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1. The Investment Group Sanapiro meeting

Date: 28 February 2019

Place: Tbilisi

Organizer: Investment Group «Sanapiro»

Participants: CWP-Georgia, administration of Tbilisi, business and civil sectors (Total: 80 people).



The goal of the meeting was to inform the public about the new project within the framework of the Green Economy Program.

At the Meeting once again emphasized that the protection of the environment (air, water, soil) is the country's priority. The new program provides for legislative and institutional changes in compliance with the commitments made in the Association Agreement of Georgia with the EU and the SDG 2030.

The existing shopping center will be transformed into the recreational area on the left bank of the Kura river. The project also provides for the cleanup of the Kura River, which is currently contaminated by the existing market. In a private conversation the project managers supposed that the Investment Group can cooperate with CWP-Georgia.

2. Sanitation Workshop under the Protocol on Water and Health

Date: 12 - 13 February 2019

Place: Bonn, Germany

Organizers: UNECE, WHO

Participants: countries of the pan-European region (about 80 people)



The Workshop on Sanitation in the pan-European region was held under the auspices of the WHO/UNECE Protocol on Water and Health. It aims at taking stock of the situation of sanitation in the pan-European region from a health and environmental perspective and identifies challenges and opportunities towards improving the situation.

The overall aim of the training is to raise awareness about the SSP approach as a risk-based approach to ensure that sanitation systems, in particular the reuse step, are managed to meet health objectives. Particularly, participants of the training will:

- Understand the value of Sanitation Safety Planning, and how it can help to achieve SDG 6;
- Learn about the SSP process, outputs and outcomes;
- Gain experience in the SSP process, so they can identify future SSP sites, those stakeholders who should be involved and learning to know how to best prepare for SSP.

CWP-Georgia (George Dzamukashvili) and CWP-Kyrgyzstan (Kasiet Musabaeva) took part in the workshop.



3. Sub-regional workshop to Raising Awareness and Building Capacity on the interlinkages of Environment and Health in the context of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

Date: 18,19,20 February 2019

Place: Moldova, Kishinev

Organizer: UNEP

Participants: representatives of various ministries, civil society (Total: 50 people).

The workshop offered an excellent opportunity to engage different stakeholders on how to advance key environment and health priorities, challenges and opportunities at the regional level.

One major objective of the workshop was aimed at bring participants from the three countries (Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova) together to share experiences on what is being done at the country level in advancing the environment and health agenda, including successes, challenges and lessons learned, with a view to accelerating the implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

CWP-Georgia Chairman George Dzamukashvili did a presentation about CWP-Georgia activity related to SDG6.



4. Seminar on Water Security

Date: 17 February 2019

Place: Tbilisi

Organizer: CWP-Georgia

Participants: 20 senior pupils of 63d school

The Thomas Jefferson Training Center, at the request of CWP-Georgia, included the theme on water security in Georgia into its program for senior pupils of public schools. CWP-Georgia made a presentation "Georgia and Water Security" at the seminar organized for 63d school.



5. Training: "Basic Principles of Academic Scientific Writing and Reviewing"

Date: 18-19-20 February 2019

Place: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Organizers: World Bank, Kazakh-German University.

Participants: Representatives of scientific institutions, universities and civil society, incl. CWP-Kyrgyzstan.

The training considered the topical issues:

- Basic requirements to scientific articles to be published in international peer-reviewed journals by such publishers as Elsevier, MDP, Emerald;
- Copyright in the system of international scientific publications;

- The review process and the roles of its participants;
- The scientific and technical information Bases: the search for scientific publications;
- Tracking authors' contributions to scientific researches.

CWP-Kyrgyzstan is going to publish the knowledge/information obtained during the training.



6. Meeting on Water Security

Date: 15 February 2019

Place: Astana, Kazakhstan

Organizer: Senate of the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan

Participants: members of the Committee on Foreign Relations, Defense and Security, representatives of state bodies, as well scientists, experts.



CWP-Kazakhstan Chairman Nariman Kipshakbayev participated in the meeting of the members of the Committee on Foreign Relations, Defense and Security with representatives of state bodies on civil protection, in particular, on ensuring water security and preparing for spring floods.

CWP-Kazakhstan Chairman Nariman Kipshakbaev stressed that the most urgent problem is to increase the status of water management at the national and local levels. He proposed to establish a National Water Council under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Agency on

Water Resources under the Government. The senator Dariga Nazarbaeva supported the proposal: "All the deputies have to solve this issue".

<https://kapital.kz/gosudarstvo/75974/agentstvo-po-vodnym-resursam-predlozhili-sozdat-v-kazahstane.html>

7. Meeting of working group on bilateral cooperation between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan

Date: 26-27 February 2019

Place: Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Organizer: Ministry of Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan

Participants: the working group members

CWP-Kazakhstan Chairman Nariman Kipshakbaev took part in the meeting as a member of working group. Participants discussed and suggested context for the Agreement on bilateral cooperation in all areas of water relations between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan. The next meeting is scheduled for 3 quarter of 2019.

8. Meeting with the Balkash-Alakol, Esil and Nur-Sarysu Basin Water Management Inspectorates on water resources use and protection

Place: Almaty, Kazakhstan

Date: 18 February 2019

Organizer: CWP-Kazakhstan

Participants: **Basin Water Management Inspectorates**, Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan (Total: 6 people).

The priorities of the Action Plan on implementation of SDG 6.5.1 (IWRM) in Kazakhstan (on the basis of recommendations of the seminar held on November 13, 2018, taking into account subsequent discussions) were discussed. CWP-Kazakhstan Chairman Nariman Kipshakbaev informed participants about the meeting of the Senate of the Parliament of Kazakhstan.

9. Meeting with water specialists



Date: 21 February 2019

Place: Almaty, Kazakhstan

Organizers: CWP-Kazakhstan, Design Institute Kazgiprovodkhoz.

Participants: water specialists, designers, water experts (Total: 24 people).

CWP-Kazakhstan Chairman Nariman Kipshakbaev informed participants about the Action Plan on implementation of SDG 6.5.1. (IWRM) in Kazakhstan. He also made presentation "Water security of the Republic of Kazakhstan in achieving SDGs 2030".

10. Towards the Olympiad on IWRM

CWP-Kazakhstan supported the initiative of the Kazakh-German University to hold the Olympiad on IWRM. CWP-Kazakhstan assisted in preparing questions on IWRM for the Olympiad. The Olympiad on IWRM is planned to be held during the World Water Day. Information and questions are being sent to ministries and universities.

This year, the database of questions was updated and adapted to the IWRM toolbox. The total number of questions is 60, and each one is provided with two links to the material in both Russian and English. All links are identical to those in the IWRM toolbox on the GWP website. And each question has four answers, three of which are incorrect and only one - is correct.

11. CWP-Kazakhstan partners' meeting

Date: 15 January 2019

Place: Almaty, Kazakhstan

Organizers: CWP-Kazakhstan, Kazakh-German University.

Participants: Ms. Barbara Janusz-Pavletta, Vice-Rector for International Relations, Head of the UNESCO faculty on Water Resources Management in Central Asia; Ms. Larisa Kogutenko, Assistant on organization of field practices of the UNESCO faculty on IWRM; Ms. Kuralay Yahiyeva, CWP-Kazakhstan Responsible Secretary Mr. Igor Kralin, Officer of Agromeliostroy.

Participants discussed the internship of master's students enrolled in the IWRM program for May-June 2019. The term of practice is 2 weeks. The group consists of 12-15 people (citizens of Central Asian countries), including Professor (citizen of Germany).

12. Meeting of experts within the project "Consulting Services on Development of Information System for Management of Irrigation in the Lower Kafirnigan River Basin"

Date: 7 February 2019

Place: Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Organizers: Water-Information Center

Participants: international experts of the World Bank, national experts and specialists on IT, GIS and database (Total: 11 people).

Main objective: creation of a database and information system for irrigation management in the Lower Kafirnigan river basin.

The following issues were considered:

- Database compilation methodology, work implementation schedule, data composition and indicators;
- Meetings' schedule with the Agency for Land Reclamation and Irrigation to identify user requirements (data entry forms, reports, import & export of data);
- Programs and technical tools, language, the web applications (menus, editors, directories, etc.) and database.

CWP-Tajikistan Chairman Prof. Pulatov Ya.E. participated in the process of discussing and preparing project proposals as a team leader.



13. CWP-Uzbekistan partners meeting

Date: 7 February 2019

Place: Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Organizer: CWP-Uzbekistan

Participants discussed the Work Plan for 2019. The work plan was developed within the GWPO and CACENA strategy. Participants made suggestions and comments and amendments on specific topics of the work plan.

The Work plan implementation mechanism in the current year was considered. The event dedicated to the "World Water Day" on March 22 this year was discussed. In addition, it was decided to hold a round table "Progress in the implementation of integrated water resources management (IWRM) in Uzbekistan" on March 29 in an expanded format with the participation of interested ministries and departments, NGOs, scientific and international organizations.

During upcoming round table, the CWP-Uzbekistan partners will speak on current topics. CWP-Uzbekistan provides the monitoring platform on SDG6.5.1 (IWRM).

14. GRANT CONTRACTS SIGNING CEREMONY



Within the frameworks of USAID-funded PURE-Water Project, on February 1, 2019, Country Water Partnership-Armenia signed Grant Agreements with the five winners of Monitoring/Advocacy Small Grants competition – two individual applicants and 3 CSOs. The grant projects are aimed at implementing advocacy activities at national level for promoting participatory and effective management/use of water resources, particularly restoration of the violated right to water, enhancement of information accessibility on water use permits issuance, improvement of the effectiveness of WUA activities, enhancement of public

participation through proposing amendments to the Procedure on “Public Notice and Consultation”, and expansion of transparency and effectiveness of participatory management of irrigation system.

After the Contract signing ceremony, the project monthly progress and financial reports preparation and submission procedure were presented to the grantees. The grantees in their turn made power point presentations on their projects problem, objectives and expected results for promoting their further cooperation in the water resources management field.



15. Meeting-discussion with “Hrazdan” BMO Representatives



On February 11, USAID-funded PURE-Water project organized a meeting-discussion with “Hrazdan” BMO and the affected communities (Aratashen, Khachpar) representatives as well as community active groups.

The meeting was also attended by RA MNP Water Resources Management Agency relevant representatives. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce the BMO functions and their implementation on the community level, particularly in receiving information, classification, provision, dissemination, and exchange.

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16. SOCIAL AUDIT SEMINAR ON “ARMAVIR” WUA 2018 BUDGET



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17. INFORMATIVE MEETING IN YEGHENUT COMMUNITY HALL ON EMMP IMPLEMENTATION

Within the frameworks of USAID-funded PURE-Water project, an informative meeting-discussion was organized in Yeghegnut community hall on February 14 this year on the EMMP prepared for the community’s drinking water improvement infrastructure project.

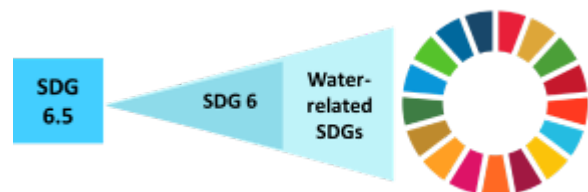
During the informative meeting, the possible impacts and mitigation measures that must be implemented by the construction companies were presented to the community residents, particularly those residing near the construction sites and the pipeline installation roads. The public was offered to actively participate in the public monitoring of those activities through special checklists, and additional consultation was provided for filling them in. After the meeting the Project team visited the construction site, got acquainted with the construction process, as well as the measures taken by the workers for maintenance of safety rules and removal of construction and household waste.



18. A SERIES OF SHORT VIDEOS TITLED “WATER IN 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”

In February, “Country Water Partnership” scientific, ecological NGO launched a series of short videos titled “Water in 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”. The main idea of this activity is to show the importance of water and sanitation in 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to speak about all water-related goals.

The series of short video are available on CWP Armenia [FB page](#):



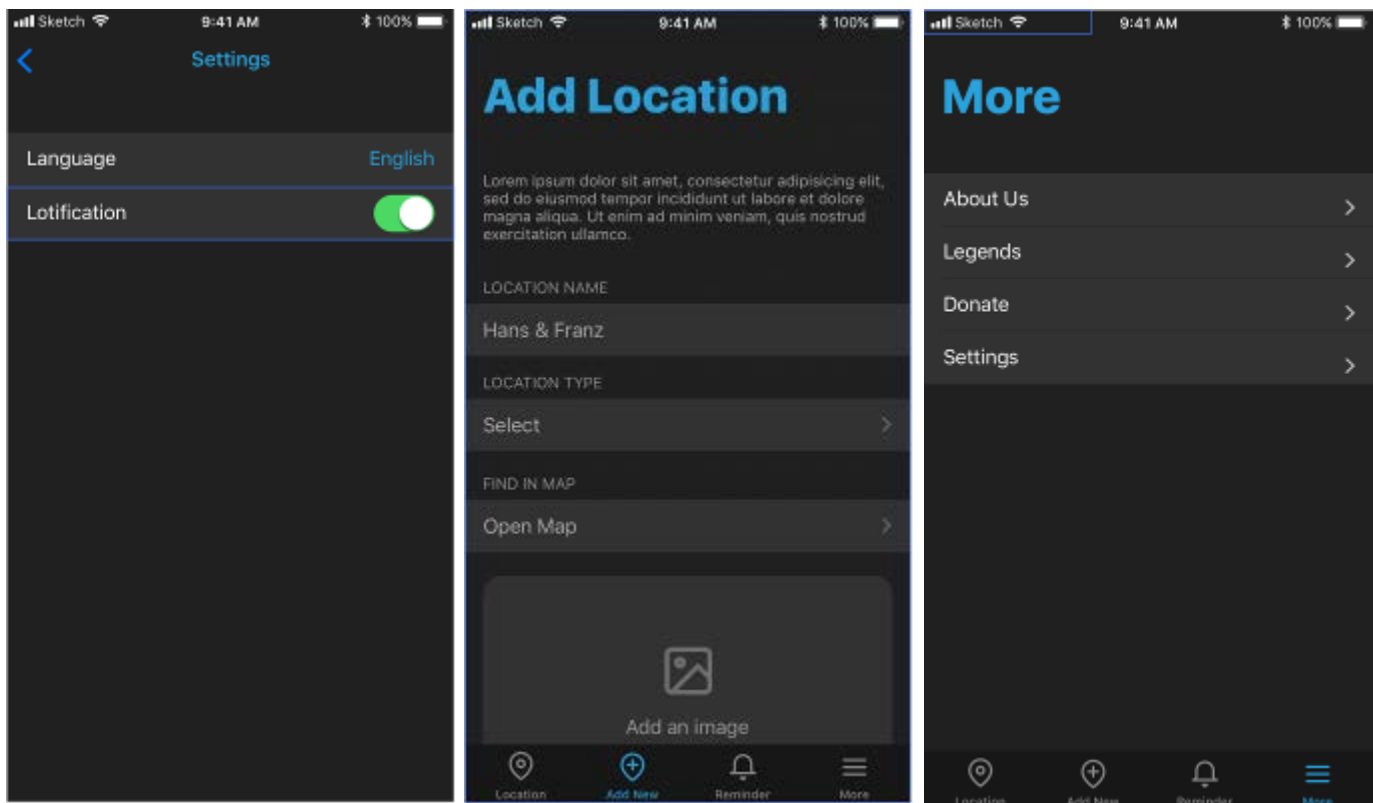
19. “REFILL” APPLICATION (1ST PART OF THE PROJECT)

“Country Water Partnership” scientific, ecological NGO in cooperation with “InMotion” Youth NGO has been developing “Refill” application since December 2018. The results of the 1st part are now available.

Refill is a mobile application (adopted for both android and IOS platforms) which provides information about nearest drinking fountain and the distance between application user and the drinking fountain. Furthermore, application has separate section about Armenian myths and legends about water. The functionality includes alarm which will remind users to drink water on regular basis. Apart from this, application shows all public toilets on the map.

The main purpose is not only informational but also educational. The Loading Screen will show important messages on the topic of water consumption.

As there are many drinking fountains all over Armenia, where water is circulating 24 hours a day, we are having huge amount of pure, drinking water loss each day. There are more than 7000 of this drinking fountains just in



Yerevan city, meanwhile people forget about them and buy water in one time use plastic bottles. Refill mobile application which will show the nearest drinking fountain, so people will not buy these bottles which calls “cancer” of our planet.

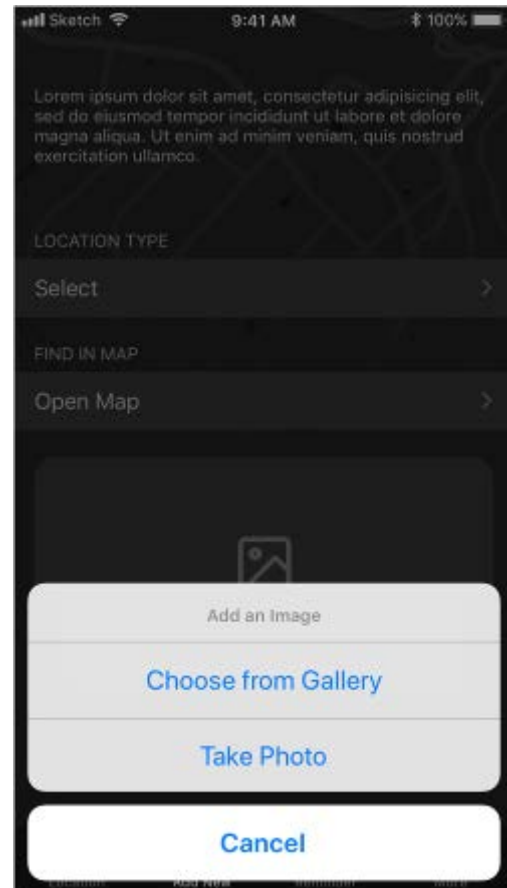
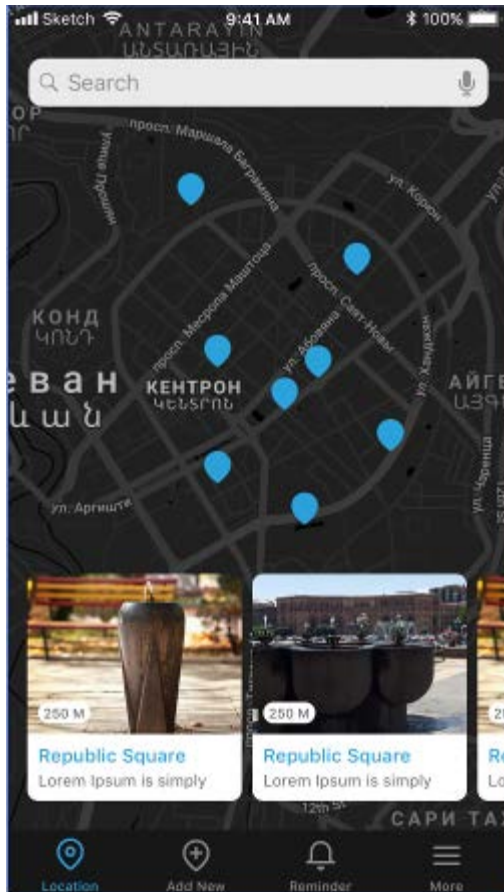
Description of Outputs and Outcomes

Currently application is in its' development middle stage. We already have.

- Design for IOS
- Google map integration (Main screen with location markers)
- Add new drinking fountain / WC screen. (User can add additional information, put photo from gallery or make new photo to attach with request).
- Menu Screen (Settings, Donate, Legends & Myths, About Us)

- Local DataBase (Can work offline too)
- All locations (latitude & longitude) of drinking fountains located in Yerevan

Project Demo videos are available [here](#)



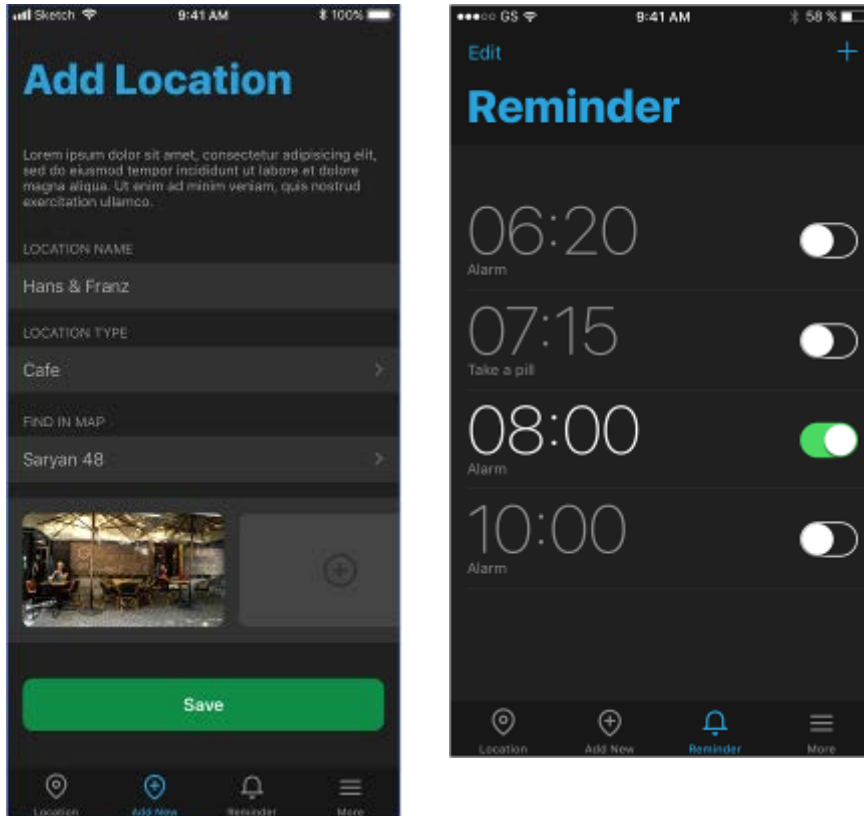
Future Plans

We have list of minor corrections to be done for this milestone.

- Language menu should support at least two languages (All texts in the application should have their Armenian and English versions).
- Drinking reminder should be simplified for users.
- Manage Remote DataBase.
- API call for add WC/Drinking fountain.
- Admin side web page.
- Collect various Myths and Legends connected with relevant topic.
- Collect all locations (latitude & longitude) of drinking fountains/WC located in

Armenia.

- “Refill” application should be adopted for Android platform too (Design and all screens).



20. “National Adaptation Plan to Advance Medium and Long-Term Adaptation Planning in Armenia” project UNDP-GCF: Inception Workshop

National Adaptation Plan (NAP) to advance medium and long-term adaptation planning in Armenia" project has been launched, which is implemented with financing of USD 2.7 million grant from the Green Climate Fund provided to Armenia. The projects aims to establish adaptation priorities in our country outlined through the Paris Agreement.



RA First Deputy Minister of Nature Protection Irina Ghaplanyan, UNDP Resident Representative in Armenia Dmitry Mariyasin, officers and experts of a number of state agencies, international and non-governmental organizations participated in the project's initial workshop.

In her speech, Irina Ghaplanyan emphasized that as a sector coordinating department, the Ministry of Nature Protection makes a point of Armenia's full-fledged participation in climate processes. The launched project envisages identification of medium- and long-term risks, as well as priorities and actions

ensuring adaptation and sustainable development of key sectors of Armenia in the direction of climate change.

Armenia will lay the groundwork for institutional sustainability of climate change adaptation processes in water

resources, agriculture, energy, health, tourism, including other key priority sectors. To achieve thereof, systematic and continued action plans will be developed.

The NAP will also contribute to the integration of Armenia into governance planning, international budgeting processes, inclusive of seeking finance options required for facing climate change challenges.

On January 13, CWP Armenia took part in Briefing Call on Armenia's Request for Support Letter.

Agenda of the call was:

- Round of introductions (facilitated by Lee Cando)
- Background to the Request for Support (NDCP Focal Point Ms. Ghaplanyan)
- Questions and clarifications
- Next steps (Gereltuya Puntsagdash)

After the event and the call (webinar) CWP Armenia presented its suggestions on NAP to NDC Partnership.

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