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1. 20th APWF Governing Council Meeting

The 20th Governing Council meeting was held on 18th January 2017 in Singapore. The 20th Governing Council meeting was chaired by Mr. Ravi Narayanan, Ms. Changhua Wu, and Prof. Simon Tay in their capacities as Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Governing Council of the APWF. The meeting was attended by the total of 23 members from 17 organizations along with 4 other members from the 4 organizations using the web conference system.

There were two main items on the agenda listed below:

1) Host country for the 3rd Asia Pacific Water Summit (APWS)

After a discussion about a host country for the 3rd APWS the APWF Secretariat announced that Myanmar was a final candidate country. After the several discussions, including Q&A session on the other candidate countries, the members reached the consensus that they would welcome Myanmar to host the 3rd APWS.

2) Asia-Pacific Regional Process for the 8th World Water Forum

APWF was nominated as a regional coordinator of Asia-Pacific for the regional process of the 8th World Water Forum by collaborating with its partner organizations. The sub-regional coordinators were also elected in accordance with the APWF framework, namely:

- Central Asia: GWP CACENA
- North Asia: Korea Water Forum
- Oceania and Pacific: Pacific Community (SPC)
- South Asia: GWP South Asia
- South East Asia: GWP South East Asia

GWP CACENA Chair Guljamal Nurmukammedova was invited to participate as a sub-regional coordinator of the Asia-Pacific Regional Process for the 8th World Water Forum.

GWP CACENA is a sub-regional coordinator of the following themes:

- 1) Water and Nexus activities for Central Asia
- 2) Transboundary water management cooperation

2. Extended Session of the UNFCCC Inter-Agency Council “What's next for Armenia: working together after the entry into force of the Paris Climate Agreement”

Date: 31 January 2017

Venue: Erebuni Plaza, Yerevan, Armenia

Organized & Supported by the Ministry of Nature Protection of the Republic of Armenia, Clima East, UNFCCC Inter-Agency Council & UNDP Climate Change Office

Armenia signed the Paris Agreement on 20 September 2016 and the ratification package is in the agenda of upcoming session of the National Assembly to be held in February 2017.

The Action Plan on implementation of the provisions under UNFCCC approved by the Government Decision # 49 from 08 December 2016, which in-line with other targets states provision to amend the INDC and present the National Determined Contributions (NDC) document for Government adoption. The NDC document has to provide clear directions for action and ensure that the synergies between climate action and national development priorities are utilized and the Paris Agreement is implemented effectively. Therefore, active participation and collaboration is required among the national authorities and stakeholders who are covering

virtually all sectors of economy, particularly those, which produce significant emissions of greenhouse gases, and those most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change.

The conference's purpose was to enhance common understanding of the opportunities and the challenges that the implementation of the Paris Agreement creates for Armenia's economy and society among relevant stakeholders. In particular, the conference addressed the options for coordinating sectoral policies and measures and ensuring that they bring national development on a low-emission and climate-resilient pathway.

Source: <http://www.climaeast.eu/events/whats-next-for-armenia-2017>

CWP-Armenia took part in the Extended Session of the UNFCCC Inter-Agency Council and informed participants about implementation of WACDEP CACENA in Armenia.



3. Roundtable "Climate Change Adaptation at the community level: the best practice and lessons learnt"

On 26 January 2016, CWP-Armenia participated in the Roundtable "Climate Change Adaptation at the community level: the best practice and lessons learnt" organized by the Armenian Red Cross Society in Gyumri within the "Clima East Forum II" Program.

The roundtable objective was to consider the projects being implemented various organizations at the community level and their viability.

Participants: local administrations, donors, NGOs, mass media (total: 22 people).

CWP-Armenia presented the project being implemented within the "Clima East Forum II" Program. Also CWP-Armenia agreed with 2 organizations about implementing joint educational projects and trainings.



The roundtable participants

4. Project "Development of Local Climate Change Adaptation Plans of Action"

Since October 2016, CWP-Armenia is implementing the project "Development of Local Climate Change Adaptation Plans of Action" within the framework of "Climate Forum East II" Program under financial support of EU, the Austrian Red Cross, the Austrian Development Cooperation.

In this regard CWP-Armenia signed a contract on implementation of six pilot projects in three communities: Mets Parni, Margahovit and Basen (2 projects for each community).

On 23 January 2017, CWP-Armenia organized a meeting with the elders of the Basen village, representatives of the Armenian Red Cross Society, UNDP, Armenian Tree Project, NGO "Ecopeace" and the national coordinator on UNFCCC. The purpose was to discuss establishing of civil operating fund to implement the climate adaptation projects.

CWP-Armenia in cooperation with NGO "Khazer" have developed the project "Implementing financial mechanism for INDC in small and middle-sized towns and villages". The project will be submitted to GEF on 31 January 2017.



Meeting in the Basen village

On 26 January 2017, CWP-Armenia organized a meeting in the Mets Parni village, where the photovoltaic panels are being installed.



5. REGULAR 69TH MEETING OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR WATER COORDINATION IN CENTRAL ASIA

The 69th ICWC meeting was held on January 26, 2017 in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. The participants were the ICWC members Messrs. E.N. Nysanbayev (Republic of Kazakhstan), S.N. Rakhimzoda (Republic of Tajikistan), Sh.R. Khamraev (Republic of Uzbekistan) under the chairmanship of Mr. G. Baydjanov (Turkmenistan). The heads of ICWC executives bodies (BWO Amudarya, BWO Syrdarya, SIC ICWC, and the Secretariat) and some invitees also attended the meeting.

Agenda of the meeting included:

1. Results of the growing season 2016 in the Syrdarya and Amudarya River basins;
2. Consideration and approval of the water withdrawal limits and operation regimes of the reservoir cascade for the next non-growing season 2016-2017 in the Syrdarya and Amudarya River basins;
3. Commemorative activities for the 25th anniversary of ICWC; and
4. Agenda and venue of the next 70th ICWC meeting.

Source: <http://sic.icwc-aral.uz/releases/eng/298.htm>

CWP-Kazakhstan Chair Prof. Nariman Kipshakbaev took part in the meeting. He emphasized the role of ICWC in the regional management of water resources as well as noted that in 2017 there will be 25th Anniversary of ICWC. He proposed to celebrate this important event and to devote its agenda to achievements of ICWC for 25 years.

6. Videoconference "Diversion of the run-off flow part of the Ob River to the Republic of Kazakhstan"

Date: 31 January 2017

Venue: Territorial inspectorate of the Committee of the State Inspectorate of the Agro-industrial Center in Almaty.

Organizer: Department on transboundary rivers of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Participants: Representatives of interested organizations.

CWP-Kazakhstan Chair Prof. Nariman Kipshakbaev took part in the videoconference. The videoconference decided to set up a working group on preparing proposal to the Kazakhstan-Russia Commission on Water Apportioning.

7. Interview with CWP-Mongolia Chair Prof. Basandorj on TV of Mongolia

On 18th January 2017 Professor Basandorj was invited to TV of Mongolia to give an interview on water issues in Mongolia and the development of water management in Mongolia.

He spoke about the importance of development of water partnerships and water security as objectives of green growth of Mongolia and successful implementation of SDG6.



The interview was broadcasted on the 1st and 2nd national TV channels in Mongolia; the audience is more than 3 million people.

8. Round Table "Role of Youth in water resources exploitation in the Republic of Uzbekistan"

The roundtable organized by CWP-Uzbekistan in cooperation with GWP CACENA Regional Secretariat, SIC ICWC, Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Melioration, was held on 20th January 2017 in Tashkent.

Purpose: Informing the holders of magister's degree in water management about the state of water resources use in the Republic of Uzbekistan. Organizing the initiative youth branch to disseminate the GWP strategy among young people. To attract the attention of young people to the problem of sustainable development based on IWRM.

The round table presentations:

- "International Cooperation on Water Security and Prospects of Water Availability for Sustainable Development of Uzbekistan" by Dr. Vadim Sokolov, Acting Head of the Agency for Project Implementation of the International Fund for the Aral Saving.

- "Environmental Aspects of Sustainable Management of Water Resources: Achievements and Problems" by Prof. Sanginov S., Ecological Movement of Uzbekistan.

- "Approaches and Methods for Water Saving in Uzbekistan" by Dr. Mirzaev N., SIC ICWC.

Participants (Total: 28 people) noted that involving young people to implementation of water saving technologies is very important especially today in the globalization age.



9. Roundtable on the Aral Sea Basin

The Roundtable on the Aral Sea Basin organized by the International Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC) was held in Delft (The Netherlands) on the 16th December 2016.

The purpose of this Roundtable is to discuss the current state of cooperation and identify actions aimed at improving a balanced environmental and socio-economic development in the Basin. The Roundtable is organized in cooperation with UNESCO-IHE as a part of the training course on Preventive Diplomacy for Transboundary Water Management with a Focus on Central Asia.

The Roundtable was attended by the participants of the course, representatives of the Aral Sea countries and national and international agencies and organizations that are involved in implementing programs and projects in the Aral Sea Basin.

Dr. **Vadim Sokolov** actively participated in the roundtable. He made a key presentation "The Aral Sea: Past and Future: Cooperation and Actions Needed for Improving a Balanced Environmental and Socio-Economic Development in the Basin".

Special focus in the presentation was on the "Programme of measures to eliminate the consequences of the drying Aral Sea disaster", which was circulated as an official document of the 68th UN General Assembly session in 2013.

Also a Vision to Future Cooperation was presented namely:

- ✓ Any new Aral Sea basin program (ASBP-4) should be based on National and Regional projects still not completed within the ASBP-3, keeping in mind results of their monitoring;
- ✓ To avoid fragmentation and duplications it is necessary to properly coordinate donors' involvement and support;
- ✓ To increase efficiency of regional cooperation it is necessary to strengthen capacities of existing institutions rather than to create any new institutions;
- ✓ Foster instruments of cooperation such as information exchange, capacity building, regional projects, integrated modeling, long-term planning and decision making;
- ✓ International law is more than a set of rules for mutual actions, it is a "language of communication";
- ✓ There is not any reason to adapt new Regional Framework Convention on Environmental Issues of Central Asia, because it will duplicate functions of already existing Interstate Commission for Sustainable Development;
- ✓ Water – should be a central part of regional cooperation, but not as a source for conflict.

As a result of discussion the areas for further cooperation in the Aral Sea Basin have been suggested namely:

- Sustainable management of water resources and implementation of information-communications technologies at the basin level;
- Increasing irrigation efficiency and sustainability. Applying modern irrigation technologies;
- Adaptation of river basin management to climate change and anthropogenic impact; Increased water security;
- Strengthen capacity in practical application of tools for water-energy-food resources (e.g. models as tools for basic planning and decision-making);
- Promote new generation of water-leaders.

Source: <https://www.un-igrac.org/news/igrac-organises-aral-sea-roundtable>

Full interview with Dr. Vadim Sokolov on Aral Sea Roundtable:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AKrUzPyqaJ8>

10. Seminar on national dialogue on water security and climate change adaptation

On 23 December 2016, in Baku, CWP-Azerbaijan organized the Seminar on national dialogue on water security and climate change adaptation.



During the seminar the following issues were discussed:

- CWP-Azerbaijan accreditation;
- regulations of CWP-Azerbaijan in line of the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
- climate change adaptation;
- water strategy of Azerbaijan;
- problem of fresh water and water management adaptation to climate change;
- environmental problems and their solutions.

The seminar was attended by students of the Azerbaijan Architecture and Construction University, Baku State University, the staff of the research and design institutes, JSC "Azersu" and others (Total: 31 people).

After a stormy debate, the regulations of CWP-Azerbaijan taking into consideration of comments and wishes were taken to be approved by the general meeting of partners.

11. Seminar "Role of Communities in planning water resources management, and introduction to water security"

On 24-25 December 2016 in Khyzy the Seminar "Role of Communities in planning water resources management, and introduction to water security" was held with participation of local authorities and water users.

The seminar was held on the basis of agreement concluded with experts of LLC «Azcons».



The aim of the seminar was to raise awareness and role of communities about problems related to water resources and to build their capacity for prevention of these problems.

The seminar themes: main principles of IWRM; water quality estimation; difference between water user and water consumer; designated water area; biological treatment of wastewater; liability established by the legislation for violations in the field of water use and protection; the legal framework of water resources management; the need for complex construction in water sector; and others.

The seminar was attended by water users and farmers (total: 19 people).

12. Meeting "Assessment of technological needs"

On November 19, CWP-Armenia participated in the discussion of the project "Assessment of technological needs", organized by the Group on implementation of environmental projects at the Ministry of Nature Protection of the Republic of Armenia.

The meeting discussed the priority projects on adaptation and risk reduction under climate change, proposed within the project "Assessment of technological needs".

The meeting was attended by all stakeholders (ministries, scientific and educational institutions, business and NGOs - total: 31 participants), who may be involved in these projects in the future.

The representative of CWP-Armenia, being an expert on adaptation in water sector, has presented 3 projects: (i) introduction of water consumption closed cycle in fish farms located in the Ararat valley; (ii) introduction of new technologies for domestic waste water treatment; (iii) introduction of drip irrigation for gardens and gourds.



13. Roundtable on development of the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) to climate change

On December 8, 2016, CWP-Armenia took part in the Roundtable on NAP development organized by UNDP and the Ministry of Nature Protection of Armenia.

The roundtable was attended by representatives of various ministries, international organizations, NGOs and business (Total: 63 people).

The National Coordinator of the Convention on Climate Change, presented the latest developments in the light of negotiating process and new requirements for development of national adaptation plans. UNFCCC identified the NAP development process as a way to assist in the planning of adaptation measures in the least developed countries, as well as in other developing countries.

Technical guidance on NAP development includes description of the process:

- ✓ development of basis for the NAP development process, including analysis of gaps related to the existing potential;

- ✓ preparatory elements: climate risk assessment and review of options for adaptation measures and actions;
- ✓ actual implementation process of NAP development;
- ✓ development of the monitoring and evaluation plan for NAP implementation.

CWP-Armenia representatives participated in discussions to identify sectoral and cross-sectoral priority areas of adaptation.



The meeting with the elders of the Basen village organized by CWP-Armenia was held on December 7. The working draft for the construction of chlorination plant and 250 meter section of conduit was discussed .



14. High-level Meeting "EU Water Initiative Plus"

The High-level Meeting "EU Water Initiative Plus" organized by the UNECE/OECD National Water Policy Dialogue Programme was held on December 3, 2016, in the conference hall of the Information Centre of the Ministry of Environment Protection and Natural Resources of Georgia.

The meeting discussed a possibility of NPD prolongation in coming period, NPD's form and funding as well as objectives of cooperation with the European Union.

The reports on NPD implementation were presented. The CWP-Georgia contribution as a coordinator of NPD process was mentioned.

The further activity within the EUWI+ Programme and priorities for the 2016-2018 years were proposed.

The meeting was attended by representatives of ministries, civil society, international projects, etc. (About 40 people).



15. Global Workshop on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus

The global stock-taking workshop on assessments of the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus and response measures in transboundary basins took place in the Palais des Nations in Geneva on 6 and 7 December 2016, back to back with the fourth meeting of the Task Force on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus (Geneva, 8 December 2016) .

The aim of this workshop was not only to review what is the current understanding and practical application of the nexus concept, but also to discuss possible management responses in the light of expectations from Governments as well as from organizations for transboundary cooperation, notably river basin organizations.

<http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=41736#/>

CWP-Georgia and CWP-Kyrgyzstan took part in the group work aiming to learn and define the best approaches and solutions for specific sub-regions or transboundary basins. CWP-Georgia presented the experience of assessment of interrelations in the Alazani river basin (Georgia-Azerbaijan).

Following the GWPO representative Angela Klauschen who confirmed farther cooperation between GWPO and UNECE within NEXUS process, CWP-Georgia confirmed its interest to participate in that process too.

(Total: more than 100 participants).



16. National Dialogue on Water Policy in Kazakhstan

Date: 6 December 2016

Venue: Astana, Hotel "Hilton Garden"

Organizer: Ministry of Agriculture of Kazakhstan, Public Fund "Center of Water Initiatives".

Participants: Governmental agencies, private sector, NGOs, international organizations.

The working meeting on preparation to the Fifth meeting of the Interagency Coordinating Council on National Water Policy Dialogue in the Republic of Kazakhstan was held within the Dialogue. The meeting topics were as follows:

- ✓ Overview of Kazakhstan's cooperation with neighboring countries on transboundary rivers;
- ✓ About solutions of the Interagency Coordinating Council on National Water Policy Dialogue (NWPD) in Kazakhstan and the future tasks;
- ✓ The results of the survey on transboundary rivers in Kazakhstan;
- ✓ The results of the first phase study of transboundary rivers in Kazakhstan (Ural and Kigach) and objectives of the second phase study;
- ✓ About the Fourth Session of the Conference of Parties of the UNECE/ WHO Protocol on Water and Health and setting targets for Kazakhstan;
- ✓ About the EU project "Coordination and strengthening of regional cooperation between EU and Central Asia in the field of environmental protection, climate change and water resources";
- ✓ Creation of the International Centre for Water Assessment in Kazakhstan and preparations for the Eighth Conference of the Parties to the Water Convention on transboundary rivers.

Participants also discussed the results of projects within the OECD country program in Kazakhstan. CWP-Kazakhstan Executive Secretary Ms. Kuralay Yahiyeva proposed to cooperate with the Center for Water Initiatives in organizing events on cooperation with neighboring countries on transboundary rivers, and optimization systems in management of river basins in Kazakhstan in 2017.



17. Regular meetings of Basin Councils in Kazakhstan

In November and December 2016, CWP-Kazakhstan in cooperation with the Water Resources Committee of the Ministry of Agriculture of Kazakhstan organized and held 8 meetings of the Basin Councils, in order to promote cooperation and consolidation of efforts of the governmental and public organizations as well as water users in management, use and protection of water resources.

CWP-Kazakhstan proposed to include in the work plans of Basin Councils for 2017 implementation of SDG6, as well as dissemination of the demo-project results within WACDEP CACENA on the territories under responsibility of each Basin Council.

Also CWP-Kazakhstan informed participants of the meetings about GWP CACENA vision and mission, strategy and the CWP-Kazakhstan Work Program for next three years.



Jaiyk-Kaspiysky Basin Council (Participants: 30 people, incl. 7 women)



Balkhash-Alakol Basin Council (Participants: 82 people)



Ertissky Basin Council (Participants: 38 people, incl. 5 women)



Esilsky Basin Council (Participants: 25 people)

18. III-d Kazakhstan Water Forum

The III-rd Kazakhstan Water Forum and Opening of the UNESCO Chair on Water Resources Management in Central Asia at the German-Kazakh University took place on November 28th, 2016 in Almaty. Co-organizers of the Forum are the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the OSCE program Office in Astana, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation Office in Kazakhstan and the German-Kazakh University.

The Forum also gave representatives of the government, major universities and research centers of Kazakhstan, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea an opportunity to address current issues of water governance. The industrial water sector also was presented, for instance by the Association of Enterprises for Water Supply and Sanitation "Kazakhstan Su Arnasy" (Total: 106 people).

CWP-Kazakhstan was presented by Prof. Nariman Kipshakbaev (CWP-Kazakhstan Chair).

<http://academic-waters.org/events-en/iii-kazakhstan-water-forum>



19. Training "Practical basin management and planning in Eastern Europe"

On 11 November 2016, CWP-Kazakhstan took part in the Training "Practical basin management and planning in Eastern Europe" organized by UNECE in Almaty.

Participants: Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the basin water management inspectorates, public organizations, academia, educational organizations.





20. Training on WACDEP CACENA

On 26 November 2016, CWP-Kazakhstan organized the training on dissemination of demo-project results within WACDEP CACENA in Almaty.

CWP-Kazakhstan partners were invited to participate (Total: 19 people, incl. 5 women).

Participants noted that the project results will be used in the MSc diploma on designing. Also they recommended spreading results in the regions of Kazakhstan where the irrigated lands will be restored.



21. CWP-Kazakhstan partners' meeting

The CWP-Kazakhstan partners' meeting was held on 25 November 2016 in Almaty. The meeting was attended by 20 partners.

Agenda:

1. Report on activity of CWP-Kazakhstan in 2016.
2. Water Policy and SDGs in Kazakhstan.
3. GWP CACENA Strategy for 2017-2019.
4. About engaging new partners.
5. Activity of partners in 2016.

The meeting approved the CWP-Kazakhstan Work Plan for 2017, and proposals to the SDG-PF project for 2017-2019. They also discussed dissemination of WACDEP CACENA results all over the Republic of Kazakhstan

particularly in the regions where the rehabilitation of irrigated lands is started. New partners joined CWP-Kazakhstan.



22. 3d Republican Conference of the Water User Associations of Kyrgyzstan

CWP-Kyrgyzstan took part in the 3d Republican Conference of the Water User Associations of Kyrgyzstan held on 1-2 December 2016 in the Jannat Hotel in Bishkek.

The conference organized by the Union of WUAs of Kyrgyzstan, the Department of Water Management of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water Resources and Land Reclamation of Kyrgyzstan, ADB, SDC, was attended by WUAs delegations, representatives of ministries and local administrations, water specialists, academia, NGOs, international organizations, mass media (Total: more than 260 people, including 62 women).

Objectives of the conference:

1. Raising awareness of the Government and the public to the problems of water resources management by community-based organizations to ensure sustainable growth of agricultural production and food security in the country.
2. WUA institutional development to protect interests, creating of enabling environment and capacity building in the context of the ongoing reform of the agricultural sector.
3. Conduct a regular election meeting of representatives of WUAs to the Union of WUAs.

Outcomes:

1. 1. the WUAs' Union Strategy for 2017-2021 was adopted.
2. 2. the WUAs' Union Statute was revised.
3. 3. the Conference Resolution and the Appeal to the Jogorku Kenesh and the Government of Kyrgyzstan was adopted.





23. Workshop "Transboundary Water Use in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan: How to Learn Water Resources Management for Good Neighborliness and Development of the Region as a Whole"

The workshop organized by UNDP, SDC, CWP-Kyrgyzstan was held on 15 December 2016 in Batken.

Participants: local administration, local communities, NGOs, international organizations, WUAs (Total: 47 people, including 6 women).

Purpose: A comprehensive analysis of the problems related to cross-border water management, as well discussion its with stakeholders; and development of responsive measures (long-medium-short term measures).

CWP-Kyrgyzstan member Abdybai Djailoobaev has done a presentation "Water Infrastructure of Kyrgyzstan and the Batken Region: Situation and Problems". He was a moderator of discussion on analysis of situation and the key problems/causes of transboundary water use conflicts. Also he informed about CWP-Kyrgyzstan activity.





24. Regional Workshop "Geo-risks in Water Resources Management"

CWP-Kyrgyzstan took part in the Regional Workshop "Geo-risks in Water Resources Management" held on 19 December 2016 in Bishkek. The workshop was organized by the German-Kazakh University, UNESCO, the Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University named after the First President of Russia B.N. Yeltsin.

Participants: German-Kazakh University, CAREC, representatives of Department on Water Management and Land Reclamation, Institute of Water Problems, Hydroenergy and Geoecology, Ministry of Emergency Situation, NGOs, other stakeholders (Total: 75 people, including 30 women).

Purpose: Support the partnerships between experts and students / teachers in the Kyrgyz Republic, as well as increase their capacity in the field of Integrated Water Resources Management.

The workshop decided to publish the special e-journal "IWRM in Central Asia" that will contain modern researches on geo-risks in water resources management in Central Asia, being implemented the specialists of the World Bank. CWP-Kyrgyzstan and the Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University agreed to cooperate in disseminating knowledge on IWRM.



25. The Parliament Meeting on air and water pollution

Organizer: Parliament of Mongolia, Environment Standing Committee

Number of people involved -over 150

Venue: 26.12.2016, in the Government House.

Main attention was focused on winter air pollution in Ulaanbaatar city.

CWP-Mongolia suggested to reduce air pollution and to develop a short-term Government program and at the same time to solve the following issues:

1. Increase public participation and study how to avoid air pollution, to measure some parameters exceeding pollution level;
2. Organize an open exhibition of the best solutions to reduce air and water pollution based on advanced technology; The Government can support implementation of green technology.
3. Innovation and scientific based solutions are important to solve such a problem as air pollution.



26. Discussion on draft standard for reuse of treated wastewater

Organizer: CWP Mongolia Chair Prof. Basandorj

Number of people involved: 30

Date and Venue: 23.12.2016 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia



CWP-Mongolia developed the standard for treated wastewater reuse in agriculture and green zone, car washing, fire protection and for industrial washing of wool and cashmere. The draft standard was discussed by stakeholders from the Ministry of Construction and Urban Development, the Ministry of Environment and

Tourism, the National Water Committee, the River Basin Councils, academia and CWP-Mongolia partner organizations.

Participants decided:

1. The Draft standard of treated wastewater reuse need to be improved and include suggestions made within the discussion and after that to be sent to the Ministry of Construction and Urban Development;
2. Organize a collaborative work for development of policy on reusing wastewater and implementing the water saving technology.



27. Meeting on accreditation of CWP-Mongolia partners

Date: 2016.12.22

Venue: Ulaanbaatar hotel, Kharkhorin hall, Ulaanbaatar.

Number of partners: 25

Agenda:

1. Discussion the CWP-Mongolia's Work Plan for 201;
2. National accreditation and certificate of CWP-Mongolia partner.

3. Registration of new partners and discussion on rules and structure of CWP-Mongolia.



NGO partner



Representative of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism



Representative of River basin organization



Certified Partners of CWP-Mongolia

28. CWP-Tajikistan partners meeting

The meeting was organized on 24 December 2016 in the Institute of water problems, hydropower and ecology of the Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Tajikistan in Dushanbe.

Agenda:

1. Global Water Initiatives of the Republic of Tajikistan (On 21 December 2016 the UN General Assembly unanimously adopted a resolution entitled "International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development", 2018-2028", sponsored by the 177 UN member states. The initiative on the proclamation of the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development" was launched for the first time by the President of the Republic of Tajikistan during the Seventh World Water Forum on April 2015 in the Republic of Korea).
2. Results of the CWP-Tajikistan activity in 2016.
3. About GWP CACENA regional work plan for 2017.
4. CWP-Tajikistan work plan for 2017.

Participants: CWP-Tajikistan members, representatives of the Ministry of Energy and Water Resources of Tajikistan, Agency on Land Reclamation and Irrigation under the Government of Tajikistan, Committee on Environment Protection under the Government of Tajikistan, Academy of Sciences, public organizations, mass media, civil society, WACDEP CACENA project (Total: 35 people).

- The meeting noted that CWP-Tajikistan in line of existing problems will support the following activities:

- Mitigation of cross-sectoral, inter-sectoral and administrative conflicts on water resources management;
- Promotion of the ideas and principles of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in Tajikistan;
- Increase public awareness of IWRM principles and approaches;
- Ensure coordination of strong partnerships and strengthen the link between stakeholders at the national level;
- Ensure public participation in decision-making regarding water management, water environmental and social issues;
- Participation in the development of national IWRM plans and strategies for water sector;
- Promote mobilization of rural people, particularly women into the process of implementing the basic principles of IWRM in the country;
- Capacity building and training through workshops, seminars, round tables, brochures and booklets, water campaigns and demonstrations, media and contests on rational use and protection of water resources.

Participants considered and adopted the work plan of CWP-Tajikistan for 2017. They also expressed a willingness to cooperate at the regional and global level, and a desire to implement Tajikistan's proposal to prolong the International Decade "Water for Sustainable Development (from 22 March 2018 till March 22, 2028.)", adopted by the UN General Assembly.



29. Round Table on WACDEP CACENA in the Gissarsky region

On 15 December 2016 CWP-Tajikistan in cooperation with the Department on year-round use of irrigated land organized the roundtable at the Institute of Land Management in the Sharora village to discuss results of the WACDEP CACENA demo-project implementation.

The following presentations were done:

1. Prospects of development of year-round use of irrigated land in Tajikistan.
2. Irrigation: problems and solutions.

The following issues were discussed:

- Current situation and prospects of irrigated agriculture development in Tajikistan;
- The use of innovative and resource-saving crop irrigation technologies;
- Intensification of irrigated agriculture and the year-round use of irrigated land;
- Climate change impact on water resources and agricultural productivity;
- Other issues on water management and agriculture.



30. Seminar "Water, Climate and Development Programme for Tajikistan"

On 3 December 2016 CWP-Tajikistan organized the Seminar "Water, Climate and Development Programme for Tajikistan" in Gafurov, Sughd region, to discuss results of the WACDEP CACENA demo-project implementation and activity of Sughd branch of CWP-Tajikistan in 2016.

The following issues were considered:

"The results of activities of CWP-Tajikistan Sughd branch for 2016"; "Prospects for development of land reclamation and irrigation under climate change in the Sughd province of Tajikistan"; "The role of the Global Water Partnership in the implementation of integrated water resources management principles."



31. Seminar on “public-private partnership”

CWP-Turkmenistan participated in the seminar on “public-private partnership” organized by the EU – Central Asian Rule of Law Platform in Ashgabat, on 5 December 2016. One of the objectives of the constitutional reform currently taking place in Turkmenistan is the transition to market economy and the promotion of small and medium enterprises. Legislative initiatives aiming at the state support to private entrepreneurs and the establishment of mutually beneficial public-private partnerships (PPP) have been outlined and are being considered by the Mejlis (Parliament) and legal research institutes of Turkmenistan.

<http://ruleoflaw.eu/events/in-turkmenistan-the-european-union-will-promote-public-private-partnerships/>



32. Round Table "Role of Public Associations in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals"

CWP-Turkmenistan took part in the Round Table "Role of Public Associations in Achieving Sustainable Development Goals" which was held on 6-7 December 2016 in Ashgabat. The roundtable discussed experience, mechanisms and future partnerships between the governmental and public organizations. The roundtable was attended by representatives of all the ministries and the key public organizations of

Turkmenistan.

<http://ngo-turkmenistan.org/news/2016/12/12/rol-obshchestvennykh-obedineniy-v-dostizhenii-tseley-ustoychivogo-razvitiya/>

<http://ngo-turkmenistan.org/news/2016/12/08/grazhdanskoe-obshchestvo/>

33. 5th EU-Central Asia Environment and Climate Change Working Group meeting

CWP-Turkmenistan Chair Ms. Guljamal Nurmukhammedova took part in the 5th EU-Central Asia Environment and Climate Change Working Group meeting held on 15-16 December 2016 in Brussels.

Ms. Guljamal Nurmukhammedova made presentation "Global Water Partnerships - a Neutral Platform for sharing knowledge about water, climate and sustainable development".



<http://wecoop2.eu/events/central-asia-environment-and-climate-change-working-group-gathers-in-brussels>

34. CWP-Turkmenistan's website

In December 2016 CWP-Turkmenistan got a site within the website for public organizations of Turkmenistan:

<http://ngo-turkmenistan.org/ngo/ynanch-vepa/>

35. Closing Workshop on the CGIAR Collaborative Research & Capacity Building Program for the Development of Sustainable and Resilient Agricultural Production in Central Asia

The workshop organized by the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas in collaboration with other CGIAR and non-CGIAR Centers and partners of the CGIAR Research Program on Dryland Systems was held in Tashkent on the 14th and 15th of December 2016, and brought together more than 80 participants including policy makers, international experts, the private sector and farming communities. CWP-Uzbekistan was invited to participate. Mr. Anarbekov, IWMI researcher and CWP-Uzbekistan partner, presented the projects on implementation of water-saving irrigation technologies and the drought-resistant varieties of crops. Mr. Abduraimov, CWP-Uzbekistan Chair, has informed participants about the ongoing work to supply population with clean drinking water in Uzbekistan.

Participants from Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan shared their experiences on the saving and efficient use of water resources in their countries. The workshop participants explored and discussed the major outputs and outcomes of the Program's research activities in Central Asia over the past four years.



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