

Global Water Partnership Central Asia and Caucasus (GWP CACENA)

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## Section 1: Regional Secretariat

### 1.1. International Conference “Cooperation for Water, Energy, and Food Security in Transboundary Basins under Changing Climate”

**GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator, Vadim Sokolov** took active participation in the International Conference “Cooperation for Water, Energy, and Food Security in Transboundary Basins under Changing Climate”, held in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, 2-3 April 2014

The conference gathered about 300 participants, including chief and senior representatives from some 20 Transboundary river basin organizations in Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas<sup>1</sup>, leading representatives of some 20 international and regional organisations, most of which supported the conference as sponsoring partners (among them Global Water Partnership was represented by GWP Chair Dr. Ursula Schaefer-Preuss), and a wide range of stakeholders from the Mekong region and beyond.

In addressing the overall topic, the Conference focused on three key issues:

#### Climate change adaptation in a transboundary context

- Progress should be acknowledged. The trend is upwards, not downwards, in openness, sharing of information, technical capacity and actions on the ground. Action should continue focusing on no/low regret options, while at the same time deepening the technical capacity and cooperation addressing trade-offs; otherwise asking for perfection may lead to inaction.
- There is sense of realism and long-term commitment in climate change adaptation approaches. There is no such thing as a quick fix. Scientific advances in support of adaptation show clear policy orientation on e.g. flood management, crop development and delta management. Interaction with policymakers should be intensified to have an effective science-policy dialogue with real impact.
- The focus of the discussions and the actions is sharpened when concentrating on climate variability, but there are still gaps in important areas such as water quality, sediment transportation, fish population and ecosystem impacts.

#### Sustainable development

- The nexus approach provides a very useful policy framework to understand development opportunities and challenges, and to involve multiple-sector stakeholders. However, the implementation of actions to address the issues will and should still take place through existing mechanisms and institutions, bearing the nexus approach in mind.
- While the nexus approach is important for the development of targets and goals in the post-2015 agenda, these targets are more likely to be reached through a dedicated goal on water. There is a risk

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<sup>1</sup> The transboundary basins (shared river basins and aquifers) represented were Aral Sea, Columbia, Congo, Danube, Ganges, Guarani, Geneva Aquifer, Indus, Itaipu Binacional, Jordan, La Plata, Mekong, Niger, Nile, North Western Sahara Aquifer, Orange Senque, Sao Francisco, Sava, Senegal, Severn, Vuoksi

that assuming that 'water is everywhere' leads to 'water being nowhere'. This goal must clearly reflect transboundary surface and groundwater challenges.

- Guidance is needed for the private sector to assess cumulative impacts of multiple developments to mitigate impacts on e.g. sediment transport, fisheries and livelihoods.

### Benefits of cooperation

- Appropriate use of a nexus perspective in transboundary basins helps transform challenges in water management into opportunities and create the will to connect.
- In order to collectively benefit from the opportunities, transboundary agreements and institutions develop and need to adapt to changing environments. For these to work effectively, a combination of political will, technical cooperation and an inclusive process is required. Stakeholder's interests, both individuals and sovereign states, need to be balanced.
- The multi-stakeholder processes and institutions are key to turning social and environmental challenges into benefits to be shared between riparian communities and countries.

At the end of the two-day discussions, the participants called for the national leaders of the MRC Member Countries: Cambodia, Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam to embrace integrated policies that involve challenges and opportunities in the energy, food and water sectors with recognition of climate variability. It is also intended that the outcome will be useful the transboundary basin management agenda to receive attention among the participants and negotiators addressing the SDGs and the climate agreement at COP 21 in 2015.

GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator, Dr. Vadim Sokolov did a presentation "Climate Change Adaptation in a Transboundary Nexus Context of the Aral Sea Basin" during the session 4 of the Conference. The main focus of the presentation was to the GWP CACENA WACDEP program that would help Central Asian countries to systemize their efforts on climate change adaptation using GWP's framework, which promotes power of IWRM as a tool for climate-resilient development. The key element of WACDEP program is addressing to pilot testing of practical solutions for drought management in irrigated agriculture.



Welcoming speech from the GWP Chair Dr. Ursula Schaefer-Preuss to the Conference audience



Booth of GWP at the MRC Conference



Somewhere in the Mekong River delta



Somewhere in the Mekong River delta (2)





Farmer's field with Cassava (Tapioca) - which is the third largest source of food carbohydrates in Vietnam, after [rice](#) and [maize](#)  
Photos by Vadim Sokolov

### 1.2. GWP CACENA working meeting

Natalia Alekseeva, GWP Network Officer paid a working visit to Uzbekistan on 18-20 April 2014. There was a working meeting during this visit among Natalia and GWP CACENA Regional Secretariat, represented by Vadim Sokolov, Regional Coordinator, Valentina Khaydarova, Communication Officer, and Ilhom Babaev, Financial Administrator. In the meeting also took participation Mansur Abduraimov, Coordinator of CWP-Uzbekistan and Abdybai Djailoobaev, Manager of the WACDEP-CACENA program. Discussion was about how to make more effective progress of GWP CACENA work plan activities, and to properly achieve foreseen outputs from WACDEP program.



Abdybai, Natalia, Valentina, Mansur and Vadim in Sharshara restaurant allocated on the hydro structure of Ankhor canal crossing Tashkent city, 19 April

### 1.3. Regional Workshop “Integrated Water Resources Management in Central Asia”

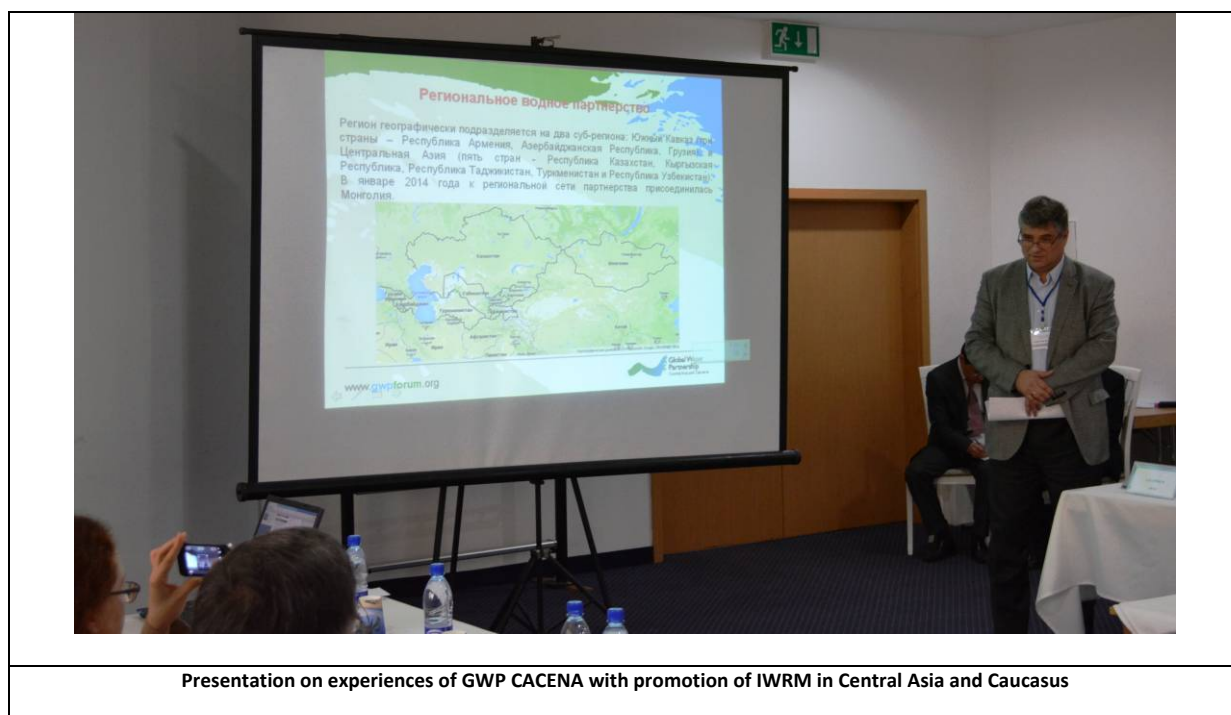
Natalia Alekseeva, Network Officer, and Vadim Sokolov, GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator, were invited to contribute to the **regional workshop “Integrated Water Resources Management in Central Asia”**, which was held on 18-19 April 2014 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. The workshop was initiated by EC IFAS and supported by the UN Regional Center for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia, UNDP and Interstate Commission for Water Coordination (ICWC).

It was great opportunity to acknowledge the key decision-makers of Central Asian water sector, who attended this workshop, about activities of GWP CACENA and promote role and power of IWRM implementation for sustainable development in the Aral Sea basin.

The key output of the workshop is full consensus among water leaders that Central Asian countries should adopt mutually agreed at the highest political level water strategy addressing to IWRM implementation aiming water saving and achievement of potential water productivity in all uses. To achieve sustainable development in Central Asia and improve the livelihoods of the rural population while protecting the environment in the long term, a more efficient allocation and management of water resources is needed based on regional co-operation in energy sector and agrarian specialization. A movement of the Central Asian countries towards wide implementation of IWRM principles (in combination with expensive investment programs for technical rehabilitation) should be based on the agreed by ICWC regional “IWRM Road Map”.



Presentation on IWRM instruments disseminated by GWP network, done by Natalia Alekseeva on 18 April



#### 1.4. 63<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination in Central Asia

Following to the regional workshop, on 19 April there was held **63<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination in Central Asia (ICWC)**. The Interstate Commission for Water Coordination on the problems of regulation, rational use and protection of water resources was established in February 1992 by five newly independent countries of Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan).

During the 63<sup>rd</sup> meeting in Tashkent, the ICWC discussed the following issues:

- Report on outcomes of the water allocations during winter season of 2013-14 from Basin Organizations of the Amudarya and Syrdarya rivers.
- Plan for water delivery, operation of reservoirs and water withdrawal limits for the 2014 summer season. Submitted by Basin Organizations of the Amudarya and Syrdarya rivers.
- Consideration of updated version of "Concept of Water related information exchange mechanisms in Central Asia". Submitted by SIC ICWC and GWP CACENA.
- Organization of the Central Asian sub-regional stakeholders meeting towards the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum.

ICWC members extended kind appreciation to GWP CACENA for its support to working group of national experts who finalized by request from the previous ICWC meeting the following three documents:

- The "Concept of water related information exchange mechanisms in Central Asia"
- The Agreement on Information and Analytical Provision for Integrated Water Resources Management in the Aral Sea Basin and Establishment of the Interstate Information Exchange
- Temporary rules for using the regional information system on water



Finally, ICWC members agreed (with account the additional comments from Tajikistan) the final text of "Concept of water related information exchange mechanisms in Central Asia". Also, ICWC members agreed to submit the "Agreement on Information and Analytical Provision for Integrated Water Resources Management in the Aral Sea Basin and Establishment of the Interstate Information Exchange" to the Governments for its further consideration as Inter-Governmental Agreement, and to start process towards its signing and ratification.

As well as Tajikistan did not support third document "Temporary rules...", ICWC members decided to drop this document from consideration.

After discussion on the fourth issue, ICWC members agreed to start sub-regional process towards the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum. They agreed to have first sub-regional stakeholders preparatory meeting in July 2014 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan in line with the next meeting of ICWC.

ICWC delivered special request to GWP CACENA together with other international agencies to support the sub-regional Central Asia preparatory process towards the 7<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum. That is the recognition of the real political weight of GWP CACENA among water leaders of the Central Asian countries.



Working moment during Workshop on 19 April



### Signing ceremony of final minutes by members of ICWC (from left side):

Allamurad Atadjanov, Deputy Minister of Water Resources of Turkmenistan,

Sulton Rakhimov, First Deputy Minister of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan,

Shavkat Khamraev, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Water resources of Uzbekistan,

Tilek Isabekov, First Deputy Director General of Department of Water Resources of Kyrgyz Republic,

Bolat Bekniyaz, in charge for Chairman of Committee of Water Resources of Kazakhstan



Group photo of the workshop participants after congratulations ceremony of Prof. Victor Dukhovny in honor of his 80-years anniversary

### 1.5. Technical Focus Paper

GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator, Vadim Sokolov is a co-author of the GWP Technical Focus Paper "Integrated Water Resources Management in Central Asia: The Challenges of Managing Large Transboundary Rivers".

<http://www.gwp.org/en/gwp-in-action/News-and-Activities/New-Review-of-IWRM-Progress-in-Central-Asia/>

## Section 2: CWP- Armenia

### 2.1. The stakeholders seminar "Towards Development of the National Strategy on Sustainable Sanitation in Armenia"

On 1 April 2014, CWP-Armenia jointly with LLC "JINJ" organized a seminar for stakeholders to discuss the National Strategy on Sustainable Sanitation in Armenia (draft). The National Strategy is being developed under financial support of OECD.

Representatives of the Ministry of Environment Protection, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of

Economy, the Ministry of Finance, Territorial Administration, the State Committee on Water Management, international organizations, NGOs, mass media etc. participated.

The local and foreign experts presented current situation with and problems (technical, legal, financial) of sanitation in Armenia. The general strategic ideas was considered. It was noted that wastewater is a valuable resource for reuse, and it is needed to build step-by-step the wastewater treatment plants, to update wastewater treatment standards, to develop the encouraging mechanism for those who wants building the treatment plants.

Also various options of improvement of water disposal and wastewater treatment in Armenia was presented. The final version of the National Strategy is being now developed.



### 2.2. The stakeholders meeting on the Protocol on Water and Health

On 15 April 2014, CWP-Armenia took part in the stakeholders meeting on the Protocol on Water and Health organized by NGO "Armenian women for health and healthy environment". The meeting discussed the targets of the Protocol for Armenia. CWP-Armenia presented WACDEP CACENA and the demonstration project in Parakar.

Representatives of the Ministry of Environment Protection, the Ministry of Health, Territorial Administration, the State Committee on Water Management, water experts, NGOs, mass media etc. participated.



### 2.3. WACDEP CACENA

The second stage of construction of the treatment plant (lagoon type) was started on 15 April 2014 in Parakar village. The clearing pool constructed during the first stage is cleaned, and its reconstruction is started.

On 10 April 2014, CWP-Armenia met with Mr. Dave Perry, environmental expert from the Department of Natural Resources at the IOWA, USA, who is currently working as a volunteer at the Environment Centre named Akopyan in Yerevan. He recommended some ways on improvement and further development of the demonstration project after the field visit.



## Section 3: CWP-Azerbaijan

### 3.1. 2nd Caspian International Aqua Technologies Exhibition and Conference

The Second Caspian International Aqua Technologies Conference was held on 11 April 2014 in Baku, Azerbaijan. The First Session "Integrated Water Resources Management: Environmental and Economic Assessment" was initiated by CWP-Azerbaijan. Mr. Asadov M.Ya., CWP-Azerbaijan Chairman, and Mr. Osmanov T.E., GWP CACENA RC member, submitted the paper "Fresh Water: Adaptation of Land Reclamation and Water Management to Global Climate Change" for publishing.



### 3.2. Scientific and Practical Conference "Current problems of water management and the engineering and communicative systems and Environment"

The Scientific and Practical Conference "Current problems of water management and the engineering and communicative systems and Environment" was held on 14-15 April 2014 in the Architecture and Construction University of Azerbaijan. Organizers: Public Corporation of Land Reclamation and Water Management of Azerbaijan, Public Corporation "Azersu" and GWP CACENA. CWP-Azerbaijan actively participated in this conference. Participants from 11 countries and 13 organizations of Azerbaijan attended this conference.



### 3.3. The Roundtable "IWRM role under Climate Changes"

The Roundtable "IWRM role under Climate Changes" organized by CWP-Azerbaijan jointly with the Djapharganskaya Experimental Amelioration Station was held on 19 April 2014 in the Saatlinsky province situated at the confluence of the Kura river and the Araz river. Specialists of the Djapharganskaya Experimental Amelioration Station and the Water Users Association as well as farmers of Saatlinsky province took part in the roundtable (Total: 23 participants).

Mr. Asadov M.Ya., CWP-Azerbaijan Chairman, and Mr. Osmanov T.E., GWP CACENA RC member, informed participants about IWRM principles and current<sup>12</sup> global climate change situation. They also told about

the World Water Day and called upon for water resources use properly. Booklets, pens and notebooks were distributed to participants. Then, participants looked around the pilot plot under cottons and alfalfa where the demonstration project within WACDEP CACENA will be implemented.



### Section 4: CWP- Kazakhstan

#### 4.1. Country Consultations on Water Speak to post-2015 Agenda in Kazakhstan

The round table "Role of water for sustainable development of Kazakhstan" was held on 4 April 2014 in Astana within the national consultations on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the National Program on Water Resources Development to Post-2015 in Kazakhstan.

The round table was organized by the Committee on Water Resources of the Ministry of Environment and Water Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan, and *CWP-Kazakhstan*.

The round table was attended by experts, and representatives of NGOs, research institutes, departments and committees of the Ministry of Environment and Water Resources, the Ministry of Regional Development, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Economy and Budget Planning, the Ministry of Emergency Response, the Ministry of Industry and New Technologies, the Ministry of Agriculture.

The goals of national consultation were as follows:

1. Raising awareness of decision-makers and public about SDGs and measures undertaken at the national and local level;

2. Developing proposals on priorities at the national, regional and global level;
3. Considering the National Program on Water Resources Management in Kazakhstan for 2014-2020;
4. Working out a common understanding on national issues and proposals for strengthening water policy.

The round table agenda included the following issues:

- Crucial problems of Kazakhstan: sustainable water supply, water quality, environmentally sound water use;
- Ways of solving problems and the approach to sustainable development and utilization of water resources;
- Water Sector Development Program for Sustainable Development in Kazakhstan;
- "Green Economy" for Water Sector in Kazakhstan;
- National Policy in Water Resources Management: institutional fundamentals, legal regulation, economical mechanism of water use and water resources protection;
- International cooperation in use and protection of Transboundary Rivers.

Participants were informed about national water policy and new National Program on Water Resources Management agreed by all the public authorities. The Program is aimed to avoid water deficit up to 2020 and based on the water analysis up to 2042. It includes the irrigation systems modernization, construction of new dams (about 40), the program "Ak-Bulak", transboundary water allocation, national diversion of runoff etc.

The Program goal is water security of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The Program tasks:

- Sustainable water supply of population and economy;
- Providing safe, reliable operation of existing and creation of new water management systems for water regulation;
- Inter-sectoral coordination on water management issues;
- Improving water legislation;
- Improving management of river basins;
- Maintaining a healthy environment of rivers and aquatic ecosystems;
- Improvement and development of inter-state cooperation on transboundary rivers;
- Training of young water professionals.

Participants emphasized the following problems:

- less than 1/5 of water resources volume will be available in 2030;
- Kazakhstan will meet water resources deficit at the basin level amounted 13 billion cubic meters at the cost of 2 billion dollars USA in 2030;
- water inflow from the neighboring countries is being reduced to 2-3% per year and this tendency will continue up to 2030;
- water contamination in Kazakhstan is significantly more than in the developed countries.

### **Conclusion and recommendations**

The round table participants noted that work at the basin level is needed to be strengthened drastically,

including financial support of the Basin Council and its higher status and competence, as well as increasing role of water users.

The round table participants noted that creation of the National Water Council at the President of Kazakhstan is needed. They also noted that the amount of runoff must be fixed in the existing and future agreements with neighboring countries and these agreements must be implemented.

Participants criticized strongly a decision to create "Kazvodkhoz" organization and additional national companies, which in their opinions will be unnecessary agents with inflated staff requiring finance.

Participants after discussion recommended the following:

- 1) Save water by all the economy sectors by means of better governance and new technologies as well international trade;
- 2) Protect water ecosystems and related water ones in Central Asia because they are main sources of water for Economy, Nature and population;
- 3) Solving transboundary problems with neighboring countries, developing new mechanisms for cooperation including for Green Economy and the International Programme "Green Bridge".

The National Program on Water Resources Management in Kazakhstan for 2014-2020 was approved on 4 April 2014.





#### 4.2. Interview to the newspaper "Ana tili"

Mr. Kipshakbaev N., Chairman of CWP-Kazakhstan, gave an interview to the newspaper "Ana tili" under the heading "Actual problems" on water resources development in Kazakhstan.



#### 4.3. The meeting on the Protocol on Water and Health in Kazakhstan

On 22 April 2014 in Astana, partners of CWP-Kazakhstan participated in the meeting dedicated to the Protocol on Water and Health. This meeting was organized by the Committee on Water Resources at the Ministry of Environment and Water Resources of Kazakhstan and the Water Initiatives Centre.



#### 4.4. National Seminar on the Protocol on Water and Health in Kazakhstan

The National Seminar on the Protocol on Water and Health to the UNECE Water Convention 1992 was held on 23 April 2014 in Borovoe, Kazakhstan. This event was organized by the Water Initiatives Centre. The representatives of public authorities, international and public organizations took part (Total: 30 participants). Participants considered mechanisms and tools of the Protocol, as well as primary obligations under the Protocol. They shared experience on determining targets and terms in context of the Protocol for Moldova and the Kyrgyz Republic. The situation with water and health in Kazakhstan was considered too. Results of evaluation of the legal, institutional, financial needs, as well as capacity building for the implementation of the Protocol on Water and Health in Kazakhstan were presented, and possible accession of Kazakhstan to the Protocol was considered. Ms. Kuralay Yahiyeva, CWP-Kazakhstan Executive Secretary, made a presentation "Public Participation in Water and Health in Kazakhstan."



#### 4.5. 2nd meeting of Interagency Board on National Dialogue on Water Policy

The 2nd meeting of Interagency Board on National Dialogue on Water Policy of Kazakhstan was

organized by the Committee on Water Resources at the Ministry of Environment and Water Resources of Kazakhstan and was held on 24 April 2014. The work plan for 2014-2015 concerning the National Dialogue on Water Policy of Kazakhstan as well the results of the project "Assessment of legal, institutional and financial needs for implementation of the UNECE UN/WHO-Europe Protocol on Water and Health to UNECE Water Convention, as well the intermediate results of the project "Sustainable models of operation and financing of water supply systems and water disposal in rural area and small towns" were considered and discussed. Ms. Kuralay Yahyaeva, CWP-Kazakhstan Executive Secretary, took part in this meeting.

### 4.6. WACDEP CACENA

The working meeting on implementation of the demonstration project "Drought Risk Management: IWRM solutions on water demand management in the irrigated agriculture" was held on 22-25 April 2014 in Astana, Kazakhstan. Mr. Abishev I., Chairman of the Committee on Water Resources at the Ministry of Environment and Water Resources of Kazakhstan, took part in the working meeting. Akimat (authority) of Kyzyl Orda Province allocated 20 million Kazakhstan tenge (80,000 euros) in support of the demonstration project. Currently the following works are being conducted: land levelling, a ploughing, preparation to sowing. Repair of water facilities is planned to be in May 2014.

## Section 5: CWP- Turkmenistan

### 5.1. Photocompetition announcement

CWP-Turkmenistan jointly with the National Society of Nature Protection of Turkmenistan announced the Photo competition "Water is Life Source" within celebration of the World Water Day and the National Holiday "Water Drop is a Grain of Gold". Organizers received 43 photos from all the regions of Turkmenistan. Color printing of photos is decided to be done on glass as a souvenir. The photo exhibition and the awarding ceremony is planned to be on 5 July 2014 at the National Exhibition Pavilion.

### 5.2. WACDEP CACENA

Implementation of administrative and technical measures (mounting of irrigation system, land treatment, tillage, land grading, preplant watering, cotton sowing), collecting and processing of analytical materials.

### 5.3. Regional Seminar "Environmental Governance and Climate Change"

Within the EU – Central Asia Strategy for a New Partnership Platform for Environment and Water Cooperation (WECOOP), the Regional Seminar Environmental Governance and Climate Change was conducted in Brussels, 10-11 April 2014. The purpose of the Seminar is to share information and views about policies and projects regarding green economy, climate change, sustainable consumption and production, EIA&SEA and environmental information systems (SEIS) in EU and Central Asia. Participants from the Central Asian and European Member states and NGOs discussed issues related to the international and national experiences and best practices on environmental governance, green economy, and climate change. Ms. Guljamal Nurmukhamedova, CWP-Turkmenistan Chair, made a presentation "Priority practices for adaptation to climate change in Turkmenistan". Three adaptation practices in water resources management sphere of Turkmenistan were presented in detail:

- Improving governance of transboundary water resources;
- Increasing efficiency of water resources use;
- Developing domestic water resources.





#### 5.4. Regional Training Seminar

CWP-Turkmenistan participated in the Regional Training Seminar organized by the World Bank jointly with the German-Kazakh University and the Regional Environmental Centre. This seminar was held on 16-18 April 2014. The demo module "Basin-IT" was presented as a tool for modeling the integrated water resources management and planning.



### Section 6: CWP-Uzbekistan

#### 6.1. Competition on Water Security Ideas

The Competition "Best Ideas for Water Security under Global Climate Change" was held among students from various institutes of higher education in Uzbekistan. Its aim was to awake a care of water as an essential part of human livelihood across the globe among the young people.

More than 300 students from 22 institutes of higher education presented their ideas on water security to competition. This competition was organized by the Ecological Movement of Uzbekistan, CWP-Uzbekistan, the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, the Ministry of Higher and Secondary Education, and other organizations.

The works of the students were nominated for three prizes - "Best story", "Best presentation" and "Best project".

28 students won a prize. The awarding ceremony was held on 8 April 2014 in the Conference Hall at the Tashkent University of Global Economy and <sup>19</sup>Diplomacy. More than 120 people attended this



event. This event was covered by the mass media of Uzbekistan.



### Section 7: CWP-Mongolia

#### 7.1. Preparing to the forthcoming IUWM workshop and GWP CACENA meeting

MWP together with the Ministry of Green Development and Environment discussed a preparation by the Mongolian side to the forthcoming IUWM workshop and GWP CACENA meeting that will be held in Ulaanbaatar. Also they met with the Tuul River Basin authority to discuss how to support the GWP CACENA activity in Mongolia.

#### 7.2. Discussing the ADB project "Tuul River Improvement"

The meeting with Mr. Lindsay, team leader of the ADB project "Tuul River Improvement", and Ms. Ouyn, Minister of Green Development and Environment. There were discussed the Tuul River Improvement



From the right to the left: the RBO department chief, Minister of Green Development and Environment, Dr. Lindsay, Prof. Basandorj and Dr. Demjig.

**Project purpose to understand clearly the project activity. Also selection of the pilot project area in 2014 was considered.**

### 7.3. The 2030 Water Resources Group Meeting

MWP was invited to participate in the 2030 Water Resources Group Meeting held on 17 April 2014. MWP has met with Mr. Andres Berntell and Mr. Christoph Jacob to discuss the MWP activity and collaboration with WRG in Mongolia.



The WRG representative and the State secretary of MGDE

#### 7.4. Meeting with NGOs

On 23 April 2014, MWP organized the meeting with water professionals from NGOs to discuss development of water pollution monitoring system in the Tuul River Basin.



#### 7.5. Discussing a design and restoration of the Selbe River

MWP has met with the Vice-Mayor of Ulaanbaatar city to discuss design and restoration of the Selbe River in the middle part of Ulaanbaatar city.



**7.6. Guideline "Child friendly sanitation in public kindergartens in Ulaanbaatar"**

Taking consultation to develop a Guideline "Child friendly sanitation in public kindergartens in Ulaanbaatar" supported by the Japanese fund of Children.



**Redesigned child friendly sanitation room for kindergarten n 22**



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