side events.

The First Category Senior Specialist at the Water Division of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia, GWP CACENA Regional Council member and SDG 6.5.1 Focal Point Gvantsa Sivsivadze informed participants about the National Dialogues on Water Policy in Georgia as well as on GWP / CWP-Georgia contribution and support to NPD implementation.

Also, a representative of the Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development of Georgia (CWP-Georgia partner organization), spoke about the assessment of the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystem Nexus, which was carried out in the past years for the Alazani / Ganikh transboundary basin (Georgia-Azerbaijan). CWP-Georgia was involved in that assessment.



CWP-Kyrgyzstan Chairperson Kasiet Musabaeva took part in the side event “Women, Water and Peace”.



4. SDG and gender mainstreaming webinar

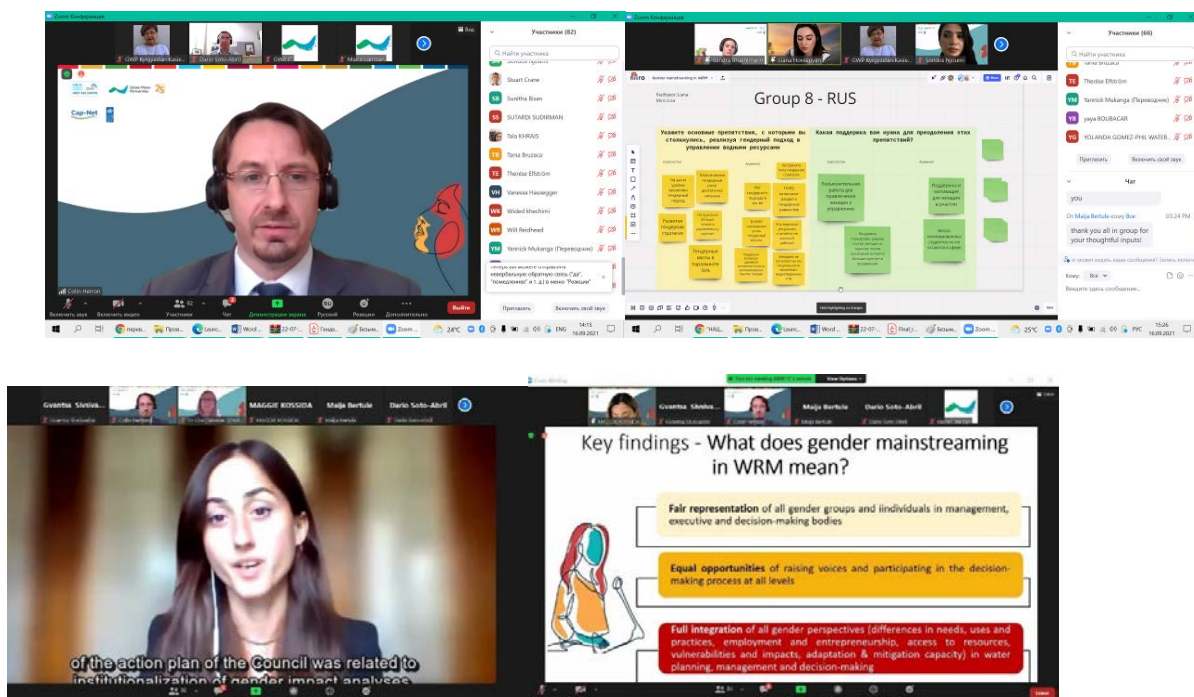
Date: 16 September 2021

Organizer: GWPO

Format: online

CWP-Kyrgyzstan representatives shared their experience on the participation of women in the activities of the Chu-Talas Water Management Commission and sent a video in English.

The report - **Advancing Towards Gender Mainstreaming in Water Resources Management** – was launched at the learning exchange. The First Category Senior Specialist at the Water Division of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia, GWP CACENA Regional Council member and SDG 6.5.1 Focal Point Gvantsa Sivsivadze contributed to the report by sharing the country's experience and providing feedback on the report itself. Ms. Gvantsa Sivsivadze also shared Georgia's experience in gender mainstreaming in water resources management with a video message at the meeting.



5. WEBINAR Conquering the unconscious bias: How Can Men and Women Be Better Allies to Women Colleagues in the Water Sector?

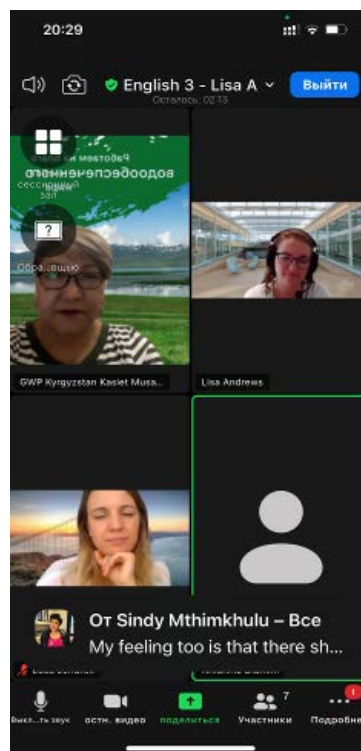
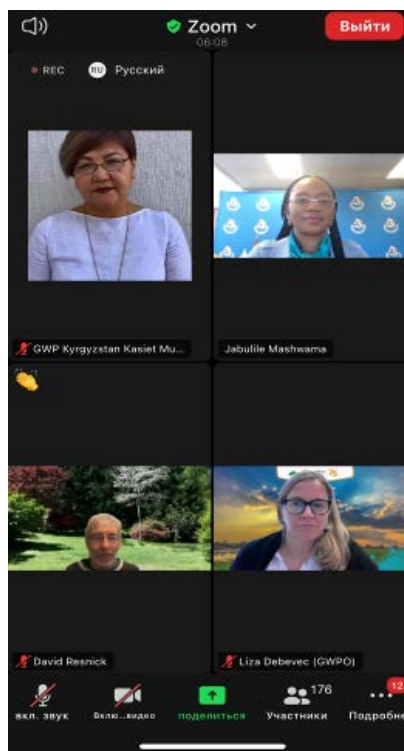
Date: 22 September 2021

Format: online

Organizer: GWPO, Community of Women in Water, the World Bank Equal Aqua platform

Participants from CACENA region:

- Ms. Gvantsa Sivsivadze, the First Category Senior Specialist at the Water Division of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia, GWP CACENA Regional Council member and SDG 6.5.1 Focal Point;
- Ms. Kasiet Musabaeva, CWP-Kyrgyzstan Chairperson.



6. TV Appearance

CWP-Kazakhstan Deputy Chairman on issues of water resources A. Tleulesova participated in the TV program "Grani":

<https://youtu.be/XpB2D9LaX7Y>

"How to avoid a new drought in Kazakhstan?" (in Russian)

She also took part in the discussion on TV kazakhstan news:

<https://youtu.be/GeMqJo3MnYo>

"Nuclear power plants in Kazakhstan: pros and cons" (in Russian)

She spoke in terms of the future of water resources.

7. Webinar “Water and Climate Change. Assistance in the preparation of the Nationally Determined Contribution to the Paris Agreement”

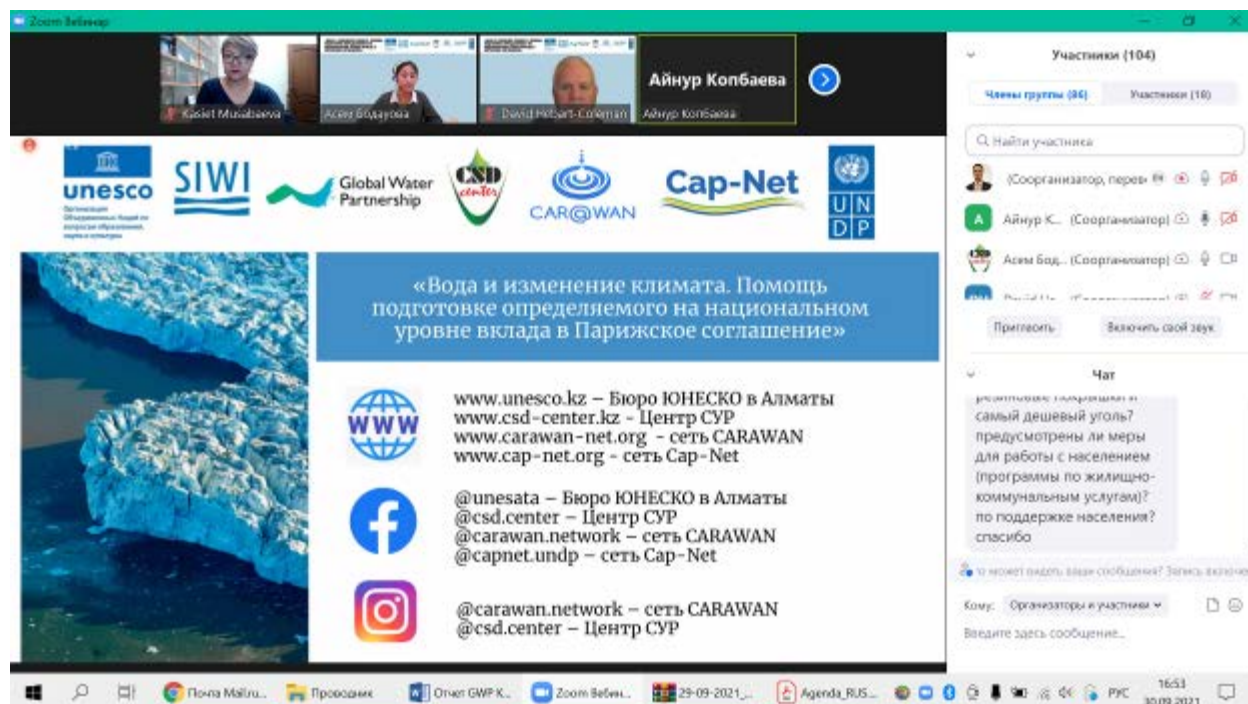
Date: from 30 September to 1 October 2021

Format: online

Organizers: GWP, UNESCO, Cap-Net, UNDP

Participants: Representatives of state and public organizations in Central Asia

CWP-Kyrgyzstan and CWP-Kazakhstan took part in the webinar.



8. Meeting: Human resources and capacity building in water sector of Mongolia

Date 17 September 2021

Place: Ulaanbaatar

Organizers CWP-Mongolia, Mongolian University of Science & Technology

Participants: 16 people

The water sector of Mongolia needs water specialists in various spheres like water supply and sanitation, water & ecology, water management, hydrogeology and hydrology. Today the shortage of specialists is increasing every year because of decreasing a number of graduate students. It is necessary to increase the interest of young people in water specialties.

This meeting aims to discuss ways for capacity building in water sector of Mongolia.

Following the discussion participants noted needs:

- Monitoring all training programs and standards;
- Update the ministries and agencies suggestions;
- Open E- learning and distance learning courses;
- Provide short time courses on improving water governance and IWRM;
- Organize master course on IWRM;
- Invite visiting professors from developed countries to teach best water management;
- Define a needed number of water engineers in coming years;

- In December 2021, organize a meeting with water related ministries and agencies;
- Enhance scientific study and implement Mega projects in water sector of Mongolia and increase public awareness at the national level;
- Support local RBOs (River basin Organization) and provide onsite training courses;
- Get more information on GWP water strategy and policies at the global level.



9. Scientific-practical seminar "Melioration and irrigation - the basis of sustainable development"

Date: 18-19 September 2021

Place: Yavan, Tajikistan

Organizers: CWP- Tajikistan under support of GWP CACENA and the Yavan Department of Land Reclamation and Irrigation of the Agency for Land Reclamation and Irrigation under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan

Participants: representatives of water and agriculture, heads of organizations, scientists, water specialists and youth (total: 40 people).

This seminar was dedicated to the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028" and the Day of Meliorators of Tajikistan.

The aim of the seminar was to exchange information, knowledge and experience on the rational use of water resources and ensuring sustainable development in the context of climate change.

Participants discussed the role of hydromelioration, irrigation and water resources in the socio-economic development of Tajikistan, shared knowledge and experience to mitigate the negative impact of climate change on the water sector and agriculture and familiarized with outcomes of scientific and demonstration projects on water saving technologies to climate change adaptation.

The following reports were presented:

- Water management complex of Tajikistan: past, present and future";
- The role of the Global Water Partnership in the implementation of the principles of integrated water resources management; (by CWP-Tajikistan Chairman Prof. Y.E. Pulatov);
- Initiatives of the Republic of Tajikistan in the field of water cooperation development;
- Water supply: state, problems and ways of their solution;
- State and prospects of water management in Khatlon region;
- State and development prospects of the water economy of the Sughd region;
- Results of scientific research on water-saving technologies for irrigation of agricultural crops in the context of climate change (by CWP-Tajikistan Chairman Prof. Y.E. Pulatov).



10. The Uzbekistan Oliy Majlis Legislative Chamber regular meeting

Date:

Place: Tashkent, Uzbekistan

The Ministry of Housing and Communal Services informed participants on the progress of work on the development of drinking water supply and sewerage systems in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

CWP-Uzbekistan partners as members of the working group were involved in the preparation of the ministry's report. The working group noted that, in recent years, the government deals with providing population with high-quality drinking water, and the construction and reconstruction of water supply and sewerage networks. Sufficient funds are allocated from the republican budget, state trust funds and local budgets, as well as international financial institutions for the modernization of drinking water supply and sewerage systems within the appropriate programs. As a result, the level of access to clean drinking water was 73 percent, 1.2 million people are provided with drinking water for the first time in 2020. In addition, in 2020, the construction and reconstruction of sewerage systems in the regions of the Republic of Uzbekistan was implemented under support of budgetary and international financial institutions.

The deputies noted the systematic and effective work in this area, drew attention to the problems to be addressed. In particular, the fact that the concept of long-term development of water supply and sanitation in Uzbekistan has not yet been developed.

The deputies made a number of proposals to solve problems in water supply and sanitation. Agreement has been reached on the implementation of regular parliamentary control over the work carried out to provide the population with high-quality drinking water, the construction and reconstruction of water supply and sewerage networks.

CWP-Uzbekistan will keep on its involvement to the State Program implementation to provide the population with drinking water.

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