

Sub-Regional Process in Central Asia for the 5th World Water Forum

**Vadim SOKOLOV (GWP CACENA) for
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Facilitation of the sub-regional participation

- Established consortium of stakeholders from five Central Asian countries led by GWP CACENA and EC IFAS
- Organized dialogue between stakeholders using web-portal www.cawater-info.net
- Sub-regional representatives took active participation in the 2d preparatory meeting of the 5th WWF held in Istanbul in February 2008
- Organized Sub-regional conference “Climate Change, Water Resources Management and Capacity Building Issues in Central Asia, held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan on 28-29 May 2008 (supported by Turkey)
- Under preparation is contribution to sub-regional part of the Asia-Pacific Regional Document for the 5th WWF

Regional Water Knowledge Hub for Water Resources Management in Central Asia

- **Knowledge exchange** through CAWater-Info web-portal
- **Data exchange - historical hydrological series and predictions, real-time data** on water withdrawals in the Amudarya and Syrdarya river basins
- **Scenarios** of future water consumption and future water and land productivity and hydropower development for the mid (2025) and long (2055) terms
- **Access** to SIC ICWC E-Library including regional publications and more
- **Links** between the international water community and the Russian-speaking audience;
- **GIS-based products** from Central Asia;
- **Coordination, co-execution and review** of regional projects;
- **Interactive professional training**
- **Regular round tables** to support sub-regional dialogues

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Strengthening of legal framework for cooperation and common procedures for ICWC supported by ADB

- Established inter-departmental national groups
- Conducted dialogue among stakeholders
- Preparation and negotiation of four agreements and a number of rules and guidance documents to support regional cooperation in Central Asia

The 3d Regional Preparatory Meeting of the 5th WWF in Bishkek on 28-29 May 2008

As contribution to thematic process of the Forum:

Theme 1- Climate change effect on water resources in Central Asia

Theme 2 – Basin management and transboundary cooperation

Theme 3 – Water resources governance (organizational aspects of efficient water management)

Theme 4 – Capacity building and education

The principal statement from Bishkek meeting

We hope that 5th World Water Forum will give a new impulse to stronger cooperation and increased responsibilities of the countries and water users among each other for shared resources and rational water use.

We should bridge our hearts!

Next steps

1. To summarize thematic outputs followed from Bishkek (issues and practical solutions) in the form of sub-regional (Central Asia) position paper for 5th WWF
2. To organize 2d Sub-regional (Central Asia) Preparatory Meeting in Kazakhstan (where new EC IFAS is located) in November 2008 for final agreement of the position paper with policy makers (expected support from JWF)



Thank you!

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