



Global Water Partnership Central Asia and Caucasus (GWP CACENA)

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1. General meeting of CWP-Tajikistan's founders and partners

Date: 2 November 2018

Place: Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Purpose: reviewing activity of CWP-Tajikistan and partners; discussing the results of the work plan 2018; considering the GWP CACENA regional plan for 2019; re-election of management staff.

Organizer: CWP-Tajikistan.

Participants: CWP-Tajikistan's founders, CWP-Tajikistan Council members (Total: 12 people, including 3 women).



2. GWP CACENA Regional Council Meeting



Date: 26-27 November 2018

Place: Georgia, Tbilisi, IRMENI Hotel

Organizer: Regional Secretariat, CWP-Georgia

The meeting considered and discussed the following issues:

- GWP SDG Support Program;
- Materials delivered during the training on the GCF's financing in Manila;
- About Green Climate Fund;
- GWP Strategy for 2020-2025 and implications for GWP CACENA;
- Update of GWP CACENA Statute;
- Regional Secretariat report 2018;
- Audit 2018 and the finance discipline;
- Budget 2019;
- Miscellaneous.



3. International Conference of the Eastern Europe, Caucasus, and Central Asia Network of Water Management Organizations “Water for Land Reclamation, Economic Sectors and Natural Environment in the context of Climate Change”

Date: 6-7 November 2018

Place: Tashkent, Uzbekistan



The main topics addressed at the Conference included:

- strategy of survival in the face of imminent water scarcity,
- transboundary water cooperation: how to ensure irrigation, energy and nature nexus in the context of climate change,
- water conservation and rational nature use,
- cooperation of regional organizations in the Aral Sea Basin (IFAS-ICWC-ICSD) in searching for additional water reserves,
- building capacities of water-management, basin and land reclamation organizations.

More information: http://www.eecca-water.net/file/conference_2018_report_eng.pdf

CWP-Uzbekistan was one of the active organizers of that conference. CWP-Turkmenistan, CWP-Kyrgyzstan, CWP-Tajikistan and CWP-Kazakhstan took part in the conference.

4. International Roundtable "Environmental challenges associated with water scarcity in the Central Asian region at the present stage and in the future: searching joint solutions"

Date: 21 November 2018

Place: Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Organizer: Center for Research Initiatives of Uzbekistan

The core speakers were the partners of CWP-Uzbekistan: IFAS Agency, SIC ICWC, IWMI, Ecological Movement of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The speakers in their speeches covered the real existing situation and made proposals. Also in their speeches, experts from neighboring countries of Central Asia shared their experience in resolving issues discussed.

5. DISCUSSIONS ON WATER AND HEALTH

Within the frameworks of USAID-funded PURE-Water project, a series of discussions on Water and Health issues was organized with the Project target communities' representatives, women teachers, active women groups and other interested parties during the period of October 22-November 16, 2018.

During the discussions the Project Public Health Trainee has stressed the vital importance of drinking water, presented

the main ways of drinking water contamination, and possible diseases spread through water. The expert has cited examples of mass and local dissemination of diseases in Armenia and neighboring countries, and their occurrence reasons. Preventive measures for the water-related diseases as well as water disinfection methods in home conditions have been discussed.

After the expert's presentation, active discussions have been held related to the drinking water problems in communities, particularly water quality supplied by "Veolia Water", water supply schedule, chlorination, etc.



6. "CITIZEN SCIENTISTS" GROUP FIRST LAB FORUM

Within the frameworks of USAID-funded "PURE-Water" project, the "Citizen Scientists" group first lab forum was organized on November 24, 2018. The event was attended by the young people (those who have submitted membership applications) from Yerevan, Kotayk, Shirak Ararat and Armavir marzes.

The goal of the first lab forum was to present to and discuss with the "Citizen Scientists" group on the Ararat valley problems, water shortage, water resources management mechanisms, and public engagement in those processes. During the event the Project team provided knowledge to the "Citizen Scientists" group on the issues related to water security in Armenia, principles of water resources comprehensive management as well as public engagement in their management. A discussion was conducted after the presentations, during which the participants shared their ideas aimed at water resources effective management.

Information leaflets on World Toilet Day were distributed among the participants. "Citizen Scientists" group's next meeting will be conducted outside of Yerevan, where during a two-day lab-

forum/workshop the participants will form working groups and will prepare project proposals on Ararat Valley water problems.



Participants of "citizen scientists" group first lab forum

7. CWP ARMENIA YOUTH NETWORK MEETING

Within the frameworks of GWP CACENA Senior Network Officer François Brikké's visit to Armenia, the meeting with the members of CWP Armenia Youth Network was organized on November 28, 2018.

During the meeting Mr. Brikké presented GWP Youth Programme: Youth as Agents of Change for Water Security.

Discussion was conducted after the presentation. Members of CWP Armenia Youth Network had a chance to share their ideas on SDG 6, in particular SDG 6.5.1. as it is a process SDG and entry point to SDG 6 and all water related SDGs. Discussions also were done on nature based solutions.

At the end of the meeting, further steps and cooperation opportunities were discussed.



Members of CWP Armenia Youth Network

8. CWP ARMENIA NETWORK PARTNER'S MEETING

CWP Armenia Network partner's meeting was held at on November 29, 2018. The goal of the meeting was to introduce the activities implemented by GWP Secretariat and CAC GWP, as well as update the member organizations.

François Brikké, Senior Network Officer of GWP CACENA, introduced the Global Water Partnership secretariat news and new working disciplines.

He introduced the vision of GWP on SDG 6, on nature based solutions and IWRM. Discussion was conducted on GWP New Strategy. Then Arevik Hovsepyan, the president of CWP Armenia, presented the current projects of CWP Armenia and 2019 working plans. Different administrative questions were discussed and there were suggestions on activation the cooperation between CWP Armenia Network Partners.



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