

GWP CACENA in March 2008

On 29th February there was organized national stakeholder meeting in Dushanbe, aiming creation the **CWP in Tajikistan**. Meeting with involvement 28 representatives of 10 already accredited partners and some other national institutions (including Ministry of Land Reclamation and Water Resources – national authority responsible for water resources management in the country) was led by national initiative group. During meeting there were agreed Protocol about formal creation CWP in Tajikistan and its Statutes. Prof. Yarash Pulatov, Director General of the Tajik Research Institute for Irrigation and Water Management was appointed as a CWP Coordinator. **Tajikistan is the sixth country** of eight in CACENA established CWP.

On 22 March – International Day of Water - GWP CACENA supported new round of the political dialogues on IWRM implementation at the national level in all eight countries of the region. It was organized using grant from Government of Finland in the form of inter-sector round tables led by Regional Council members in each country. The principal issues for discussion were how to create inter-sector platform to facilitate governmental commitment to the process and details of the IWRM national planning activities.

On March 24-26 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan there was organized Workshop of Central Asia and South Caucasus Water Utilities Network (CASCWUA), where representatives of 14 Water Utilities from seven countries were attended. The Workshop and following on 27th March the CASCWUA Steering Committee meeting was supported by ADB. The main output of the meeting was agreement on CASCWUA Statutes and Program of joint activities for 2008-2009.

On 29 March - The GWP CACENA Secretariat in cooperation with IWMI and Interstate Commission for Water Coordination in Central Asia organized Media-tour for journalists (represented about 50 Mass-media organizations from Uzbekistan) visiting water distribution structure of the Basin Water Organization “Syrdarya” equipped by SCADA and Charvak water reservoir, located on the Chirchik river in 90 kilometers upper from Tashkent city. The field trip was followed by round table discussion of the most important water issues in the region. This activity is the part of the awareness campaign addressing to wide information dissemination about GWP CACENA activities on IWRM, WS&S and others.