

Support to implementation

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Directions of work

- ▶ *Drin basin cooperation – MoU signed and GEF project initiated*
- ▶ *Kura basin – Draft agreement negotiated*
- ▶ *Regional Dialogue and Cooperation on Water Resources Management in Central Asia – Strengthening of regional institutions and international law capacity building*
- ▶ *Dam safety in Central Asia – Legal and institutional strengthening, safety of individual dams*
- ▶ *Water quality in Central Asia – Regional Working Group established*
- ▶ *Pyanj (upper Amu Darya) cooperation between Afghanistan and Tajikistan – Exchange of hydrology data*
- ▶ *Chu and Talas – GEF project initiated to broaden cooperation*



Lessons learnt for future work

- *Cooperation with other organizations/partners is invaluable*
- *GEF funding opens new perspectives*
- *It is not expensive to support progress*
- *Realism and a good dialogue with riparians is essential – Identify windows of opportunity!*
- *Long-term engagement and patience are important*

