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1. Celebrating the Earth Day in Georgia

CWP-Georgia took part in the cleanup campaign organized by the Greens Movement of Georgia.

The action was dedicated to the Earth Day. Together with 175 countries, Georgia marks this day by numerous actions since 1970. CWP-Georgia participates in these events the 6th time. The territory around Lake Lisi was cleaned in Tbilisi. Volunteers of up to 40 people participated in the action. The action was held jointly with the city administration.



2. Stakeholders Meeting

The Stakeholders Meeting was organized within the framework of the USAID project "Governing for Growth in Georgia", on 23 April 2018 at the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia, in Tbilisi.

Presentation on the development of 2 new guiding documents for the implementation of European water directives and national water legislation was made.



Participants from ministries, non-governmental organizations, and academia discussed such issues as:

- Establishment and operation of local basin authorities;
- Database and its use;
- Work with the public.

Participants (total: 20 people) discussed the needed development new by-laws. It was noted the great contribution of CWP-Georgia to the improvement of

Georgia's water legislation, a new water law and 8 subordinates. CWP-Georgia was represented by George Dzamukashvili.

3. Workshop on the Job Training in Water Evaluation and Planning WEAP system

The workshop was held on 24 April 2018 in the conference hall of the Radisson Blu Hotel, Tbilisi, within the USAID project "Governing for Growth in Georgia".

The workshop goal was to select a pilot river basin for precise planning of water resources allocation. The participants were thoroughly acquainted with the use of WEAP developed by the Stockholm Environmental Institute. This program used by more than 100 countries, will help to develop a scenario for the use of water resources. As a result of the discussions, a sub-basin of Tezami river was selected as a pilot one. In the final phase of the project, a software training program will be created. The training will be conducted for 15 persons. George Dzamukashvili took part in the workshop.



4. Meeting under initiative of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Akimat of the Kyzylorda Oblast

The meeting chaired by Deputy Prime Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan was held under the initiative of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Akimat of the Kyzylorda Oblast in response to the Protocol No. 14 of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 03.04. 2018.

CWP-Kazakhstan Chairman Prof. Nariman Kipshakbaev participated in the meeting.

Place: Government House, Astana

Date: 27 April 2018

Organizer: Ministry of Agriculture, Kazakhstan

Participants: various ministries, local administrations, invited experts.

The issues of realization and financing of the 2nd phase of the program "Regulation of the Syrdarya river bed and the Northern Aral Sea" were considered.

5. Round table "Status and prospects of development of the use and protection of water resources of transboundary rivers"

CWP-Kazakhstan Chairman Nariman Kipshakbaev was invited to participate in the Round table "Status and prospects of development of the use and protection of water resources of transboundary rivers" in accordance with the working plan of the 3rd session of the VI convocation of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan.



Place: Astana

Date: 24 April 2018

Organizer: Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense and Security of the Majilis of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Participants: parliamentarians; representatives of state bodies, international organizations, local administrations; experts.



Participants discussed the existing problem concerning the use of water resources of transboundary rivers between the Republic of Kazakhstan, Russia, China, Central Asian countries and ways of their solution. A number of constructive measures were proposed,

including the development of a clear mechanism for the rapid exchange of information between relevant structures in the field of water management, about the status of transboundary water bodies, the filling and discharging of hydraulic structures, emerging environmental threats, etc.

Source: <http://www.parlam.kz/ru/mazhilis/news-details/id41843/1/1>

6. 6th meeting of the special working group

CWP-Kazakhstan Chairman Nariman Kipshakbaev took part in the 6th meeting of the special working group to discuss the draft Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Government of the People's Republic of China on water allocation of transboundary rivers.

Place: Beijing, China

Date: 19-21 April 2018

Organizer: Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Participants: Representatives of state bodies, interstate organizations, invited experts.

7. Presentation of the UN World Water Report for 2018

CWP-Kazakhstan Chairman Nariman Kipshakbaev and Executive Secretary Kuralai Yakhiyayeva participated in the meeting on presentation of the UN World Water Report for 2018 "Natural solutions to water management problems".

Place: Almaty, Kazakhstan

Date: 10 April 2018

Organizers: UNESCO Cluster Office in Almaty, CAR@WAN network, PF "Center for Promoting Sustainable Development"

Participants: representatives of public, state, interstate organizations and educational institutions, as well as invited experts.



The event was dedicated to celebration of the World Water Day, which is celebrated annually on 22 March. Participants agreed that natural solutions can play an important role in improving water supply and water quality, as well as mitigating the consequences of natural disasters. In the new edition of the Report, water is considered as part of a single complex natural process.

8. 24th meeting of the Kazakhstan-Kyrgyz Interstate Commission

CWP-Kazakhstan Chairman Nariman Kipshakbaev took part in a videoconference to discuss the results of the 24th meeting of the Kazakhstan-Kyrgyzstan Interstate Commission.

Place: Almaty, Kazakhstan

Date: 11 April 2018

Organizer: Ministry of Agriculture, Kazakhstan

Participants: representatives of state, interstate organizations, as well as invited experts.

During the videoconference, issues related to the use of interstate hydraulic structures in the Shu-Talas basin were

discussed.

9. Training seminar "Ensuring the equitable use and effective management of transboundary watercourses in Central Asia and public-private partnership for infrastructure development"

CWP-Kazakhstan office manager Mira Elyubaeva took part in the training seminar "Ensuring the equitable use and effective management of transboundary watercourses in Central Asia and public-private partnership for infrastructure development", within the framework of a special course of seminars on transboundary watercourses management in Central Asia through international water diplomacy, law and institutions.

Place: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Date: 18 April 2018

Organizer: UN Regional Center for Preventive Diplomacy in Central Asia

Participants: representatives of relevant ministries and departments of Central Asian countries, regional partner organizations, including OSCE, GIZ, USAID.

The participants got acquainted with the main principles, norms and tools that regulate the joint and sustainable use of transboundary watercourses, as well as international experience and best practices in this field.



10. Meeting of experts from five Central Asian countries

CWP-Kazakhstan office manager Mira Elyubaeva took part in the meeting of experts from five Central Asian countries to discuss ways to improve regional cooperation in managing transboundary water and energy resources.

Place: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Date: 19 April 2018

Organizer: UN Regional Center for Preventive Diplomacy in Central Asia

Participants: representatives of relevant ministries and departments of Central Asian countries, regional partner organizations, including OSCE, GIZ, USAID.



Participants discussed the use and effective management of transboundary watercourses. The recommendations which in the future will be discussed by the Central Asian countries at the national level, were proposed. Participants supported prolongation of the work of the group of experts on a regular base.



11. REC CA Briefing

CWP-Kazakhstan responsible secretary Kuralai Yakhiyayeva took part in the Briefing of the Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia to discuss the coming Regional Environmental Forum, which will be held on June 5-8 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

Place: Almaty, Kazakhstan

Date: 27 April 2018

Organizer: REC CA

Participants: Consultant of the Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan to the Republic of Kazakhstan, representatives of public and interstate organizations, mass media.

The meeting was focused on the forthcoming CAIEF, which will be held on June 5-8 in Tashkent. Participants noted that the forum's goal: "Strengthening cooperation in the field of environment and sustainable development in Central Asia", which helps overcome the environmental problems facing the region and requires the consolidation of the efforts of all stakeholders at the national, regional and international levels.

Source: https://www.carececo.org/en/main/news/CAIEF_briefing_Almaty/

12. 5th meeting of the Chui Basin Water Management Council

Date: 20 April 2018

Place: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Organizer: Chui Basin Water Management Council

Participants: representatives of CWP-Kyrgyzstan, BWMC, environmental protection agencies, emergency situations, hydrometeorology, sanitary and epidemiological, local administration, Chu-Talas Water Commission, non-governmental organizations, WUAs (total: 32 people, including 12 women).

Purpose: Discussion of the Basin Plan for development, use and protection of water resources in the Chu river basin.



13. Training "History, practice and application of the Sava River Basin Agreement and its protocols: opportunities and solutions for the Chu and Talas river basins"

The training organized by CWP-Kyrgyzstan was held within the ongoing GEF-UNDP-UNECE project "Promoting transboundary cooperation and integrated water resources management in the Chu and Talas river basins".

Date: 26-27 April 2018

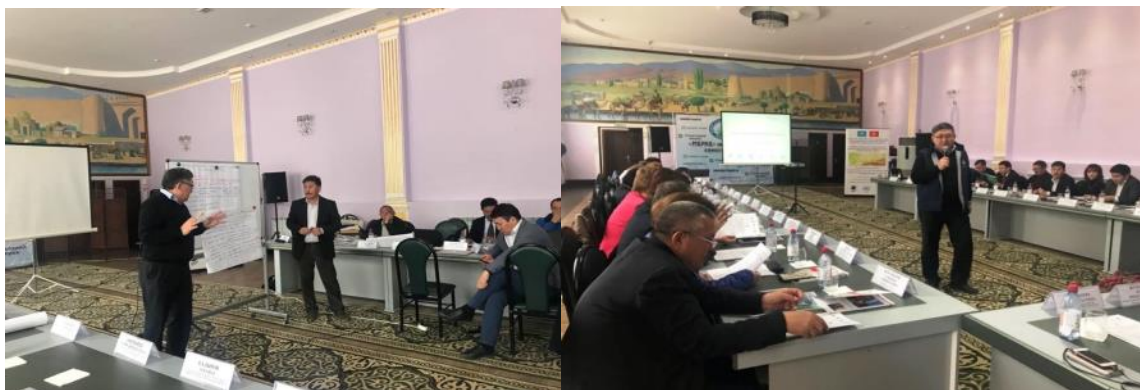
Place: Djambul region, Kazakhstan

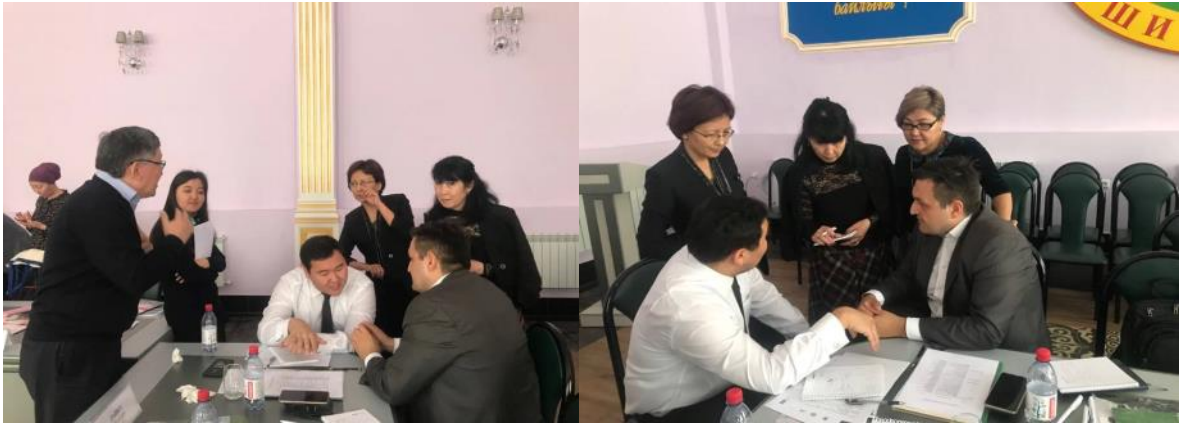
Organizers: CWP-Kyrgyzstan , UNDP, GEF, UNECE

Participants: employees of the Chu-Talas Water Commission, heads of the Secretariat of the ChTWC, representatives of Kazvodkhoz, Kazgidromet, the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Department of Water Resources of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Hydromeliorative Expedition, the State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Ministry of Emergency Situations of Kyrgyzstan, Kyrgyzhydromet, as well as representatives of civil society (total: 41 people, including 15 women).

Purpose: capacity building of the staff of CTWC and its related departments through the exchange of information and the experience of the work of the Sava Commission.

CWP-Kyrgyzstan representative Abdybay Djailoobaev made a presentation "History of the Agreement on the Chu-Talas basin: situational analysis".





14. National Olympiad "Integrated Water Resources Management in Central Asia"

CWP-Kyrgyzstan assisted in the organization and holding the National Olympiad "Integrated Water Resources Management in Central Asia" devoted to WWD:

- presentation on CWP-Kyrgyzstan activity was made;
- as a member of the competitive commission;
- developing the Olympiad questions.

Date: 23 April 2018

Place: Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University

Organizers: DAAD, GWP, German-Kazakh University, WBG, KRSU





15. Meeting “Best sanitation and water reuse”

Date: 6th of April 2018

Place: Fresh water center, Conference hall, Ulaanbaatar

Organizer: Board of River basin organization and CWP-Mongolia

Number of participants: 45 people

Participants shared the best experience in reusing treated wastewater and improvement of sanitation within SDG6 context. The lesson by Prof. Basandorj was devoted to how to improve sanitation locally and to increase involvement of people.



16. DG6: Change a toilet

Date: 13th of April 2018

Place: Khovd province of Western Mongolia

Organizer: NGO "Nutgiin shiidel fund"

Number of participants: 60

Prof. Basandorj conducted a lesson how to improve and change toilet as well he informed participants about the best experiences under Mongolian cold conditions.



17. Workshop on assessment of main indicators of the Climate Investment Fund

CWP- Tajikistan Chairman and Member of the Technical Committee of the Pilot Program on Adaptation to Climate Change (PPCR) Prof. Yarash Pulatov took part in the workshop on assessment of main indicators of the Climate Investment Fund (CIF) which was held on April 4, 2018 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. The workshop was organized by the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Climate Investment Fund (CIF) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

The following presentations were made: "Project for environmentally sustainable land use and livelihood in rural areas", "Improving the quality of weather, climate and hydrological services", "Improving climate resilience in the energy sector", "Sustainability of financial mechanism" and "Creating resilience to climate change in the Pyanj river basin".

Progress in all sectors (agriculture, water resources / irrigation, energy, social sector, etc.), of Tajikistan in 2017 was assessed.

Participants (total: 65 people): PPCR project technical committee, interested ministries and departments of the Republic of Tajikistan, local communities, young specialists, women, scientists, business sector, academics.



18. National Olympiad on IWRM

Date: 24 April 2018

Place: Dushanbe, Tajik Agrarian University named after Shotemur

Organizers: the Kazakh-German University, the German Academic Exchange Service in Tajikistan (DAAD), the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Ministry of Energy and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Tajik Agrarian University named after Sh. Shotemur and CWP-Tajikistan.

The main goal: broad propaganda of the IWRM principles in Tajikistan, improvement of qualification and knowledge of students on IWRM issues, knowledge sharing and development of water cooperation.

Participants: more than 100 students from universities of Tajikistan (Tajik National University, Tajik Agrarian University, Tajik Technical University named after M. Osimi, Branch of the Moscow State University named after Lomonosov, Khojent State University, etc.).

The participants of the National Olympiad were tested (1st stage) and the best prepared 10 candidates passed to the next stage of the Olympiad.

To identify the winner, they passed an oral examination (interview) in accordance with the program of the Olympiad. All the participants and winners of the Olympiad were awarded with certificates. The winner of the Olympiad is the student of the Water Melioration Faculty of the Tajik Agrarian University named after. Sh. Shotemur, Mirazizov Sh.Z.

The Olympiad Jury Chairman Prof. Yarash Pulatov made a presentation "IWRM is the base of sustainable development".



19. Training "Impacts of climate change, land use and interventions of adaptation in the field of water resources and agricultural production in the transboundary zone of the Amu Darya, Syr Darya and Zerafshan basin and the reduction of competition for water resources in the Central Asian river basins through effective water use"

Date: 17 April 2018

Place: Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Organizers: ICARDA-CAC, Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Melioration, CWP-Uzbekistan

Participants: Master students and doctoral students of the irrigation and land improvement faculty of the Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Melioration, including junior researchers and teachers (total: 31 people).

The training was held at the initiative of the International Water Management Institute (IWMI Tashkent), under financial support of USAID in the framework of the USAID program "Partnership for Enhancing Participation in Researches".

The purpose of the training is the transfer of knowledge to the participants on the research methodology and practical results on the use of advanced technologies of Geoinformation Systems (GIS) and Remote Sensing (DZ) for the land and water management.

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