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1. Task Force on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus

Date: 22 - 23 October 2020

Place: Geneva and virtually, Switzerland

Organizer: UNECE secretariat

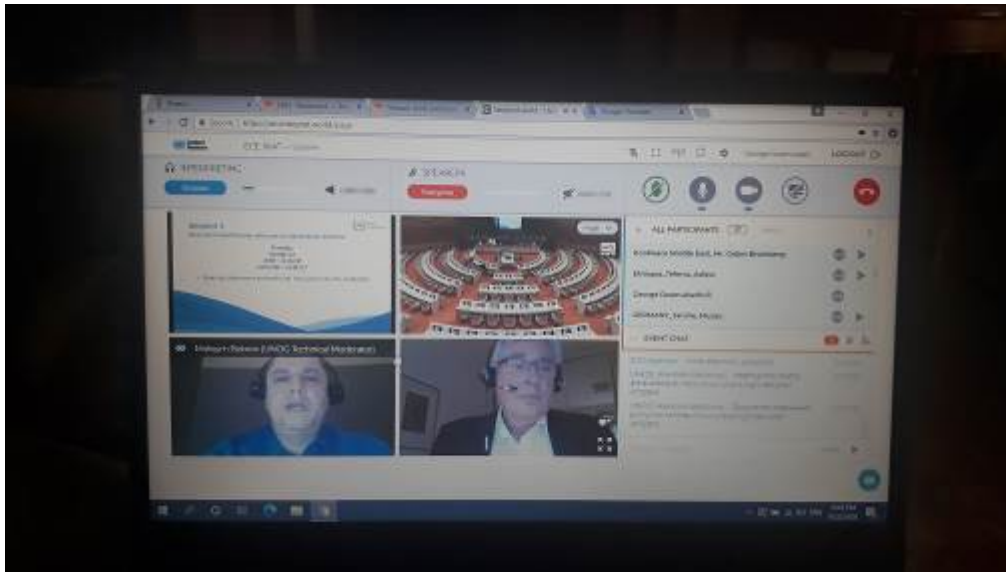
The meeting aimed to discuss the preliminary findings from a stocktaking exercise of “nexus solutions and investments” that the Water Convention Secretariat is developing in cooperation with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), in response to a request from the Meeting of the Parties to The Convention (Nur-Sultan, 10-12 October 2018).

During the meeting, the Task Force further discussed future work under the Water Convention's programme of work for 2021-2024 related to 1) water allocation (development of a Handbook on Water Allocation in a Transboundary Context is on-going as part of the Programme of Work 2019-2021) and 2) activities on the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus.

The meeting discussed the following issues:

- From nexus assessments to nexus solutions
- Synthesis document on nexus solutions and investments
- Regional experiences of designing and implementing nexus solutions
- Types of nexus investments and mapping financing opportunities
- Nexus approach to improve natural resource management and to foster cross-sectoral action

CWP-Georgia Chairman and GWP CACENA Chairman Giorgi Dzakashvili, on behalf of GWP CACENA, had suggested to extend the NEXUS program in other basins, namely in the Amu Darya river basin and the Debed river basin.



2. Stakeholder meeting on Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Alazani-Iori River Basin Plan

Date: 21 October 2020

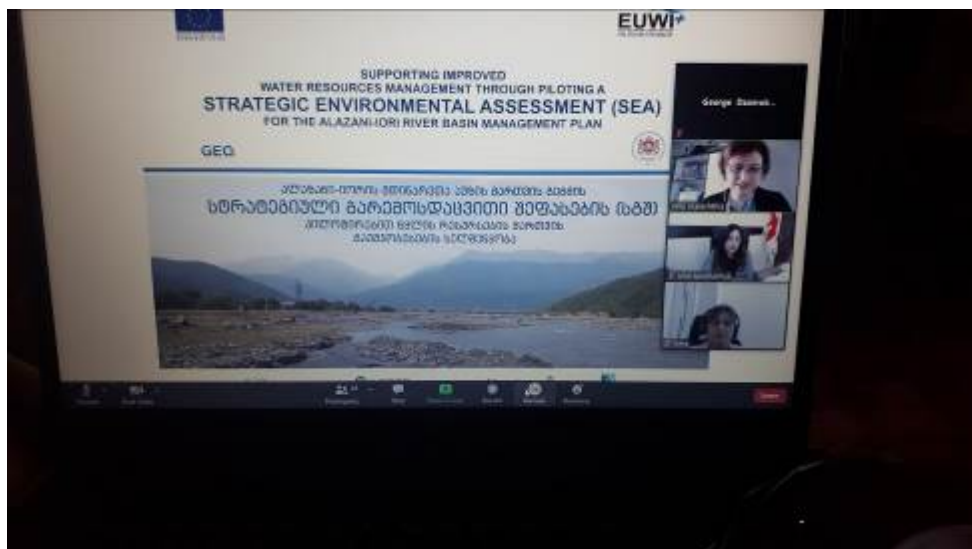
Place: Tbilisi, online

Participants: 40 people (representatives of UNECE, EU, incl. CWP-Georgia)

The meeting was held within EUWI+ project.

Participants were informed in detail about the methodology for the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Alazani-Iori River Basin Plan, as well as the main approaches and conclusions

At the end of the workshop, a discussion was held.



3. Meeting of the EU project participants

Date: 5 October 2020

Place: Tbilisi, online

Organizer: the National Platform of the EU Eastern Partnership Civil Forum

Participants: 12 people

CWP-Georgia participates in the European Union project "Monitoring the implementation of the EU Environmental Directives" as a co-applicant, whose function is to monitor the implementation of EU water directives.

According to the Association Agreement between Georgia and the European Union, there are only 6 such Directives. Of these, Georgia is obliged to comply with 17 provisions.

CWP-Georgia Chairman Gorge Dzumakashvili, as an expert, had informed in detail about monitoring the implementation of water directives.

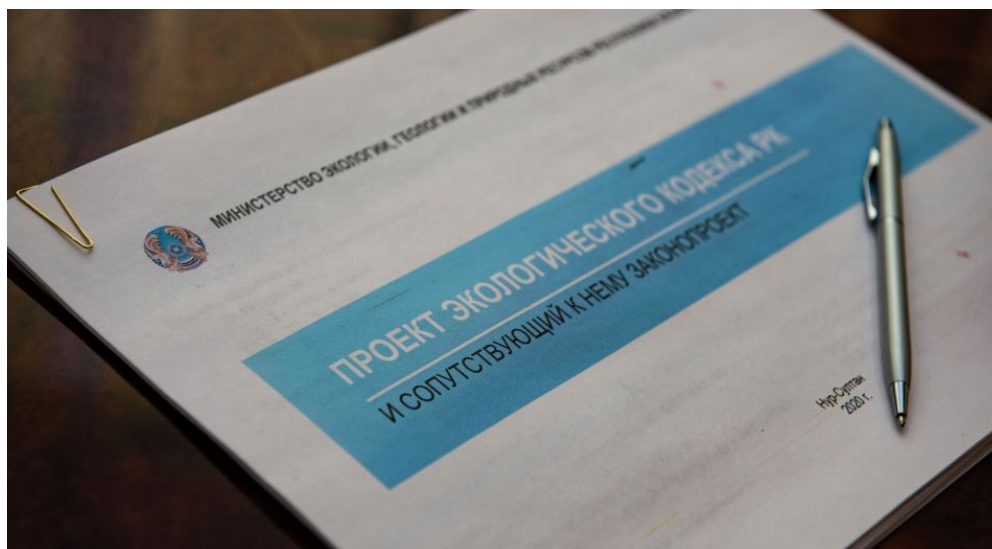
4. CWP-Kazakhstan's partners contribution to the State Water Management Program of the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2020-2030

On 13 October 2020 CWP-Kazakhstan's partners and water industry veterans prepared comments and suggestions related to development of the State Water Management Program of the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2020-2030. CWP-Kazakhstan Chairman Nariman Kipshakbaev delivered those comments and suggestions to the Vice Minister of Ecology, Geology and Natural Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

5. Preparing the new edition of the Environmental Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan

On 6 October 2020, CWP-Kazakhstan Deputy Chairman Aidzhamal Tleulesova jointly with experts, has prepared comments and proposals to the new edition of the Environmental Code. At the same time she gave an interview on new Environmental Code: <https://inbusiness.kz/ru/news/ekologicheskij-kodeks-v-takom-vide-prostokaratelnyj-ego-nado-vernut-na-dorabotku>

The prepared comments and suggestions were sent to the Committee for Water Resources of the Republic of Kazakhstan.



6. Interviews by CWP-Kazakhstan's partners

On 7 October 2020, CWP-Kazakhstan Deputy Chairman Anara Tleulesova and partners gave interviews to journalists on water resources management and water economy in Kazakhstan.

<https://holanews.kz/news/77463>

7. APWF webinar

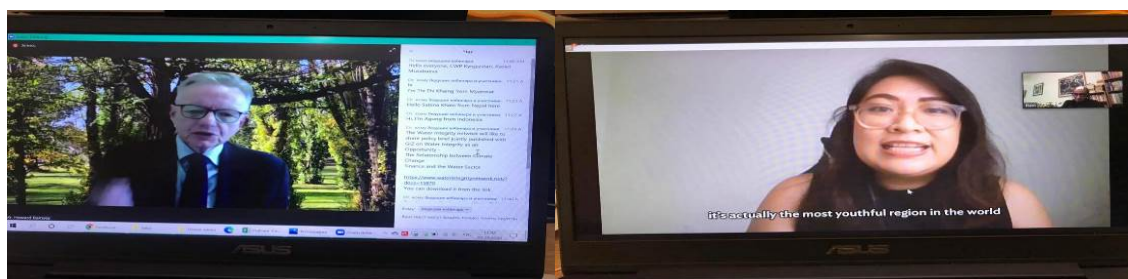
Date: 7 October 2020

Place: Japan, online

Organizer: UN-women regional office

Purpose: preparing to the 4th Asia-Pacific Water Summit on Water for Sustainable Development -Best Practices and the Next Generation.

CWP-Kyrgyzstan took part in the event.



8. Seminar "Participation of women of Kyrgyzstan in water resources management"

Date: 12 October 2020

Place: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Organizer: CWP-Kyrgyzstan
Participants: 20 people, incl. 15 women

Purpose: Discussing mechanisms for participation in the implementation of SDG 5 (Gender Equality) in Kyrgyzstan.



9. Competition "Eco-Journalist 2020"

Date: 2 October 2020
Place: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
Organizer: Aarhus Center Bishkek
Participants: 11 people incl. 5 women

Purpose: to attract public attention to environmental problems, to encourage the creative activity of journalists, to create favorable conditions for media to implement the environmental programs, to highlight the issues of preserving the environment.

The representative of the CWP-Kyrgyzstan's Youth Wing participated in the competition and was awarded with Diploma.

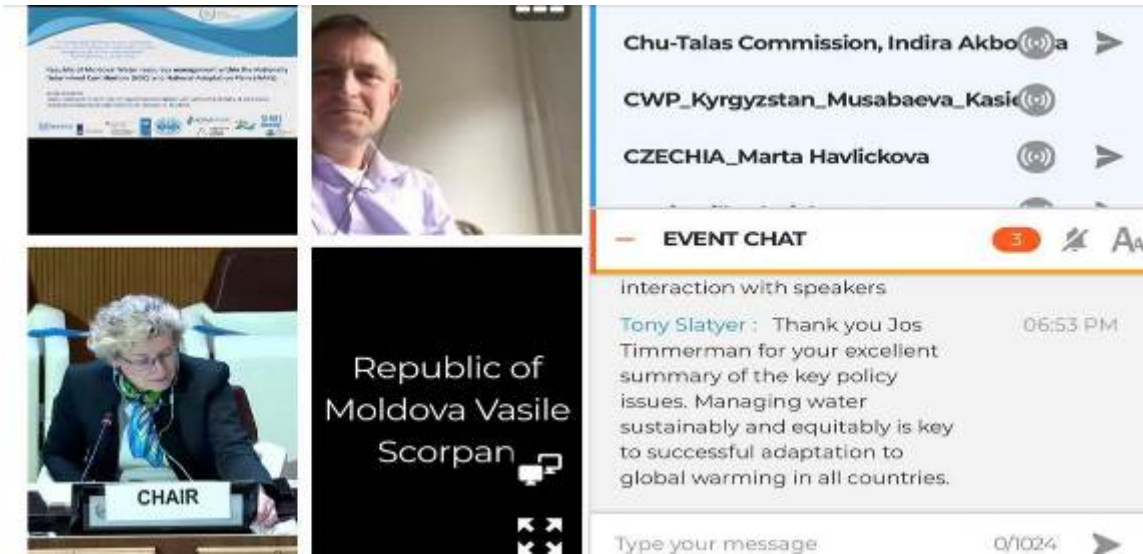


10. Eleventh meeting of the Task Force on Water and Climate Change

Date: 2 October 2020
Place: Virtual
Organizer: UNECE
Participants: experts of governmental organizations, private sector, NGOs (incl. CWP-Kyrgyzstan), international organizations.

The meeting of the Task Force mainly consisted of the thematic session on mainstreaming transboundary aspects of water management into climate-related documents. This session was organised in partnership with AGWA, AWB, GWP, INBO, SIWI, UNDP, UNFCCC and WGF. The Task Force also discussed further activities on climate change

adaptation in transboundary basins, including flood and drought management, to be included into the next Programme of Work under the Water Convention for 2022-2024.



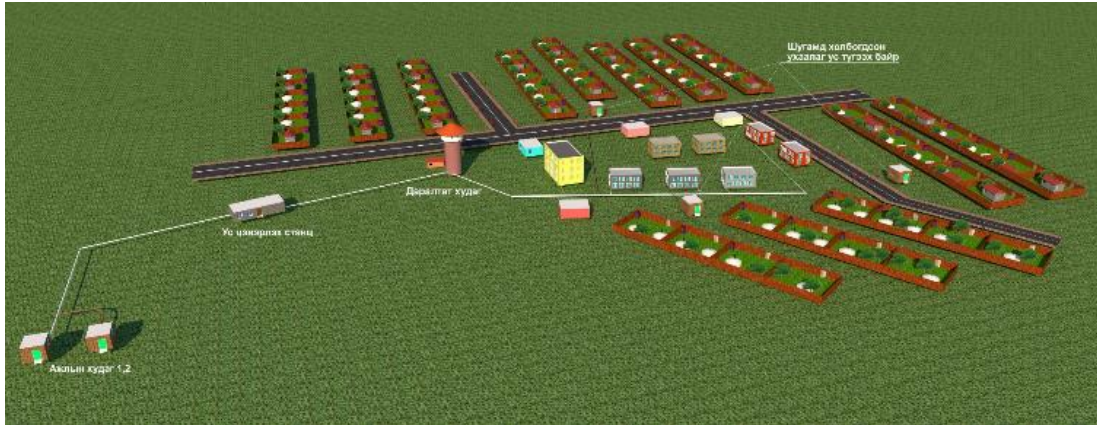
11. Meeting on improvement of water supply system design in rural areas

Date: 21 October 2020
Place: Friendships building of Russia and Mongolia
Organizers: CWP-Mongolia, Russian Universities
Participants: 80 people

CWP-Mongolia partners and engineers of various infrastructure sections presented their investigations of SDGs implementation. The discussions were focused on living conditions in rural area. The meeting agreed that an infrastructure could be green and low cost and smart, and the infrastructure design is very important and should be innovative.

Dr. Basandorj presented new Eco- design of water supply system in rural area of Mongolia and focused on implementation of SDG6 and the WASH programme. All participants agreed that only implementation of SDGs isn't enough because human development criteria are most important goal as well. Improving the efficiency of water supply, sewerage, heating and hot water supply and electricity should bring economic and ecological benefit, and innovation and engineering designs should be supported by the Government and Ministries. Development of partnership and collaboration between Universities and NGOs should be a priority.





Suggested design of water supply system in rural area

12. Seminar "Strengthening local capacities to influence the development of the water sector in the Sughd region of Tajikistan"

Date: 23-24 September 2020

Place: Gafurov district of the Sughd region, Tajikistan

Organizers: CWP-Tajikistan

Participants: Representatives of state water management, agricultural and environmental organizations, as well as local authorities, public organizations, scientists, practitioners and other stakeholders.

Main goal: strengthening local capacity for development of water sector by organizing special lectures, dialogue and exchange of views on the role of irrigation, land reclamation and water resources as the main factors of socio-economic development of Tajikistan; dissemination of knowledge and experience on water-saving, innovative technologies and mitigation of negative impacts of climate change in the water sector and agriculture.



13. Republican scientific-practical conference "Accounting, formation, distribution and use of water resources as the main factor of sustainable development"

Date: 21 October 2020

Place: Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Organizers: State Institution "TajikNIIGiM", Ministry of Energy and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan, CWP-Tajikistan.

Participants: representatives of ministries, committees, agencies, the National Academy of Sciences of Tajikistan; scientists, specialists and other stakeholders (Total: 45 people).

Purpose: Dissemination of knowledge, organization of dialogue on water issues in the context of SDGs, and capacity building of participants. Strengthening cooperation and development of coordination on research and applied issues in the field of accounting, formation, use and protection of water resources in Tajikistan.

The main directions of further joint work on the rational use of water resources, dissemination of knowledge on water issues, aimed to achieve SDGs are proposed.

CWP-Tajikistan Chairman Professor Yarash Pulatov made a presentation: "Innovative technologies for irrigation of agricultural crops in the context of climate change in Tajikistan".



14. EU – Central Asia Civil Society Forum

Date: 27 October 2020

Place: online

GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator Guljamal Hurmuammedova took part in the forum of civil society organizations of the EU and Central Asian countries, where she made a presentation on partnership between governments, business and NGOs. (Presentation in Russian is attached).

15. Assessing progress of IWRM implementation in Uzbekistan

In accordance with the decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Uzbekistan 841 as of 20.10.2018 "On measures to implement the National goals and objectives in the field of sustainable development up to 2030", 16 national goals were approved, including in the water sector and environmental protection. The Ministry of Water Resources is responsible for providing the country report on indicator 6.5.1 "Degree of IWRM implementation". International organizations - UNEP and GWP - which are responsible for systematizing the global status of this indicator, sent a request to Uzbekistan concerning the country's approach to assessing the degree of IWRM implementation.

The questionnaire (as an analysis tool) to assess progress in the IWRM implementation in Uzbekistan was prepared by the IFAS Agency and CWP-Uzbekistan. They also provided the questionnaire filling in according to the required UNEP methodology by sending it to all the interested departments and organizations at the national level.

As a result of the consultations during a round table held on October 5, 2020, there were agreed that all joint efforts will be focused on a clear understanding of the basic principles of IWRM (properly defined in the policy, strategy, plans and legislation) and their practical implementation in Uzbekistan.

Results of assessment of IWRM implementation progress in 2020 shows that all the stakeholders (mostly the Ministry of Water Resources as the national coordinator of the process) needs to rethink its policy, plans and regulation related to the IWRM components. All these components should be correctly reflected in the Strategy for Development of Water Management up to 2030.

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