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1. Elaboration of Manuals on Aquatic Ecosystems in River Basins for schoolchildren in Armenia

Within the EUWI+ communication activity in Armenia, an awareness-raising campaign took place in 2019 and reached hundreds of children in both the Sevan and Hrazdan river basins. This campaign was marked by several events and activities such as open lessons, study tours, summer campaign and schoolchildren presentations on the



occasion of World Water Day, World Environment Day, and World Water Monitoring Day. The objective was to raise awareness on the importance of water protection and share knowledge on the determination of the quality of water.

These activities have led to the development of several pieces of information, infographics, pedagogical presentations.

It was decided to integrate these different pieces of information into a manual which could be used by teachers and schoolchildren for further awareness in the Sevan and Hrazdan pilot basins.

The main objective is to raise awareness about the importance of the aquatic ecosystems among the younger generation.

The manual are adapted to the local context,

particularly to the Sevan and Hrazdan basins. It will targeted at a young public and explain how the river basin's ecosystem is functioning with a lot of illustrations and practical exercises.

The manuals have been developed are now there are available.

Manuals are on the following topics:

1. Components of river ecosystems: Hrazdan River
2. Components of lake ecosystems: Lake Sevan
3. Components of river ecosystems: Aquatic plants
4. How we are influence on water ecosystems?
5. Water quality monitoring
6. Drinking water and waste water in our daily life

The Armenian version of the manuals are available on CWP Armenia [webpage](#).

2. New projects of CWP-Armenia

Country Water Partnership has 2 new ongoing projects. Taking into account the risk of COVID-19 virus spread, CWP Armenia implemets only the components of the projects which are possible to carry in the distance.

1. *WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) project, funded by International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)*
Now CWP implemets the preparatory phase of the project: mobilization of communities, communication with stakeholders, information materials development for conduction awaransess raising campaigns.
2. *In the frameworks of the UNDP GoAL-WaterS (Governance, Accountability and Learning for Water Sustainability) programme Country Water Partnership Armenia implements "Support the Government of Armenia in localisation of SDG-6 targets and development of implementation strategy and monitoring mechanisms" project.*

The main goals of the project:

- Identification of weaknesses and gaps on the way to achieving SDG 6 targets
- Development of a Strategy towards achievement of SDG 6, including gap analysis

- Development of timelines and an action plan to achieve the targets.



3. World Water Development Report 2020: launch in Kazakhstan

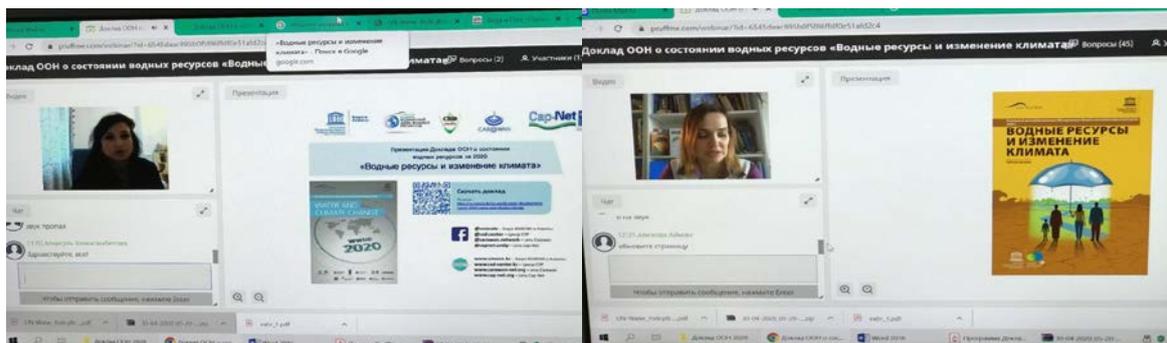
Date: 30 April 2020

Format: online webinar

Organizers: the UNESCO Office in Almaty, in collaboration with the Public Fund “Center for Sustainable Development”

Participants: more than 150 participants representing water and climate-related governmental and non-governmental organizations, research institutions, universities and the private sector in Kazakhstan, including CWP-Kyrgyzstan and CWP-Kazakhstan.

During the meeting, a panel discussion with national experts, presenting the various topics of the report, which are actual for Kazakhstan, was organized. The experts in their interventions answered to a number of questions, posed by the participants, such as the impact of climate change to glaciers melting and water resources of Kazakhstan; the food security in the context of changing climate and water scarcity, as well as the impact of climate change to the health sector, tackling as well such important aspects as access to clean water and sanitation in the current Covid-19 pandemic.



4. Interactive Earth Day 2020 LIVE webinar: “Climate, Coronavirus, Economics – How to recover from a pandemic?”

Date: 22 April 2020

Format: online webinar

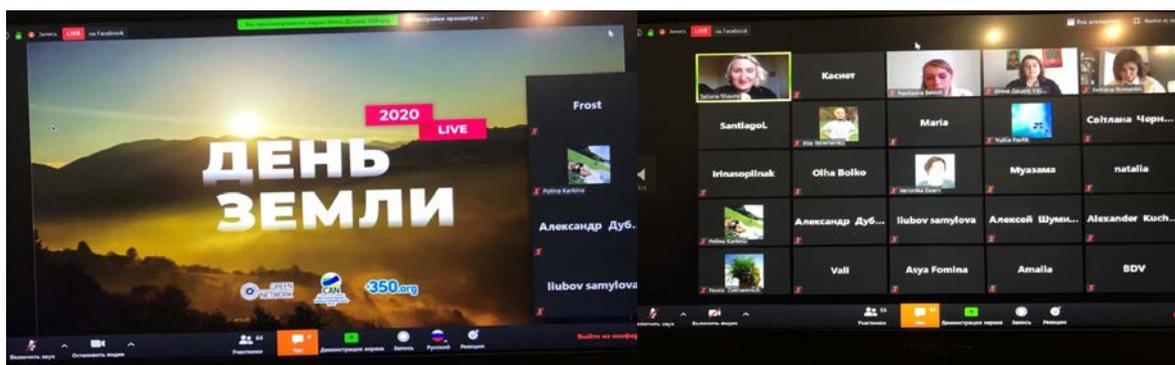
Organizers: Climate Action Network – Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, 350.org Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, FES Regional Office «Dialogue Eastern Europe”.

Participants: Activists and experts from Georgia, Armenia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Moldova, Russia and the EU, including CWP-Kyrgyzstan (Total: 60 people).

Purpose: Climate Dialogue between civil society and EECCA governments.

Topics:

- How to respond to the crisis (climate and pandemic);
- Participation of public organizations in the process of developing national programs to reduce CO2 emissions;
- National plans for energy and climate;
- Development of measures to enhance climate action and the involvement of civil society.



5. Regular 78th meeting of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination in Central Asia

Date: 10 April 2020

Format: video-conference

Participants: Minister of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of Kazakhstan, Vice Minister of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of Kazakhstan, Minister of Water Resources of Uzbekistan, Deputy Minister of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan, Chairman of the Committee on Water Resources of Turkmenistan, Heads of ICWC executive bodies and invited experts, including CWP-Kazakhstan Chairman.

Participants discussed the followings: Results of the use of the limits and operation regimes of the reservoirs in the Amudarya and Syrdarya River basins over the non-growing season 2019-2020; Implementation of the proposals and initiatives of the Heads of founder-states of IFAS voiced at the Summit of the Heads of founder-states of IFAS (Turkmenbashi, August 24, 2018).

6. Online discussion on the development of the State Water Management Program of the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2021-2030

Date: 03, 09, 13, 17 April 2020

Organizers: Committee on Water Resources of the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of Kazakhstan

Participants: Members of the working group

CWP-Kazakhstan Chairman Prof. Nariman Kipshakbaev and experts participated as members of the working group.

7. Press conference on water bodies

Date: 20th of April 2020

Place: Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Organizer: CWP-Mongolia

Participants: mass media

Purpose: raising awareness and discussing of updating water law.

It was decided to submit a message for the Council on the Constitution of Mongolia.



8. International scientific-practical conference "Effectiveness of the Decade" Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028 "in ensuring the rational use and protection of water and land resources in the Republic of Tajikistan"

Date: 10 April 2020

Place: Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Participants: Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Tajikistan, Ministry of Energy and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan, Agency for Land Reclamation and Irrigation under the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, Tajik Agrarian University named after Sh.Shotemur, Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tajikistan, Tajik Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Institute of Water Problems, Hydropower and Ecology of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tajikistan, State Institution TajikNIIGIM, CWP-Tajikistan partners (Total: 125 people).

Main goal: Discussion and dissemination of knowledge on the objectives of the International Decade of Action "Water for Sustainable Development, 2018-2028". The conference considered the development of the republic's water sector, water cooperation, education and science as the basis for sustainable development and achieving SDG-2030.



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