Promoting dialogue for conflict prevention related to environment, water nexus issues in Central Asia. Water Cooperation in Central Asia

CAWECOOP

Instrument contributing for Security and Peace
General information

Duration: 18 month (December, 2015 – June, 2017)

Budget: EUR 1,3 mln

Finance support: European Union

Specialty: political processes with concrete interventions

Countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan

Target group: Water and energy sector practitioners, policy makers, parliamentarians, staff of regional water-energy organizations in the Central Asian states
Objectives

The main goal: To stimulate transboundary trust and high-level, trans-national political involvement in the CA water nexus through the following specific objectives:

• Building national and regional networks around the water nexus through helping the countries to prepare for major water management events;

• Promoting the tools contributing to better regional water management, such as remote sensing and modelling.

• Supporting exchange of experience within Central Asia on topics related to water, land use and energy efficiency;

• Providing capacity-building for target groups with focus on middle, operational level specialists.
Expected results

• **Stronger cooperation** platform on water nexus is provided

• **Technologies, tools and skills** for data management, water-energy and land efficiencies are available for both practitioners, users and policy makers

• National level "**good practices**" on water sector reforms are shared

• **Capacities** of major stakeholders on water cooperation and communication **improved**
Connection between components and other process/program/projects

Component 1 - Major event
- IB IFAS transformation
- + major events (GIZ TWMCA + Swiss Water Initiative)

Component 2 - regional cooperation
- cooperation modes, processes and tools

Component 3 - experience exchange
- Technologies, knowledge, partnership
- Smart Waters + other projects CB+ CB efforts
- institutionalization on regional level (WB + SIC ICWC)

Component 4 - capacity building
- Regime of capacity-building and institutions attraction

Regional organization cooperation+
UNECE knowledge exchange process + CAWa project,
Smart Waters
General information about Smart Waters Project:

• Donor agency: USAID
• Project target area: Central Asia + Afghanistan
• Project duration: 5 years (October 2015 – September 2020)
• Total project budget: $9.5 mln
• Four components:
  Component I “Capacity Building & Academic Exchange”
  Component II “Networking & Cooperation
  Component III “IWRM Promotion & Support”
  Component IV “Basin Planning”
Project implementation phases

Back to back with CAWECOOP

**Project launch (2015-2016):**
- Project registration in countries
- Establishment of national Steering Committees
- National consultations
- Needs assessments
- Selection of pilot territories
- Establishment of regional Project Management Committee

**Project implementation (2016-2017):**
- Expert assistance in promoting reforms
- Technical assistance to national partners
- Establishment of basin councils
- Capacity building
- Master Program
- Leadership Program
- Student Research Competition
- Networking

**Project implementation (2018-2020):**
- Capacity building
- Master Program
- Leadership Program
- Student Research Competition
- Networking
- Development of basin plans
- Execution of local-level pilot projects
- Development and application of innovative tools

**Project completion (2020):**
- Young water professionals apply IWRM principles in their routine work
- Regional cooperation platform
- Mechanisms to promote reforms are applied locally
- Sustainable operation of 8 basin councils and implementation of basin plans
## Progress

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CAREC approach

- National needs
- Regional approach
- New generation
- National – local
- Networking
- Multisectoral
- Knowledge
- Information
- Science
Cooperation platforms

- Regional working groups/Regional organizations
- National coordination councils/National partners
- Small basin councils/local communities

Bottom up approach
Thank you!