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1. National Consultation Meeting on the Strategic Action Program (SAP) for the Chu and Talas river basins

CWP-Kyrgyzstan, as member of the working group of the Chu-Talsa Commission, participated in the National Consultation Meeting on the Strategic Action Program for the Chu and Talas river basins.

Date: 3-4-March 2020

Place: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Organizers: UNDP, Agency on Water Resources of Kyrgyzstan

Participants: Agency on Water Resources of Kyrgyzstan, State Agency for Environmental Protection and Forestry, civil society organizations, UNDP, international organizations (Total: 29 people, including 9 women).

Purpose: Discussing the Strategic Action Program (SAP) for the Chu and Talas river basins.



2. 7TH MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE ON INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Date: 5 March 2020

Place: Tbilisi, Georgia

Organizer: Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia; European Union through the EUWI+ programme

Participants: delegates from national and local authorities, and international experts from EU Member States (Total: 50 people).

The meeting was held within the project “EUROPEAN UNION WATER INITIATIVE PLUS FOR THE EASTERN PARTNERSHIP”.

Georgia is undertaking a major reform in the water sector that includes the shift towards basin management of water resources to comply with the internationally acknowledged approach of integrated water resources management and the EU WFD requirements, including further strengthening of the monitoring system of surface- and ground- waters. Georgia needs to greatly increase and accelerate the enforcement and implementation of the reform in order to comply the requirements of the EU Association Agreement within the required timeframe.

The meeting was convened by the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia with support provided by the European Union through the EUWI+ programme. It will gather delegates from national and local authorities, and international experts from EU Member States to share practical experiences of the water reform journey.

The objectives of the meeting:

- to provide updates on the status of new water legislation and institutional set up and developments in environmental and water policies in Georgia;
- to discuss progress and next steps in implementing the European Union Water Initiative Plus (EUWI+) programme in Georgia and to receive feedback from national key stakeholders;
- To provide a platform for coordination of donor activities in the water sector in Georgia.

CWP-Georgia Chairman George Dzamukashvili together with the Focal Point on SDG 6.5 made a presentation "Synergies of different economic sector for SDG6.5 implementation in Georgia" and announced about launching the GWP SDG 6 IWRM Support Program in Georgia.



3. Meeting on the State Program on Water Resources Management of the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2021-2030

CWP-Kazakhstan participated as part of the working group on development of the State Program on Water Resources Management 2021-2030.

Date: 06-07 March 2020

Place: Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan

Organizer: Committee on Water Resources of the Ministry of Ecology, Geology and Nature Resources

Participants: members of working group

4. Celebrating the World Water Day in Mongolia

Date: 16-20th of March 2020

Place: Online center of Ministry of Environment, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Organizers: CWP-Mongolia, Ministry of Environment

Participants: CWP-Mongolia's partners, WWD working group, public

Participants adopted the plan for celebrating the World Water Day under title "Water and climate change"; more than 20 online events will be conducted during March-June 2020 particularly:

- Video in social media (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/15no45vkBmcd-7nQwQehblsH-8HzV588F/view>)
- TV discussions involving experts from the water sector of Mongolia;
- Tele-class on water problems for schoolchildren.

5. Consultation on mineral lakes pollution

CWP-Mongolia provided the consulting service for the mineral water resort situated in the East of Mongolia. Due to pollution of the mineral lakes, the Ministry of Environment has suggested to close the mineral water resort for one year to reduce water pollution. In this connection CWP-Mongolia developed recommendations as followings:

- Protect main water source of mineral lakes (there are 2 lakes; one of which has saline water and another one - fresh water);
- Left lake should be saved and protected from pollution and not be used for domestic animal water supply within 2020;
- Build 4 eco-toilest to reduce pollution around beach area of salt lake;
- Reduce anthropogenic activity; and all kinds of wastewater and solid waste should be treated and managed.



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