



Global Water Partnership Central Asia and Caucasus (GWP CACENA)

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## 1. Towards the World Water Monitoring Day

A booklet on “World Water Monitoring Day”, presentation on “Saving Water” and other resources were prepared. Printed copies will be distributed to beneficiary schools which will take part in the event. The event will take place in the first part of October in Armavir region.



## 2. Preparing to the meeting “Armenia on the threshold of the 23th Conference of Parties to the UNFC”

CWP-Armenia in cooperation with the scientific&ecological NGO "Khazer" is preparing the event (invitation letters, agenda preparation, list of participants) "Armenia on the threshold of the 23th Conference of Parties to the UNFC" which will take place on October 19, 2017.



## 3. The first session of the Water Sector Public Advocacy Network (WPAN)

On September 13, in the framework of USAID-funded PURE-Water project, CWP-Armenia in cooperation with UFSD-Urban Foundation for Sustainable Development convened the first session of the Water Sector Public Advocacy Network (WPAN).

The event was coordinated by PURE-Water project team and incorporated representatives of CSOs and communities of Ararat and Armavir marzes (regions), as well from Yerevan. The participants were informed about results of two Brainstorming meetings conducted on August 2017, as well as discussed the regulation and operating procedures of WPAN. It was decided to set up three working groups around the major advocacy strategy goals related to improvements of water sector legislation, public monitoring and behavioural change.



## 5. Seminar "The water security role in achieving SDGs in Azerbaijan"

On 25 September in the Sabirabad region CWP-Azerbaijan organized a seminar "The water security role in achieving the sustainable development goals in Azerbaijan". In this region recently, due to climate change in the summer period, there is often a shortage of water resources.

The seminar was attended by water specialists, representatives of the Irrigation Systems Directorate, scientific staff of the Scientific and Production Association of Hydrotechnics and Melioration, water users, farmers and representatives of municipalities. The main goal was to provide necessary information on importance of ensuring the country's water security, the main principles of integrated water resources management, and their protection.

The invited national expert on the World Bank project "Support to Development of Water User Associations" Mr. Rufullaev gave detailed information on relevance of this project in terms of more efficient use of water resources and adaptation to climate change. Participants got special folders, pens, notebooks. The event was attended by 23 people. As a result, participants was informed about water bodies, available water resources, irrigation of crops, the specific soil-meliorative conditions.



## 6. Seminar "IWRM role in the rational use of water resources under climate change"

On September 29, in the Saatli region CWP-Azerbaijan conducted a seminar "IWRM role in the rational use of water resources under climate change". The territory of the district is located in the arid zone. Especially in the vegetation period there are great difficulties with water resources. Representatives of municipalities, farmers, water users, specialists from the Dzhafarkhan experimental and meliorative station, representatives of the Irrigation Systems Administration, scientists and others took part in the seminar (total: 27 people).

The main goal of the seminar was to provide the necessary information on ways to climate change adaptation, non-traditional use of water sources for crop irrigation. The GWP CACENA Regional Council Member Teimur Osmanov informed about the Global Water Partnership, the basic principles of integrated water resources management, fresh water resources and adaptation of the republic's water sector to global climate change.





The next day, CWP-Azerbaijan conducted the field meeting on cotton irrigation methods with water users. Also a wide information was given on irrigation with the collector-drainage water in the conditions of scarcity of anyk waters, which became more frequent due to climatic changes. Farmers became interested in these works and supported them.



## 7. Seminar "Data Management for IWRM"

Representatives of CWP-Azerbaijan participated in the seminar "Data Management for IWRM" (the project is funded by the European Union), which was held on September 28-29. Participants got acquainted with methodologies on describing the existing data flows and information exchange between the main actors involved in water resources management at the local, national and regional levels.

## 8. Meeting with international experts of the UNDP GEF Kura Project

The meeting with international experts of the UNDP GEF Kura Project funded by UNDP and GEF was held on September 30 in the office of the Open Joint Stock Company "Land Reclamation and Water Management of Azerbaijan". In the course of the meeting, CWP-Azerbaijan Chairman Mammed Asadov informed invited people about water resources, most important river basins in order to discuss monitoring of environmental releases, as well as about water management facilities exploited / planned to be built in the long term.

## 9. INTRODUCTION OF INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT IN KAZAKHSTAN

September 21, 2017 in Astana hosted the National Workshop of concerned parties "Implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)" within the framework of the indicator 6.5.1 of the Sustainable Development Goals- 2030 (SDG-2030). The event was organized by the Scientific and Educational Center "Green Academy" in cooperation with the Center for Water and Environment of the United Nations Environment Program (DHI Centre on Water and Environment) and the Global Water Partnership (GWP).

CWP-Kazakhstan took part in the event.

More information: <http://www.green-academy.kz/en/reports/item/430-introduction-of-integrated-water-resources-management-in-kazakhstan.html>



#### **10. Training on mobilization of stakeholders and popularization of rivers**

The training was conducted on 18 September 2017. CWP-Kyrgyzstan provided the logistic support. The training was attended by 56 people.

#### **11. International Conference dedicated to the 10th anniversary of the Chu-Talas Water Commission and the Chu & Talas Rivers Day**

Date: September 19, 2017.

Venue: Chui district, Ken-Bulun village, Burana Hotel, Kyrgyzstan.

Participants: 130 people from Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.

CWP-Kyrgyzstan provided the logistic support.

#### **12. Seminar of experts**

Date: September 21, 2017.

Venue: Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

Participants: 30 experts from ministries and departments of Kyrgyzstan.

Purpose: to achieve greater coherence between agrarian and water policies in the country.

CWP-Kyrgyzstan provided the logistic support.

#### **13. National symposium “Food security”**

Date: 12.09.2017

Venue: President Office, Ulaanbaatar

CWP-Mongolia was invited to discuss and deliver presentation on water security and water, food and energy nexus approach. Prof. Basandorj made presentation about water safety and security and need to improve water management.



#### **14. International Scientific-Practical Conference “Transboundary Cooperation in Central Asia – Sustainability and Prosperity of the Region”**

International Scientific-Practical Conference “Transboundary Cooperation in Central Asia – Sustainability and Prosperity of the Region” was held on September 7, 2017 in Almaty. It was dedicated to the 25th Anniversary of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination in Central Asia and was held as a preparatory process to the 8th World Water Forum (March 2018, Brazil).

The Conference was jointly organized by the Executive Administration of IFAS for Kazakhstan and the Kazakh National Agrarian University (KazNAU) with the support of the Institute of Geography at the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Kazakhstan, CWP-Kazakhstan, OSCE Program Office in Astana, CAREC, and Kazakh branch of SIC ICWC. The Conference was held at KazNAU.

CWP-Uzbekistan, CWP-Kazakhstan took part in this event.

More information: <http://sic.icwc-aral.uz/releases/eng/316.htm>

During the side event "Workshop on results of the expert assessment and recommendations on development of the Kazakhstan legislation on safety of hydraulic structures (GTS)", a keynote speaker was Mr. Talipov Sh., CWP-Uzbekistan expert on adaptation to climate change. He presented a broad overview and analysis of international experience in the regulation of safe operation of dams and other hydraulic structures, further development of the GTS security management system in the Republic of Kazakhstan, including development of a special law on safety of hydraulic structures and legislative acts, and the institutional system necessary for its implementation.

#### **15. GWP CACENA consultation process with CWPs**

GWP CACENA Regional Secretariat during September promoted consultation process with all CWPs concerning work plan and financial conditions for 2018. It was stressed that GWP CACENA should strengthen decentralized resources mobilization capacity to ensure that locally raised funds should be secured at the regional and country levels as a minimum 1:1 to core funds received from GWPO.

## 16. Fifth meeting of Central Asian regional organizations

On September 4-5, 2017, the fifth meeting of the regional organizations involved in sustainable development and water management in Central Asia was held in Tashkent. It was organized by the Scientific Information Center of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination in Central Asia (SIC ICWC) and Regional Environmental Center for Central Asia (CAREC) with the support of the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ) under the project "Strengthening capacity on sustainable water management at the regional, national, and basin levels".

Representatives of the GWP CACENA Regional Secretariat and CWPs of Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyz Republic attended the meeting. The meeting was aimed at discussing mechanisms for cooperation between regional organizations, as well as with key stakeholders and community in the light of promotion of integrated water resources management.



Opening address to the participants by Prof. Victor Dukhovny

A special focus was on strengthening capacity of regional and national organizations, including programs on building capacity of experts from water sector and related sectors in the Central Asian states.



The participants shared the results related to the assessment of needs and capabilities of regional organizations in mutual training and sharing knowledge and experiences, as well as the results of the joint regional projects.

## 17. Hiring the Expert for Short Term Consultancy on GWP CACENA WACDEP

For proper planning and budgeting of the Water and Climate Project (WACDEP) GWP CACENA Secretariat in September 2017 signed service contract with external expert Andriy Demydenko from Ukraine, who is familiar with the Paris Agreement, NDCs, and NAPs. During August eight of nine CACENA CWPs submitted results of a gap assessment in what is needed in NDCs/NAPs to achieve water security and climate resilient development. Andriy's task is to conduct the gap assessment for Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and demonstrate the data analysis based on the CWP inputs. He recommended the given website <http://klimalog.die-gdi.de/ndc/> to get more details and explore more on NDCs.

## 18. Pan-Asian WACDEP meeting

GWP CACENA Chair Guljamal Nurmukhamedova, Regional Coordinator Vadim Sokolov, and external expert Andriy Demydenko attended Pan-Asian WACDEP meeting held in Colombo, Sri Lanka on 12 and 13 September 2017. The Pan Asia group is consisted of four Regional Water Partnerships in Asia, namely: GWP China, GWP Central Asia and Caucasus (CACENA), GWP South Asia and GWP South East Asia.

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Meeting participants on development of the WACDEP Pan Asia Strategy 2017-2019 in Colombo, Sri Lanka

The main output of the meeting was that RWPs started reviewing their current Regional WACDEP document 2017-2019 to identify the activities which can be linked up to the Pan Asia Strategy Documents which can be later translated to joint or specific project proposals.

In Colombo, Andriy Demydenko highlighted some recommendations to GWP:

- CWPs can involve as a neutral platform for national multi-stakeholder dialogue on quantitative adaptation targets in NAPs
- Link WACDEP to national adaptation of SDGs including SDG 6, SDG 13 and SDG 17
- GWP can sharing knowledge on achieving security to risk reduction

The updated GWP CACENA WACDEP document for 2017-2019 was submitted to GWPO Secretariat for review and approval.

## 19. 1st Asia International Water Week (AIWW)

The Asia Water Council (AWC) hosted the 1st Asia International Water Week (AIWW) in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea from the 20th to the 23rd of September, 2017. GWP CACENA Regional Coordinator Vadim Sokolov as an active member of the AWC Board took participation in this forum.



Opening ceremony of the 1st Asia International Water Week in Gyeongju

The program of the 1<sup>st</sup> Asian International Water Week was conducted in line with the Korea International water week and included the following activities:

- Plenary sessions of the opening and closing of the week
- Exhibition of Technical Achievements (Expo)
- Political Session - Statement Asia to the World
- Business forum with governments
- Asia Water Symposium (25 sessions held under the auspices of AWC)
- 2nd General Assembly of the AWC and 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the AWC Board



With Dr. Jerome Delli Priscoli, GWP TEC Chair

The objectives of the Asia to World Statement Session were to facilitate the exchange of national and local government perspectives on water issues that are relevant to the national agenda and inter-governmental processes in order to promote cooperation at all levels and to produce joint commitment directed to the international community. In this respect, the participants of the Asia to World Statement Session consisted of high ranking and distinguished officials who are involved in and responsible for the water sector (including GWP).



The distinguished high level participants of the Asia to World Statement Session shared their insights and experiences under the slogan of the first AIWW '**Asian Solutions for Water.**'

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