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1. Scientific and Practical Conference devoted to the Day of the Kura & Araz rivers and the Day of Water Management and Reclamation Workers

Organizers: Public Corporation of Land Reclamation and Water Management of Azerbaijan, Public Corporation "Azersu" and CWP-Azerbaijan

Date: 5 June 2017

Place: Baku, Azerbaijan

Also two events (the Day of the Kura & Araz rivers and the Day of Water Management and Reclamation Workers) were simultaneously celebrated in Baku and in the regions of the republic and were widely covered by the country's mass media.

2. Seminar "Development of IWRM plans"

Organizer: CWP-Azerbaijan

Date: 24 June 2017

Place: Salyansky province

Participants: local administration, water users, and farmers (Total: 26 people).

Participants were informed about implementation of IWRM principles in Azerbaijan, available water resources, water systems.



3. The Roundtables on IWRM in Azerbaijan

The Roundtables on IWRM organized by CWP-Azerbaijan were held on 21-23 June 2017 in the Saatlinsky province, the Sabirabad province, Ishimlinsky province and the Beilagansky province of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Representatives of local authorities, municipalities, the Water Users Associations as well as farmers took part in the roundtables. Mr. Asadov M.Ya., CWP-Azerbaijan Chairman, informed participants about IWRM principles, available water resources, and current situation with IWRM implementation in the country.

4. Meeting with Russian Water Specialists

Following the request of the Water Management Department of the Kyrgyz Republic (one of the main founders of CWP-Kyrgyzstan) CWP-Kyrgyzstan organized a working visit of joint delegation consisted of specialists from CWP-Kyrgyzstan and Water Management Department (WMD) to the Russian Federation for consultations and exchange of experience on the issues of economic mechanisms of water use and water security .

Organizer: CWP-Kyrgyzstan

Venue: Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation, Moscow

Date: 29 May – 2 June 2017.

Participants: 12 people

Purpose of the trip: consultations and exchange of experience with organizations of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation, which has scientifically sound methods and long practical experience in introducing fees for the water resources use, in order to implement economic mechanisms of water use in the Kyrgyz Republic and clarification of water security indicators used in the regulations and strategic documents of the Russian Federation.

Outcomes:

1. Establishment of personal contacts with responsible employees of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of the Russian Federation for subsequent consultations and methodological assistance.
2. A platform to involve CWP-Kyrgyzstan partners into long-term work on economic mechanisms for water use and payment for water resources use in the Kyrgyz Republic and in the future in a transboundary context has been created.
3. The participation of CWP-Kyrgyzstan's partners in the work on forming a system of national accounts, improving mechanism for payments for water resources use is guaranteed.
4. Involvement of CWP-Kyrgyzstan into the work on implementation and further development of water security indicators is guaranteed.



5. 16th Steering Committee Meeting on NPD on Water in Kyrgyzstan

Organizers: OECD and UNECE

Venue: Conference Hall of the "Evropa" Hotel, Bishkek.

Date: 20 June 2017.

Purpose: Discussion of current and planned activities within the framework of the National Policy Dialogue on Water in Kyrgyzstan.

CWP-Kyrgyzstan member Djailoobaev A.Sh. made a presentation "Indicators of water security of the Kyrgyz Republic". Based on the results of the discussion, it was decided to recommend Djailoobaev A.Sh. to

participate in the NPD meeting that will be held in Astana, Kazakhstan for presentation of water security indicators.



6. Meeting with professors of the Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University named after the First President of Russia B.N. Yeltsin

On June 22, 2017, CWP-Kyrgyzstan leaders met with the heads of the water specialized departments of the Kyrgyz Russian Slavic University in Bishkek.

Purpose: Familiarization of KRSU professors with CWP-Kyrgyzstan activities and to involve KRSU in the CWP-Kyrgyzstan partnership and holding joint events and mutual participation in each other's activities, with assistance in various aspects.

For educational purpose the CWP-Kyrgyzstan delivered 50 copies of methodological and technical literature on IWRM aspects published by GWP, UNDP and OSCE to KRSU.

CWP-Kyrgyzstan promised to assist in the joint preparation of IWRM stands, to participate in the updating of teaching aids, as well as in the conduct of the planned republican scientific and practical conference planned by KRSU. At the same time, an agreement was reached on the mandatory use of GWP logo in all products.



7. Doors Open Day for water environment institutions

Date: 05th of June 2017; from 9.0-18.00

Venue: Main Central Square named after Genghis Khan

Organizers: Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Mongolia, CWP-Mongolia

Output:

1. Sharing information about GWPO and CWP-Mongolia;
2. Showing link between SDG6 and improvement of water supply and sanitation;
3. More than 80 government and non-government organizations were involved in the Doors Open Day activity;
4. More than 1500 visitors got information about water security and main goals of GWP.



8. "AQUATECH CHINA-17"

Date: 8-9TH of June, 2017

Venue: Shanghai, China

Prof. Basandorj (CWP-Mongolia) participated in the followings:

1. Discussion on reducing water and soil pollution in Ger/ nomadic house/ area and WASH in Mongolia; implementing SDG6.1-6.2;
2. Exchange innovation and advanced technology in water and wastewater management;
3. Interview to TV of Mongolia.



9. Symposium "Reducing environmental pollution: water, soil and air"

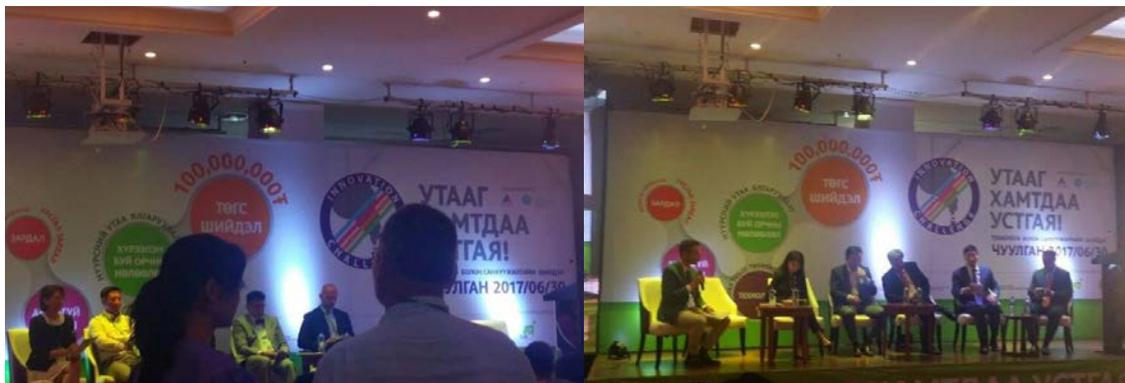
Date: 2017.06.30

Venue: Blue Sky Hotel, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Prof. Basandorj made a short speech about reducing water and soil pollution, increasing access to improved sanitation.

More than 300 participants from different institutions attended. Main discussion was focused on linking SDGs and climate change and CO2 emission, as well establish the Green fund in Mongolia.

The Green Fund of Mongolia is planned to be established in October 2017 and the Union of Mongolian Bankers will support green projects such as reducing air, soil, and water pollution. Dr.Oyun was a moderator of the session on establishment of Green Fund.



10. World Environment Day in Tashkent

The World Environment Day was held on 5 June 2017 in the city park named after Gafur Gulyam in Tashkent. The participants of the holiday, which was organized by the Ecological Movement of Uzbekistan, were representatives of ministries, departments, international organizations, embassies, labor veterans, pupils of Mehribonlik Uyi children's institutions.

Within the framework of the event, solemn awards were given to the winners of environmental competitions. The memorable gifts were presented to winners of republican competitions of essays and drawings "Onazhonim tabiat", "Medicine and ecology, protection of motherhood and childhood", and also to the authors of "Best Idea for Adaptation to Global Climate Change 2014-2015" among students and undergraduates. GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator Vadim Sokolov took part in the awarding ceremony: on behalf of GWP, five prizes were given to journalists in the nomination "Best mass media materials about water problems". The holiday was ended with a concert program of the creative team of the Institute of Arts and Culture of Uzbekistan.



11. Seminar "IWRM role in the rational use of water resources"

The seminar organized by CWP-Azerbaijan was held on 29 July 2017 in the Guba region located in the northern part of Azerbaijan. Due to climate change in the summer period, this region suffers often a shortage of water resources.

The invited national expert on the project "Support to development of Water Users Associations", funded by the World Bank Rufullaev E. gave detailed information on the relevance of this project in terms of more efficient use of water resources and adaptation to climate change. GWP CACENA RC member Teimur Osmanov informed participants about GWP, IWRM principles, adaptation to climate change.

Water specialists, water users, farmers, local administration attended this seminar (Total: 26 people).



12. UNEP Workshop

The workshop organized by UNEP and devoted to awareness raising and capacity building in the context of SDGs was held on 11-13 July 2017 in Baku.

CWP-Azerbaijan took part in this workshop.

13. Meeting of the working group on environmental problems

CWP-Armenia is a member of the working group on environmental problems of the interdepartmental commission for coordinating SDGs.

The meeting of the working group on environmental problems of the interdepartmental commission for coordinating SDGs chaired by the Deputy Minister of Nature Protection H. Akopyan was held on 26 July 2017 in the UNDP office in Yerevan.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Nature Protection of the Republic of Armenia, other relevant departments, and heads of structural units, UNDP, national coordinator of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, UNIDO, and delegation from New York.

The meeting participants discussed the following issues:

1. Not leaving the environment behind
 - ✓ What are the main threats to the environment?
 - ✓ How to avoid the "neglect" of the environment.
 - ✓ How can we change behavior towards sustainable development.
2. Involvement
 - ✓ How environmental issues can be raised at the national and local levels.
 - ✓ What role can citizens have in implementing SDGs, especially for the environmental and monitoring objectives.
 - ✓ What can be done to increase the involvement of citizens in solving environmental problems and their participation in achieving environmental goals.
3. Institutional coordination
 - ✓ What institutional and cross-sectoral coordination can contribute to an integrated approach for SDGs implementation.
 - ✓ How vertical integration and cohesion between different levels of governance can be strengthened.

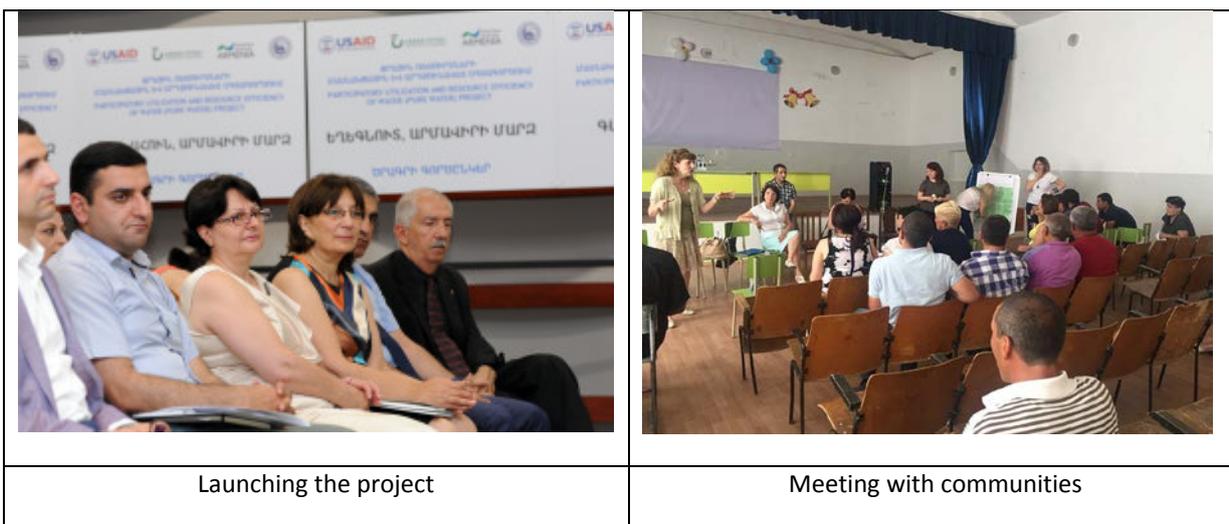
In accordance with UNDP methodology, the Rapid Integrated Assessment Policy (RIAP) was conducted to localize SDGs in Armenia. The purpose of this assessment is to assist countries in the process of integrating SDGs into the national planning process and to identify how relevant are national policy, strategy and legislation for SDGs implementation. The results of RIAP analysis can be found at: http://www.un.am/up/library/RIPA_Key-Observations_AM_Spreads.pdf



Participants

14. Project "Clean Water: Cooperative and Efficient Use of Water Resources"

From April 1, 2017, CWP-Armenia, in a consortium with the Urban Fund for Sustainable Development and the Resource Center for Environmental Law of the Yerevan State University, is implementing the project "Clean Water: Cooperative and Efficient Use of Water Resources", funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). The project is being implemented in two regions of Armenia (in the Ararat and Armavir marzes) and concerns the effective use of groundwater resources of the Ararat artesian basin. Within the framework of the project, the feedback tools (development and establishment of Transparency portal, SMS pooling and telephone survey) will be introduced. Prioritizing technical problems related to drinking and irrigation water supply is being implemented for 12 communities, where the project is being carried out.



Launching the project

Meeting with communities

15. WACDEP in Armenia

CWP-Armenia and its partner organizations - NGOs "Biosofia" and "Khazar" - signed a Memorandum of Cooperation within the GEF IHP project in order to create the "Climate Civil Revolving Investment Fund" in the communities. In the near future it is planned to create such a fund in the Basen village, where the initial capital of the Fund can be payments for water supply (it is planned to install a water meter for recording water volume).

16. Meeting on water safety activity for the 1st half of 2017

Date: 04th of July 2017

Organizers: WASH group and CWP-Mongolia

Venue: Conference hall of the Ministry of Health of Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar

The meeting discussed the followings:

1. The Water safety plan presented by Ms.Urantsetseg, Senior officer, Ministry of Health;
2. Implementations of the Water safety action plan for 2012-2016 presented by the working group;
3. SDG6 implementation: Way forward, presented by CWP-Mongolia.

The meeting decided: the National WASH working group will focus on SDG6 and CWP-Mongolia will lead the SDG6 process.



17. Meeting on WACDEP in Mongolia

CWP-Mongolia has met with colleagues of the Department of Climate change and International cooperation of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Climate Change national focal point.

Venue: Ministry of Environment and Tourism, Ulaanbaatar

Date: 20 July 2017

The meeting focused on:

1. Implementation of The Paris Agreement
2. Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)
3. National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)
4. Climate financing
5. How to develop the Water, Climate and Development Programme (WACDEP)

Main output of the meeting was nomination of national project development person for WACDEP and signing a local contact with CWP-Mongolia. Due to time limitation the national report should be finalized by 05.08.2017.

18. CWP-Mongolia capacity building

Mr. Basandorj was invited to participate in the training and workshop activities on water security and innovative water management.



19. Round Table "Environmental Situation: Analysis, Modern Solutions and Approaches"

The roundtable dedicated to the 9th anniversary of the Ecological Movement of Uzbekistan was held on August 31, 2017 in the International Press Club in Tashkent.



The roundtable was attended by deputies of the Legislative House of the Oliy Majlis of the Republic of Uzbekistan, representatives of the Ecological Movement, environmental NGOs, the Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia, and CWP-Uzbekistan, as well as the OSCE coordinators in Uzbekistan.

It was noted that the main goal of the Eco-movement of Uzbekistan is to involve the general public in a comprehensive solution of the environmental protection problem for public health, mobilization of citizens of the country. In accordance with the program objectives, the

Eco-movement together with the republican and international organizations, organized and conducted various events for 9 years, involving more than 2.5 million people. It was noted that CWP-Uzbekistan, as a partner of the Eco-movement, since 2011, has provided the leading systematic work on implementation of the country's water policy, improvement of the current legislation and enforcement of regulatory and legal documents in the water resources use, involving the general public in water protection activities, and formation of culture of water resources use.



The participants also noted that, based on the tasks set by the country's leadership, the Environmental Movement of Uzbekistan and its asset, in particular CWP-Uzbekistan, needs to strengthen work in providing drinking water, improving water management, introducing new technologies in water resources management, improving the culture of water resources use. Journalists participating in this event received answers to all questions of their interests. The number of participants: 38 people.

The round table meeting was broadcasted by the Republican Television.

20. Regional Council Meeting of GWP CACENA

The Regional Council Meeting of GWP CACENA was held back-to-back the [High Level Panel on Water](#) on 7 July 2017 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

The meeting was attended by GWP CACENA RC Members, Regional Secretariat, CWP Coordinators, invited partners and Senior Network Officer (Francois Brikke) (Total: 23 people).

The meeting included the following issues:

- The tasks of CWP-Tajikistan in the context of the International Decade "Water for Sustainable Development 2018-2028";
- Latest news from GWPO (Regional Days in Stockholm) and information about the Inter-regional Asia workshop held in May in Nepal);
- GWP Strategy Towards 2020 - What we should change in the GWP CACENA Agenda towards water security at the regional and country level?
- Discussion of progress in implementation of GWP CACENA regional work plan 2017 (achievements and problems);
- Discussing progress of WACDEP in 2017;
- Discussion of progress in implementation of SDG_PF project in 2017 (Armenia and Kazakhstan). Selecting other countries to participate in the project;
- Issues of financial discipline and audit; fundraising at the level of countries and region;
- Discussion on the rational of selecting a new host institution and moving the GWP CACENA Regional Secretariat to another country (from Uzbekistan);
- Other issues (CWP accreditation and Statutes).

Decisions were made on all issues.

21. High Level Panel on Water in Tajikistan

The [High Level Panel on Water](#) was held on 6-7 July 2017 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.

GWP-CACENA was one of the organizers of this event and actively participated in all sessions.

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