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During the meeting the participants revealed challenges hindering participatory and effective water resource management in Ararat valley. As a result of a constructive discussion the identified water sector issues were classified into three categories – legislative, law enforcement practice and behavioral change. In the scope of the event a stakeholder analysis was conducted to identify the level of the latter’s impact on the project implementation.



Brainstorming participants



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6. The meeting on Phone Survey and SMS Polling Instruments

On August 15, 2017, in the framework of USAID-funded PURE-Water project, Vedi Town Hall hosted a meeting organized by Country Water Partnership, Armenia in cooperation with URBAN Development Foundation.

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the Phone Survey and SMS Polling Instruments, the installation of which would allow the community residents of the Ararat Valley to contribute to the decision making process and monitoring of water resource management in their respective communities. The instruments will help to identify public opinion about the urgency of the issues in water resource management. Phone Survey instrument was introduced by Emin Zavaryan, Phone Survey expert from CWP Armenia and SMS Polling Instrument was presented by Zhanna Harutyunyan, UNDP expert.

The meeting was attended by the heads of communities of Ararat valley as well as respective IT specialists from each community.



Meeting participants



Meeting Participants

7. The second Brainstorming meeting on Water Sector Public Advocacy

On August 24, in the framework of USAID funded PURE-Water project, Country Water Partnership (CWP), Armenia organized the second Brainstorming meeting on Water Sector Public Advocacy at Yerevan Aarhus Centre. The event was moderated by Public Advocacy Expert.

The participants of the meeting summed up the definition of the overall goal and specific objectives of the Public Advocacy Campaign to be carried out within the project. The outcomes of the discussion as the definition of the overall goal and 4 specific objectives of the Campaign, which focused mainly on the operation of Water User Associations, monitoring and control of water usage, the irrigation and drinking water tariffs, as well as water users' rights.

The event incorporated the representatives of Urban Foundation, NGOs of Ararat and Armavir marzes, ASPIRED project, as well as representatives of communities of Ararat and Armavir marzes selected in the framework of the project.



Brainstorming participants



Brainstorming participants

8. International Joint Research Workshop on "Sustainable Public Health Requirement and Green Development of Ulaanbaatar Area in Mongolia"



Date: 9th of August 2017

Organizers: CWP-Mongolia and the Mongolian University of Science & Technology (MUST)

Venue: Conference hall of MUST

Purpose of the workshop: To explore and identify potential joint research projects between CWP-Mongolia, MUST, Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology (UNIST), and University of Ulsan (UOU) which is contributing to public health improvement and green development of Ulaanbaatar city (with focus on GER area) in Mongolia in such fields of eco-system based approach including bio-toilet application, underground water contamination/waste water treatment, soil pollution prevention, solid waste management/treatment, and air pollution reduction etc.,

The workshop meeting began at 9:20 am with opening ceremony in which congratulatory speech was made by professor Uuganbayar, Azjargal and Basandorj. The meeting was attended by 40 participants including KOICA coordinator.

The morning session was chaired by professor Chung, Heukjin and afternoon session by professor Basandorj. The workshop meeting proceeded in a heated discussion and active participation atmosphere. The composition of the participants was also diverse in its background including NGO, international organization such as ADB, KOICA...

The most excited presentation was made by MET-ADB project manager Ms.Choikhand. She introduced an ADB environmental project initiated in July just last month with funding 22mil US\$ which is focused on the Ger area soil contamination. All participants welcomed the project and expressed their wishes to join the project because it has many elements in common among themselves. The meeting was closed at 5:30pm as planned.

Outcomes of the workshop:

Recognizing the importance of collaboration among themselves in order to work out pending serious problems such as soil contamination and air pollution facing Ger area major stakeholders agreed upon and committed themselves to take several important initiatives which is as follows:

ADB

Project manager Ms.J.Choikhand agreed and committed that ADB will take on board three stakeholders namely MUST, UNIST and UOU in its recently initiated project MET-ADB "Soil contamination management in GER area through improved on-site sanitation project" and as a follow-up;

1. it will provide all information on the newly initiated project to stakeholders by e-mail and ask them how to join and what contribution each stake holder can make for the project;
2. it will reorganize its project into a multi stakeholder joint project in such a way that each stakeholder shares responsibility and plays its part particularly in the area of bio-toilet technology development and application in the Ger area.

UNIST

Professor Jaewon Cho agreed and committed that UNIST will join and contribute to the above ADB project in terms of bio-toilet technology application in the Ger area and as a follow-up

1. it will provide its most advanced laboratory facilities for sampling analysis in case that any samples taken from Ger area is sent to;
2. it will consider to initiate a pilot project in order to test efficiency and practicality of the bio-toilet technology it has so far developed.

UOU

Professor Lee Byenog Kyu agreed and committed that UOU will join and contribute to the above ADB project in terms of visible photo catalyst degradation technology development and its application in the Ger area and as a follow-up;

1. it will provide information on how to reduce air pollution in Ger area by using research outcome of BK 21project;

2. it will cooperate with a Mongolian NGO who suggested use of solar energy as a solution to the air pollution problems of UB during winter time.

MUST

Professor Azjargal agreed and committed that SCEA will join and contribute to the above ADB project and as a follow-up;

1. it will play a role as coordinator and control tower of the multi stakeholder joint ADB project in consideration at the moment when it is established;
2. it will design and take samples for analysis of soil and underground water contamination and so on if asked by any stakeholder.



9. Knowledge & Learning in GWP - input from GWP CACENA

Under request of Ruth the K&L questionnaire was prepared by Regional Coordinator Vadim Sokolov.

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