



# **CENTRAL ASIA AND CAUCASUS**

## **Progress and Update of Concrete Initiatives**

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# **Meeting of the Presidents of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan in Almaty on 28 April 2009**

- 1. The Parties, acknowledging a positive role of IFAS, activity of which allows coordinating and solving crucial matters of cooperation in overcoming consequences of the crisis in the Aral Sea basin, will promote activities and cooperation with UN organizations, including the UN Regional Center of preventive diplomacy for Central Asian countries, and with other international organizations**
- 2. The Parties express their willingness to improve the institutional and legal frameworks of IFAS in order to make its activity more efficient and develop further cooperation with financial institutions and donors within the framework of projects and programs related to the Aral Sea basin problems solution**
- 3. The Parties assign the Executive Committee of IFAS together with the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination, the Interstate Commission for Sustainable Development, with involvement of national experts and donors, to develop a **Program of Actions to support the Aral Sea basin countries for 2011-2015 (ASBP-3)****
- 4. The Parties will continue cooperation aimed at the improvement of environmental and socio-economic conditions in the Aral Sea basin**
- 5. The Parties confirmed their interests to develop mutually acceptable mechanisms for integrated water use and environment protection in Central Asia to the benefit of all countries in the region**

# The Objective of GWP CACENA Initiative

During 2009 the GWP CACENA network will develop an agreement on subsequent strategic actions for strengthening of country water partnerships in the region in order to reinforce the results in hand (from the past five years) in promoting the concept of IWRM towards sustainable development of all eight countries and to sustain their cooperation capacities (keeping in mind specifics of the two sub-regions – Central Asia and Southern Caucasus)

# The Client and Next steps

In response to decision of **Head of Central Asian States:**

**GWP CACENA** is going to support policy dialogues in all eight countries to help to articulate the linkages among water-using authorities and interests such as agriculture, land-use planning, energy, industry, environment and health in order to ensure water is contributing to national development objectives.

In parallel track to support transboundary policy dialogues to help countries establish sustainable cooperation at the regional (sub-regional) level.

# Next steps (1)

Thus, during 2010-2011 the GWP CACENA network will focus on promotion of its neutral platform (in cooperation with other active actors – e.g. EC IFAS, ADB, UNECE, Finland, APWF, SDC, EU, et al.) for above mentioned dialogues – with the principal goal: to help countries to **achieve sustainable cooperation processes.**

## Next steps (2)

Further – during 2012-2013 – the **GWP CACENA** network based on the established sustainable cooperation platform **will be focusing on a more substantive programme** of activities – to help countries with implementation of their agreed measures, which will appear at the stage as outcomes of the above-mentioned dialogues.

## Example of the real practical activities:

Under **Strategic Goal #2**: **Address critical development challenges**: GWP CACENA supports development and publication of the Regional Report on Water Supply and Sanitation in 2009. Then will support dissemination activities jointly with CAWUN – Central Asian Water Utilities Network (*with hope to be supported by ADB???*) – to promote more attention to the WSS issues as an element of the IWRM concept.

**THANK YOU !!!**

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