

**Sub-Regional (Central Asia)
focuses to the themes and topics of
the 5th World Water Forum**

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Co-organizers:

- Ministry of Agriculture, Water Management and Processing Industry of Kyrgyzstan
- Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Turkey
- Intestate Commission for Water Coordination
- GWP CACENA

Thematic discussed during Bishkek meeting

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

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

Climate change, population growth, industrialization, urbanization and deforestation create huge stress on the water resources

Glaciers melting

Understanding of needs for adaptation strategies (national and common regional)

Observation and measurement network should be improved

Solutions required addressing desiccation of the Aral Sea

Theme 2 - Basin management and transboundary cooperation

Lack of confidence among countries (at the level of policy makers) and sectors (irrigation – hydropower)

Need more facilitated transboundary dialogue

The experience of Chu-Talas Joint Commission (Kazakhstan-Kyrgyzstan) should be disseminated to other small transboundary basins in Central Asia (all stakeholders should be involved into process)

It was suggested that 'strengthening of International Water Law' should be a special subject of discussion at the 5th World Water Forum

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

- Challenges and lessons on water resources governance and management: local, regional, and global level.
- Decentralization of water resources governance and management in line with economic reforms (mostly in agriculture) (privatization, market mechanisms, etc.)
- IWRM- as a tool for bridging

Among water users (sectors, states, downstream-upstream, etc)

Among water providers (states, sectors, etc)

Between water providers and water users

Between policy makers and stakeholders

Theme 4 – Capacity building and Education in Central Asia

Strengthening regional cooperation with specific focus to:

- Institutional and legal aspects
- Training programs
- Information system and data exchange
- IWRM
- Automation systems
- Modeling tools and DSS
- Public awareness campaign

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)



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