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List of acronyms

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| ADB | Asian Development Bank |
| BC | Bilateral Commission |
| BRC | Regional Centre for Europe & CIS, United Nations Development Program |
| CWR | Committee of Water Resources (Kazakhstan) |
| EDB | Eurasian Development Bank |
| EC-IFAS | Executing Committee of the International Fund for Aral Sea Saving |
| EU | European Union |
| GIZ | German Society for International Cooperation |
| GWP | Global Water Partnership |
| ICWC | Interstate Commission for Water Coordination |
| ITL | International Team Leader |
| IWRM | Integrated Water Resources Management |
| MMWRRRT | the Ministry of Melioration and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan |
| NPD | National Policy Dialogue process |
| OSCE | Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe |
| RWSS | Rural Water Supply and Sanitation |
| SC | Steering Committee |
| SDC | Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation |
| SHP | Small Hydro Power |
| UN ECE | United Nations Economic Commission for Europe |
| UN RCCA | United Nations Regional Center for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia |
| UNDP | United Nations Development Program |
| UNESCO | United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization |
| USAID | The United States Agency for International Development |
| WB | World Bank |
| WMP | Water Management Plans |
| WUAs | Water Users Associations |

I. Summary and context

The project is implemented by UNDP via its Bratislava Regional Center – covering the overall project management and regional activities (component 4) and three country offices (COs): Kyrgyzstan (component 1), Tajikistan (component 2) and Kazakhstan (component 3).

The current report is covering the period of June 2010 – April 2011 and provides an overview on project activities since the last project progress report. All project components are now in the implementation phase.

There are several other ongoing projects and initiatives in water management sector in Central Asia on different levels funded by the European Union, UN agencies, German and Swiss governments and other international donors, having similar objectives and aims as the current project. In order to maximize the synergic effect of all initiatives in the region, the project is working in close coordination with other interventions and partners. It leads to some re-financing of project workplans and re-structuring of certain project activities; however, this is in line with the adaptive management approach and does not pose a risk to the achievement of project objectives and outcomes.

EU monitoring mission was carried out in May-June 2010 and the results were provided in the second half of June 2010. The project team was assisting with this process and meetings with the project stakeholders and the findings of the monitoring mission have been addressed in project planning and implementation.

In the 3rd Quarter 2010 two national components (Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan) were re-discussed with the national stakeholders and international partners due to the political instability in Kyrgyzstan and proposed water/irrigation reform in Tajikistan. Based on these discussions, the working plans were updated and an Addendum to the Contract with EC has been prepared in order to reflect necessary changes.

The Addendum to the Contract with EC incorporated some additional activities to the project, including co-funding investments for pilot projects in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan as well as adding of activities on Climate Change and its Interrelations with IWRM in Chu-Talas basin and on the regional level; activities on IWRM support and implementation in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan; and activities related to Policy and institutional analysis in Kazakh project component.

Transboundary water basins for the project interventions were selected as Isfara (primary basin, Tajik-Kyrgyz border), and also Chu-Talas basin. The rationale for this selection is that transboundary cooperation in Isfara basin is not yet fully defined and also greatly supported by GTZ (and the project is in the close contact with GTZ team), therefore the second basin such as Chu-Talas could demonstrate good practices as it has already the legal and institutional basis for cooperation and project interventions could support this model in order to allow certain replication and experience sharing with other basins and countries.

Zeravshan basin (initially selected as a pilot area in Tajikistan – with the potential synergies with IWRM UNDP project in Uzbekistan) is put on hold due to the changed position of the Tajik Ministry of Water Resources and Melioration.

Ili-Balkhash (Kazakhstan) and the regional component were implemented according to the work plans (to the maximum extent).

Several funding proposals have been developed and submitted to various funding sources and additional co-funding to the project is mainly secured, whereas some applications are pending the final decision.

II. Activities carried out during the reporting period

1. Adjusting work plans to ongoing national processes. This activity was going in all the countries and on the regional level. .

In Tajikistan, due to the water/irrigation reform and the need to coordinate different interventions, raised by the EC and national stakeholders, several project activities (related to IWRM activities on the national level – such as creation/work of National Water Resources Council/Project Board, IWRM review on the national level etc.) were put on hold until the situation will be more clear. On 9 June 2010 a meeting took place among UNDP, UN ECE, FAO and OSCE aimed to agree on coordination and cooperation – and the general decision was to establish a joint Steering Committee and small donors group (other international actors/donors will be also invited). In this period several meetings took place with the Minister of Melioration and Water Resources and his Deputy. The project has been asked to provide assistance to the water and irrigation reform in the form of methodological support for the inventory of irrigation facilities. In addition, the Ministry has requested relevant support for the information dissemination (web-site support) and dialogue platform (meeting facilities – equipment). Relevant changes are reflected in the updated working plans. Project team is also following recent developments in this reform process.

In Kyrgyzstan all planned activities are ongoing – though the situation on the national level is not clear due to possible administrative reform and staff changes which might be resulting from the national political processes. Kyrgyz stakeholders have proposed to work on two TW basins – Isfara and Chu-Talas – therefore the relevant changes are reflected in the Addendum to the project activities and work plans. Other demonstration projects are proposed as rehabilitation of water measuring facilities at Chumysh hydro post – since planned SHP activities do not seem to be economically viable.

In Kazakhstan the project was adjusting its plans to the bilateral Kazakhs-Chinese operations, and currently is aiming to contribute to IWRM discussions on the national level as it is closely connected with the basin-wide operations and transboundary relations.

On the regional level the work plans are updated based on communication with other international partners and climate changes issues were addressed in the work plan due to growing concerns linked to water security and climate change.

2. Recruitment of experts and additional team members. Since the previous report, additional experts/team members are being recruited/contracted:

- for the regional component: International IWRM expert; national experts on water resources and climate change for Chu-Talas sub-project – two from Kyrgyzstan and two from Kazakhstan
- for the Kyrgyz component: Transboundary Water Expert for Isfara basin; National Expert on Support to Development and Implementation of Gravity Irrigation Demonstration Project; National Expert on Support to Kyrgyz Rural Water Supply and Sanitation (RWSS) Demonstration Project
- for Tajik component: National Capacity Development Expert, National Expert on Water Use for Isfara basin and the National Expert on Conflict Resolution for the IWRM training; working groups of experts (4) for the national IWRM review (the same experts as for Zeravshan report);
- for Kazakhstan component on IBB: IWRM and Capacity Building experts (under the same TORs as earlier – due to expired contracts), and Project Assistant (the same TOR – due to the resignation of the staff member).

An overview of project staff and experts is provided in the Annex 2.

3. Coordination and partnership building:

- (i) Regional coordination is performed from Almaty office (UN common premises) of BRC. Main focus is on implementing regional component of the project, coordinating project activities with other international organizations and partners, and ensuring coherence and synergies among national components; Regional SC is operational – 2 meetings were held in 2009-2010.
- (ii) Tajikistan national coordination: national project team is placed in the premises of the Ministry of Melioration and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan (MMWRRT) in Dushanbe. The Memorandum of Understanding between UNDP-Tajikistan and the Ministry of Melioration and Water Resources of the Republic of Tajikistan was signed in February 2010 in order to regulate the project implementation in Tajikistan. National SC is operational – first meeting was held in 2010.
- (iii) Kyrgyzstan national coordination: the project team is located at the premises of UNDP Environmental Programme in Kyrgyzstan and the office has been restored after it was heavily damaged due to political clashes in 2010. The MoU between UNDP – Kyrgyzstan and the State Committee on Water Resources and Melioration is signed. National SC is operational – first meeting was held in 2011.
- (iv) Ili-Balkhash office is co-located with BRC Almaty office. The MoU between UNDP – Kazakhstan and the Committee of Water Resources (under the Ministry of Agriculture) is signed. National SC is operational – two meetings were held in 2011.

Relevant Official letter and Memorandums on cooperation are in the Annex 3.

4. Missions and meetings of the project team with key stakeholders were carried out in order to: (i) inform them about project plans and activities; (ii) ensure cooperation and integration of project activities into broader frameworks; and (iii) agree on the details of joint activities/cooperation. In this period the project team met with:

- (i) Key national partners such as the Ministry of Melioration and Water Resources of Tajikistan (the Minister and Deputy Minister –June, August, September 2010, March 2011), Kyrgyz State Committee on Water resources and Melioration (the Head and his deputy – July-September, December 2010, March 2011) and the Water Resources Committee in Kazakhstan (the Chairman and his deputy –June and September 2010). Planned project activities were re-confirmed and discussed in more details. In Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, these meetings were also caused by the need to align project planning to the in-country situation, in Kazakhstan – due to the need to coordinate project activities with Bilateral Chinese-Kazakh Water Commission activities and planned IBB conference.
- (ii) Key stakeholders at the basin or pilot site level:
 - Kyrgyzstan** – Batken region (May 2010); a seminar was held in Karabulak village. Main aim was to ensure local ownership and the support to the project drinking water supply& sanitation pilot – in addition, to collect relevant information and data for the project. Several working missions in were held in 2010-2011.
 - Tajikistan** – Isfara city, Ayni and Pendjikent regions (July 2010); several meeting were held in Isfara river basin in 2010 and 2011. Main aim was to ensure local ownership and the support to transboundary cooperation with Kyrgyz partners – in addition, to collect relevant information and advice for the project activities.
 - Kazakhstan** – meetings of the Expert working group under the Bilateral Kazakh-Chinese Commission (several dates in 2010-2011). The project provided expert and logistics support

for the meeting which was aimed to define the scope and collected relevant information for the IBB publication.

(iii) International actors: meetings are held on the regular basis with the following actors:

- EU: for clarifying project activities in all the countries and adjusting them to NPD process and administrative reform ;
- UN ECE: for coordinating NPD process in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan and other UN ECE projects in the region;
- GIZ: for agreeing on the pilot area for transboundary activities support (Isfara). It was agreed that UNDP will be focusing on the technical side of water supply – joint infrastructure and its management. Details will be confirmed and agreed with the officials in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan;
- OSCE: for discussing joint operations on conflict resolution in IWRM and cooperation in Isfara basin and in Tajikistan under the National Strategy of Water Sector Development (drafted by OSCE);
- Cap-Net: for agreeing on capacity building activities and training courses in Central Asia. They are ready to support the regional capacity building seminar and some activities;
- WB and EU: on Ili-Balkhash joint event with China and possible synergies with the ongoing EU project on environmental policy instruments;
- EDB: cooperation on small-hydro feasibility study in Tajikistan – EDB is interested to co-fund this activity therefore after confirming all details with the key national stakeholders, the formal application to EADB will be processed;
- UNDP-Turkmenistan: the water assessment report is completed and proposed water-related activities are elaborated. Turkmenistan is interested to cooperate with the project and the government support is declared for this. Details are to be confirmed on different options.
- EC-IFAS: for discussing regional activities and ASBP-3;
- UN RCCA: for aligning work plans and finding possible synergies;
- Helvetas: cooperation on irrigation demo project in Kyrgyzstan- there are clear synergies between their Swiss- funded capacity building and piloting activities on the South of the country and project plans, so it was agreed to sign an MOU (drafted) and replicate this experience to Batken region/Isfara river basin;
- FAO: on coordination and possible joint activities in irrigation sector in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan;
- ADB: for discussing funding options for pilots in Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan;
- SDC: on coordination of activities on IWRM in transboundary basin – mainly for Isfara.

Project events:

- Regional level – Second Regional SC meeting in Dushanbe on 7th June 2010. The meeting was aimed at discussing the project implementation and at agreeing on the project plans for the next period. The Project team meeting has taken place on 8th June 2010 to reflect on the results and next steps. The Regional SC meeting was held back-to-back to the High Level International Conference on the Mid-term Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the International Decade for Action, "Water for Life," 2005-2015 - June 8-10, 2010 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan).
- Regional discussions on SHP and water issues on 13 April 2010 in Almaty.

- Chu-Talas climate change adaption meeting – Taraz, 22 April 2010.
- Kyrgyzstan - Workshop “Water supply & sanitation in Karabulak village/Batken region and options for its improvement”, has taken place on 28th May 2010. The workshop was arranged to discuss a demonstration project on water supply & sanitation with the pilot village and agree on the community participation/mobilization.
- IWRM seminar – 16 December 2010, Bishkek.
- Kyrgyzstan – jointly with the SCWRM, working meeting on Tajik-Kyrgyz cooperation.
- First Steering Committee meeting – 1st March 2010, Bishkek.
- Tajikistan – Republican Scientific-Technical Conference: "Problems of Land Reclamation and Water Resources of the Republic Tajikistan" on 27th April 2010. The resolution was shared with key stakeholders for comments and revised accordingly.
- Regular meetings with GIZ on coordinating Isfara activities – agreements with GTZ take the form of concrete proposals and have been shared with the Kyrgyz partners for their comments and approval.
- Tajikistan – numerous meetings with local stakeholders in Isfara region in 2010 and 2011.
- Tajikistan – Jointly with OSCE Office in Tajikistan, national training for specialists of Ministry of Agriculture, MLRWR, Ministry of Energy and Industry, Committee on Environmental Protection, State Agency of Hydrometeorology, Tajik Branch of The International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (IFAS) National Association of Dehkan Farms, Agrarian Union of Tajikistan was conducted between 26-28 October 2010 on IWRM and management of water conflicts.
- Tajikistan - 1st National Steering Committee meeting of the project was held on 14 December 2010 to monitor project progress and to take strategic decisions.
- Study tour for ten representatives of various governmental structures from Tajikistan has been arranged to Czech Republic from November 29 to December 6, 2010. Followed by the meeting with the participants to share their impressions, findings and provided valuable recommendations for further actions – held on 17 December.
- A series of trainings to build the capacity of the Isfara local authorities in conflict management and negotiations were also organized during the reporting period. In total 70 representatives of the local authorities and community leaders received trainings and improved their skills in peaceful conflict resolution.
- Kazakhstan – Expert group meetings in 2010. This Expert Group was established in order to support the Bilateral Water Commission and its activities – and this first meeting was aimed to define the scope of its activities and agree on next steps.
- The 10th anniversary meeting of the Balkhash-Alakol Basin Council was held on June 14th 2010 with the support of the project, other meetings were also supported in 2010 and 2011.
- Kazakhstan – First Steering Committee meeting, 7 July in Astana.
- Kazakhstan - Second National SC meeting – November 2010 in Astana
- Kazakhstan –working meetings with the stakeholders for preparing the trainings (below), 3-5 August, 2010, Almaty region
- Kazakhstan – trainings on IWRM and transboundary arrangements on 13-16 September for local authorities, water users and other stakeholders, Almaty region.
- Kazakhstan and China - **meetings** of the joint commission (November and December, in both countries) were supported and prepared by the project experts.

List of key project meetings and selected minutes are in the Annex 1.

5. Review of IWRM documentation and data collection is going on under all components.

In Kyrgyzstan a survey on IWRM Implementation in Kyrgyzstan including the review of current legal based, institutions, activities and proposals for the project interventions has been launched in June 2010. This activity has been finalized and the final report is prepared (Annex 7).

In Tajikistan the review is prepared for Zeravshan and Isfara basins and also for the national level. Zeravshan report was sent to the MMWR for review and agreeing on the follow up if any (Annex 9). The national review is been completed and discussed with the stakeholders, as the same as for Isfara water basin.

In Kazakhstan the emphasis is on Balkhash-Alakol' basin (Kazakh part of Ili-Balkhash basin). This review is ready – draft report is available in Russian and it will be translated into English after getting a feedback on the draft version.

IWRM review for the regional level is being finalized. A draft report on past and ongoing projects in CA was presented at the regional SC meeting. It is updated and revised based on the comments and suggestions received (Annex 19). A draft report with overview on transboundary water agreements, institutions and relevant legal / policy activities is prepared.

6. Preparation of the pilot projects documentation in Kyrgyzstan for:

- Irrigation and water supply & sanitation part in Batken region/Karabulak village, based on the outcomes from the previous field missions. Reports are prepared by the project experts on the following topics:
 - Irrigation demo project in Panfilov region – overview of the location and the pilot site investigations, criteria for choosing the site, economic analysis of the proposed project (Annex 4).
 - RWSS project in Batken region – criteria for choosing the site, RWSS situation overview at the proposed location, possible solutions and next steps, institutional development and support in order to sustain the improved RWSS system (Annex 5).

English summaries are available. This demo project is finalized at this stage as rehabilitation costs are too high for the project and at the moment there is no any relevant donor agency or state fund which might be able to cover them.

- Water allocation – hydro post Chumysh. Tender documentation is prepared and the process is ongoing.

In Tajikistan the pilot documents are been developed for hydro-posts rehabilitation – feasibility studies are to be completed in summer 2011, and based on them the follow up works would be initiated.

7. Office recovery in Kyrgyzstan – this activity was not planned, but since the project office was located in the same building as the Ministry of Agriculture, it was heavily damaged due to mass assaults. Therefore the office was moved to new premises and additional security measures and support were applied. Recovery of the project documents is completed.

8. EU monitoring mission support – in May-June 2010 the monitoring mission was visiting all project offices therefore project staff was providing logistical support and assisting with the stakeholders meetings. All key project staff as advised was available for the interviews, meetings, and

communication. Management response and comments on the key raised issues are prepared and submitted to the EU. The next EU Monitoring mission is planned in May 2011.

9. Visibility and web-site – the project web-site is open (including also Intranet) and final visibility/communication plan is ready and it has been discussed with the EU (Annex 17). First Project Newsletter is also available at the project web-site <http://www.centralasia.iwlearn.org/>. Project Newsletter no.1, project leaflets and press releases are in the Annex 18.

III. Emerging challenges and measures taken

An Addendum to the project activities under the contract with EC, has been prepared and approved in order to reflect additional activities emerged during the project implementation that have been agreed during the last project Steering Committee. The addendum concerns also reallocation of available funds among the existing budget lines and allows co-funding for some investments under pilot activities. The following changes & additional activities to the existing project activities were agreed:

Component 1. Developing and implementing IWRM Strategies in Kyrgyzstan

Activity 1.0: IWRM support and integration was introduced due to the requests of national authorities and the need to provide a platform for IWRM discussions and interventions.

Activity 1.1: Kyrgyz Irrigation Demonstration Project – it is proposed to remove the word “gravity” from the activity’s original title since this activity will be aimed at improving general irrigation techniques.

Activity 1.4: Small transboundary sub-basin management – it is proposed to expand the nature of cooperation (agreed for Isfara river basin). In this respect, it is proposed to remove the word “agreement” from the activity’s original title since the agreement preparation activities are supported by other donors and therefore the project could focus on other arrangements such as joint activities, setting of joint basin organizations and others according to the work plan.

Component 2. Developing and implementing IWRM Strategies in Tajikistan

Activity 2.0: IWRM support and integration was introduced due to the requests of national authorities and the need to provide a platform for IWRM discussions and interventions.

Activity 2.1: Tajik Irrigation Demonstration Projects – it is proposed to remove the word “pumped” from the activity’s original title since this activity will be aimed at improving general irrigation techniques.

Activity 2.6: Small transboundary sub-basin management – it is proposed to expand the nature of cooperation (agreed for Isfara river basin). In this respect, it is proposed to remove the word “agreement” from the activity’s original title since the agreement preparation activities are supported by other donors and therefore the project could focus on other arrangements such as joint activities, setting of joint basin organizations and others according to the work plan.

Component 3. Trans boundary Dialogue and Cooperation in the Ili-Balkhash River Basin

It is proposed to introduce the Activity 3.1: Policy and institutional analysis in view of the need to provide the background information and proposals for other project interventions.

Activity 3.2: Support to bilateral cooperation and joint activities is proposed in order to provide the space for improving Kazakh-Chinese cooperation on water issues also outside of the Joint Commission activities (which are supported under the activity 3.3: Support to bilateral commission and framework agreements).

Former activities named “Documentation and RB master plan” and “Public engagement” were re-considered and the new activity 3.4: “Coordinating and harmonizing water management activities & plans in the basin, stakeholders engagement” is proposed based on the received comments from the stakeholders and due to the fact that RB Master Plan was already developed by earlier implemented EU-funded project.

Component 4. Regional Dialogue, IWRM Governance and Sector Capacity Building

Previously this component was not separated into different activities – however, the need in this arises due to the different nature of tasks, stakeholders and clear demand in logical grouping of the activities. Additionally, it is also proposed to introduce climate change aspects under this component

as Central Asia is known as one of the most vulnerable regions regarding climate change and water security. Therefore, this component now is having four activities listed below:

4.1: Project Management and Coordination, Support to Bilateral Cooperation

4.2: Regional Dialogue and Water Governance

4.3: Sector Capacity Building

4.4.: Addressing Climate Change and its Interrelations with IWRM.

This does not change the nature of planned interventions, but allows for additional synergies and coordination with climate change interventions in water sector.

All proposed activities are at high priority and are consistent with Project's objectives. They have also been preliminary discussed with the wide range of the national stakeholders and partners.

Due to several ongoing water-related interventions carried out by international partners, the project workplan had to be adjusted, which has implications on the project time plan. A lot of attention was paid to coordination with different actors (as described above), in order to create synergies and avoid duplication. Therefore project inception phase took longer time than planned.

Pilot project areas were defined with some delays, as there were different proposals and national positions from Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan government side. Based on active consultations and meetings, it was finally agreed to focus on two transboundary basins: Chu-Talas (in cooperation with UN ECE and OSCE) and Isfara (in coordination with GIZ and SDC). Zeravshan (in coordination with UNDP-Uzbekistan and, potentially, with SDC) is put on hold as described earlier.

In Kyrgyzstan due to the national administrative reform and the recent political events, the project activities at the national level were heavily delayed. Also as the situation in the southern regions was unstable in summer 2010, project demonstration activities were delayed. The project office was damaged so the project team moved to a new location and additional security measures have been taken. Currently all operations are resumed and project-related documentation is recovered and project continue.

There were some concerns related to the national IWRM activities in Tajikistan due ongoing water/irrigation reforms initiated in 2009 with international support (FAO and EU). It led mainly to some delays and planning changes as the reform aimed towards significant changes in the overall context and background.

For the Ili-Balkhash component of the project, the major challenge is to engage the Chinese side into project activities (a crucial prerequisite, as the project is aimed at transboundary dialogue). The project is secured access to bilateral consultation via the Joint Commission and also aiming at boarder engagement of other stakeholders into the activities.

However, as the situation in the southern regions got unstable, project demonstration activities were seriously delayed. The project office was damaged so the project team moved to a new location and additional security measures have been taken. Currently all operations are resumed and project-related documentation is recovered and project continue.

IV. Progress of implementation by project components

Component 1: Developing and implementing IWRM Strategies in Kyrgyzstan

All project activities under this component have been partly influenced by the political situation in the country. However, the recent development and stabilizing of the situation allowed continuation of the project implementation.

1.0. Support IWRM implementation – as agreed by the Project Steering Committee, this activity has been added to the original work plan in order to allow integration of other project activities (having targeted/sectoral character) into the overall IWRM framework and support to IWRM implementation on the national level. After stabilization of political situation in Kyrgyzstan and as per communication with the national authorities, this activity has started and the national IWRM review report on the regulatory system of water issues in Kyrgyzstan along with analysis scheme of water management system reform under the Water Code of Kyrgyzstan has been prepared by a national IWRM expert. Based on its review, the measures were proposed to support the activities of the National Water Council, in particular through the organization of the Secretariat of the Council under the project activity. The Regulations of the National Water Council and the Rules of the National Water Council and its secretariat were drafted. The documents were discussed during the National Seminar on December 16, 2010 and recommended for further implementation and follow up within the Project activities.

1.1. Irrigation pilot – Panfilovka site report and technical documents are prepared. However, the activities cannot be moved forward under the project due to considerable financing resources needed for construction works (and this amount was not clear since the beginning of the project – so possible state support was promised until the amount was clarified). Project team is clarifying with ADB their possible funding for the project at the moment. It was decided in addition to join forces with Swiss-funded Helvetas SEP project aiming and irrigation improvement at farms levels and WUAs capacity building in Isfara region.

In this context, the following documents are being prepared:

- MOU with HELVETAS, Principles and methods of the cooperation with the Water Project (SEP)/HELVETAS to improve water use efficiency;
- Recommendations for application of the Water Project (SEP)/HELVETAS methods of improved irrigation technologies in the IWRM Project activities; and
- The first version of specifications for a potential executive organization to launch a pilot demonstration project on improving gravity irrigation of crops.

A study has been conducted in Batken region on opportunities and needs of water user associations on the application of sustainable technologies gravity irrigation and establishment of demonstration sites. Tendering process is ongoing at the moment based on the elaborated documentation mentioned above – after its finalization the implementation activities will be launched.

1.2. Irrigation investment plans/strategies – general review of the financial strategies in Kyrgyzstan has completed by the project. A Review of existing trends in economic performance of irrigation sector funding of Kyrgyzstan and recommendations for their improvement were prepared, as well as a Draft concept of the development strategy of investment and tariff policies in the irrigation sector of the Kyrgyz Republic. A plan of recommended actions to promote investment and tariff policy in the irrigation sector of the Kyrgyz Republic was developed. These documents were discussed during the National Workshop on December 16, 2010 and will be also re-confirmed during the NPD meeting in May. Further implementation and follow up within the Project activities will be based on the results of these discussions and in close cooperation with OECD. FAO has expressed preliminary interest to cooperate on this project activity.

1.3. Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Demonstration Project (implemented in Batken region/Karabulak village). Preparatory activities for this sub-component were finalized and the TORs for technical works and community mobilization were agreed. The government has committed to support financially the RWSS pilot and the project will be able to secure some co-funding for the equipment/machinery, since the addendum to the project activities has been approved. In addition ADB is consulted at the moment regarding their financial support for the construction activities.

Activities carried out: 1) Community mobilization Campaign in Batken oblast, Kara-Bulak village targeted towards building of capacity of rural community based associations of drinking water users (DWUAs) for implementation of improved gravity irrigation technologies and establishment of demonstration site; and 2) Development of the relevant design and cost estimate documentation (DCD) for the construction of the rural water supply system in the selected site in Karabulak village, Batken oblast called to realization of the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Component. "Civil Foundation Microcredit Fund" performed the work on the social mobilization of drinking water of the village of Kara-Bulak. In the research conducted by the company 95% of the adult population was involved, a round table to identify the needs and demands of the population had been conducted, 600 information leaflets produced and disseminated and 20 thematic posters prepared. During the community mobilization the rural social organization of drinking water users (40 attendees) was formed along with extensive network of about 145 cuduk-joomats and local communities (Annex 6).

A number of training courses were conducted on organizational and accounting process to be established in the recently formed rural social organization of drinking water users and cuduk-joomats representatives. Consultations were organized with leaders and communities on their roles in the management processes of the above organizations and methodologies were elaborated for calculation of water tariffs, taxes and considerations of gender requirements. Representatives of the interested parties were provided with copies of laws on nonprofit organizations, on drinking water as well as public procurement rules; developed Regulations of the rural social organization of drinking water users. Designing Company "Musay" accomplished and presented the complex of field works in the village of Kara-Bulak, produced a topographical map, a plan diagram of a future water supply system.

1.4. Transboundary Sub-basin management – started in Isfara. It was proposed and approved under the Addendum to project activities to expand the nature of the activities i.e. removing the "agreement" as such due to the need to support other cooperation activities since the agreement as such is covered by GIZ interventions. Proposed activities are establishment of the working groups, joint protocol elaboration (on water supply and irrigation), conflict prevention activities etc. The same is valid also for similar Tajik activity. Information have been collected and a review of the Isfara river basin, containing the characteristic of the water conditions, the distribution of water resources and the legal rationale for their distribution has been prepared. Analysis has been compiled on the issues discussed and decisions made by the major inter-Kyrgyz-Tajik meetings on Water Management in the Isfara basin in terms of their performance / non performance. Based on this, the proposals on the scope and purpose of the Kyrgyz-Tajik cooperation in the selected basin, the mechanism of the generation, negotiation and adoption of documents regulating the sharing of water resources are been developed.

1.5. Participatory IRBM process and 1.6. Other pilot projects are to be implemented in Chu-Talas transboundary basin (shared by Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan). This is caused by the numerous requests from Kyrgyz authorities supported by the Kazakh counterparts – as Chu-Talas experience is considered as been the "model" one for bilateral cooperation, the project could support technical RBM processes and bilateral cooperation in order to replicate good practices to other regions.

1.6 Other Priority Demonstration Projects - Previously planned feasibility studies for small-hydro are stopped due to lacking financial incentives and background for such interventions – and the idea on establishing water meters for transboundary rivers (Chu-Talas basin – Chumysh hydro post) has been developed. Proposals were prepared to initiate projects documents development to enhance

security of the dam at the Kirov reservoir and improve water account on the Edge Chumysh Hydro power unit in Chu-Talas river basin as well as preliminary cost estimations for the project work. Tendering process for Chumysh pilot is ongoing and after the company selection all works would be initiated.

1.7. International River Basin Management (IRBM) Institutional Reforms – is to be implemented in Isfara river basin in close coordination with subcomponent 1.5 and in the partnership with GIZ. Potential activities include initiation/support to the Basin authorities, Joint Commission, Basin Council, potentially, joint WUAs etc.

The National Workshop “Implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management in Kyrgyzstan” was held on 16 December 2010. During the event were discussed and approved the made presentations and achieved results of the project activities 1.0, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3.

First SC meeting held in March 2011 is considered as an important project event where project planning and results so far were discussed and approved. .

Component 2: Developing and implementing IWRM Strategies in Tajikistan

The National project Steering Committee meeting was held on 14 December 2010 to monitor project progress and to take strategic decisions.

2.0. Support to IWRM development - IWRM review process is ongoing. A Thematic Working Group (TWG) has been created and it is composed of 5 experts (water resources specialist – TWG Leader; environmental specialist; economist; hydropower and hydrogeology specialists). The TWG has prepared an Analytical review of current conditions of and perspectives for integrated water resource management in Tajikistan. The review will be presented at the seminar in May-June 2011 and it is currently under edition and proof-reading. This process is closely coordinated with ongoing water sector reform and NPD activities in Tajikistan.

Jointly with OSCE Office in Tajikistan, national training for specialists of Ministry of Agriculture, MLRWR, Ministry of Energy and Industry, Committee on Environmental Protection, State Agency of Hydrometeorology, Tajik Branch of The International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (IFAS) National Association of Dehkan Farms, Agrarian Union of Tajikistan was conducted between 26-28 October 2010 on integrated water resource management and management of water conflicts (Annex 10). International (Larry Svatuk, Canada) and national (Faredun Hodizoda) consultants were hired for conducting the training. As result, 22 participants were trained on relevant IWRM issues, prevention and management of disputes and conflicts at national and regional (interstate) levels; were made aware of world practice through role plays. Upon completion of the course, the participants were issued certificates. For further use of acquired knowledge and information, the participants were provided with hard and soft copies of training materials. This training was widely covered by mass media.

2.1. Irrigation pilot project – will be supporting irrigation reform process via methodological documentation development and testing in Isfara (support to the inventory) and relevant capacity building/training activities based on the methodology developed within activity 2.2.

2.2. Irrigation investment plans/strategies - will be compiled on the national level and tested on the water basin levels (Isfara) – on the request of the government and in consultation with the EU the project has started irrigation inventory process aimed to review the status of irrigation assets as well as management arrangements. This process will consist of the methodology development for the national level and pilot testing, been supported by the “Training of Trainers” exercises.

To ensure coordination of project activities and to render support to the Ministry of Water Resources and Land Reclamation (MWRLR) within the project scope and possibilities, interactions with MWRLR, EU and FAO were continuously taking place under frameworks of irrigation sector reforms project and the project team was taking part in the most important meetings and consultations. .

2.3. Rural Water Supply and Sanitation pilot – started implementation in cooperation with HRBA/GoalWash project funded by UNDP. Activities aimed at reviewing RWSS status and arranging the public awareness campaign are covering both Isfara and Ayni region – and their results are to be promoted on the national level.

2.4. RWWS Investment strategies, plans and financial policies – ongoing on the national level with the focus on drinking water supply, including also some activities for Isfara river basin.

On the national level the project is working together with TajWSS activities and so far thematic Working Groups (TWG) were established for developing manual “On issuing permits for implementation of drinking water supply and sanitation projects”, for developing “Methodology for the technical inventory of drinking water supply and sanitation facilities” and for establishing IMCC (Inter-Ministerial Coordination Council). Several meetings of the “Network of organizations on sustainable water supply and sanitation in Tajikistan” have been conducted where consultations with TajWSS network members on advantages and disadvantages in the WSS sector took place. Manuals “On issuing permits for implementation of drinking water supply and sanitation projects” and the “Methodology for the technical inventory of drinking water supply and sanitation facilities” have been drafted, which will be modified based on the results of the inventory, being implemented throughout Tajikistan, which is subject to the approval by IMCC.

Study tour to the Czech Republic was held in November 2010 for integrating EU experience into the project activities and brought up positive examples from the sector for their implementation in Tajikistan (Annex 11).

Project team has also prepared “Training modules on capacity development in management, economic development and regulations in water supply and sewerage sectors” (Annex 8). Throughout the project implementation, these modules were recommended by the National Project Steering Committee to be used for training of specialists and communities.

2.5. Small-scale hydropower investment plan/feasibility studies – resumed (as the activity was temporarily on hold due to the MMWRRT position) and now the TOR is been prepared for SHP construction on the irrigational channels/structures and currently been discussed with Eurasian Development Bank.

2.6. Transboundary Sub-basin management and **2.9. International River Basin Management (IRBM) Institutional Support** – Isfara location is agreed with GIZ and Kyrgyz authorities, MMWRRT confirmation is received.

Specialist, hired on competitive recruitment basis, has prepared a review of current conditions of water in Isfara river basin (and similar activity in also performed for Kyrgyzstan). The review is currently under edition and this review will serve as basis for implementation of further project activities. Bilateral meeting for discussing the results is planned for spring 2011.

The project has contributed to the establishment of the Resettlement Coordination Commission (RCC), a group comprised of key local government representatives (total of 20 members) including water management departments, communal and housing services department, local leaders, community representatives, as well as the District Development Council (DDC) of Isfara district. Among the major problems that Shurab town identified, poor access to drinking and irrigation water is a priority. The commission has already approved the rehabilitation of drinking and irrigation water supply systems and the implementation of these sub-projects is underway.

Preliminary assessments of the infrastructure of Shurab town revealed that the drinking water supply systems, electricity high voltage power lines and the social infrastructure at large are in very poor condition. As per the decision of the RCC, drinking and irrigation water supply systems were recognized as a priority for Shurab town. To date, four drinking water and two irrigation water supply rehabilitation projects have started and are ongoing.

To ensure coordination and to prevent duplication of project activities and support packages to the MWRLR, efforts were made to develop cooperation between the project and GIZ and MWRLR. Regular consultation meetings were held with GIZ team.

2.7. A participatory IRBM process - Zeravshan IWRM review report is prepared and sent to the Ministry for comments (Annex 9). Due to the request of the MWRMRT no any follow activities are planned so far.

Initially, at the experts meeting, Zeravshan river transboundary basin has been chosen for implementing project activities and all plans were focused on this river basin. But as result of rotation carried out in March 2010, the Minister and First Deputy Minister of MWRLR were changed. An official letter from UNDP signed by Mr. Rastislav Vrbensky and dated 8 July 2010 (ref. number 010/259) has been sent to Ministry with request to accelerate and agree on the selection of Zeravshan and Isfara river basins. Series of meetings with the Minister attended by Mr. Anatoliy Kholmatov, National Project Manager, Mr. Ahad Mahmudov, E&E Programme Manager, Ms. Natalia Alexeeva, Regional Programme Manager and Mr. Rastislav Vrbensky, Country Director of UNDP in Tajikistan were held with the purpose of accelerating the selection process of river basins. Only on 14 September 2010, new Leadership of MLRWR, after thorough review of Project Document and consultations held with the Government of Tajikistan, decision on Isfara river sub-basin has been made. However, at the Project Steering Committee, the Minister mentioned that final decision on Zeravshan river basin will be made after thorough review of analytical report covering this river basin. Therefore the project is focusing now on IWRM activities in Isfara via WUAs development and IWRM capacity building/support in Isfara river basin.

Tender activities were carried out for the selection of a qualified non-governmental organization to establish 6 Water User Associations (WUA) within Isfara river basin (two WUAs in upstream, middle and downstream of the river, respectively). Coordination and cooperation with GIZ, as referred above, is established to avoid duplication.

2.8. Other pilot projects –After several changes in the planning, rehabilitation of transboundary hydro-posts in Isfara basin (Tangi-vorukh and Madpari) were initiated. These pilots would be aligned with relevant expert & other support towards Tajik-Kyrgyz data exchange and cooperation planned under 2.6. and 2.9. Currently the feasibility studies for hydro-posts rehabilitation are been developed and their results are to be available by July 2011.

Component 3: Transboundary dialogue in the Ili-Balkhash River Basin

The national project team organized an International conference “Integrated Water Resources management in Ili-Balkhash Basin-joint resolution and perspectives” on 11-12 October 2010 in Almaty attended by the representatives of the Government of Kazakhstan, regional and district Akimats of Almaty Oblast, scientific institutions of Kazakhstan and China, design institutes, national development institutions, NGOs, as well as representatives of EU, UNDP, OSCE, embassies and other organizations. All the conference recommendations and proposals were consolidated into a conference resolution, which was agreed upon by all participants. The resolution was signed by the EU delegation, OSCE and UNDP and is to be sent to the Ministries, the Parliament, the Akimats, national institutes etc.

The First National Project Steering Committee meeting has been organized on 7 July 2010 in Astana and the Second SC meeting in November 2010 in Astana.

3.1: Policy and Institutional Analysis. The Final Report on the analysis of structures and activities in the Ili-Balkhash basin in previous years has been prepared and disseminated at the International Conference. The Project Expert Working Group members and other leading experts and scientists of the country have provided an extensive list of research and practical information, which were compiled on a CD. Further dissemination of these materials is planned in the form of book/publication for general use under preliminary title as “IWRM experience in Kazakhstan”.

3.2: Support to bilateral cooperation and joint activities. Data collection and analysis of data management and exchange procedures was completed – for developing information-sharing platform under the project. A joint seminar with China was organized on 11-12 October 2010, the purpose was to propose and agree on relevant cooperation activities.

There is a need to establish a system for exchange of water resources management information. Within the regional project component a website was established in full compliance with the EU and UNDP requirements concerning visibility and information support. The site is available in two languages (Russian and English) at: www.centralasia.iwlearn.org. This website can serve as an initial platform for information exchange and support the bilateral cooperation. The key baseline data in the form of reports, articles and tables are available and will be uploaded in the next period. The methodology of data collection needs to be agreed with the Chinese side. The meeting of joint commission was held on 09-14 November 2010 in Karaganda, however the agreement on data collection was not reached. Therefore, it is recommended to start with data collection on Kazakh side, according to the rules of the Kazghydromet. At present time letter to the Chinese side, informing them about the project has been prepared further sending, through the diplomatic Channels of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the RK.

Capacity building program is developed and its implementation started (Annex 13). Training sessions on IWRM/water issues held in 2010 would be followed up in 2011 for other locations. .

3.3. Support to Bilateral Commission operations. Expert WG under the project has been formed for the Commission support (Annex 12). All Commission documents are collected and reviewed by the project experts. A draft report has been prepared and enclosed in the Annex 14. Review and proposals on the legal base for bilateral cooperation is completed (Annex 15) – the project will support water-sharing negotiations leading towards relevant protocol to the existing bilateral agreement as other options do not seem to be feasible.

The National Project Coordinator participated in the several meetings of the Joint Commission on the use and protection of water resources of transboundary rivers between Kazakhstan and China where the negotiations were held at the initiation of technical works on water dividing transboundary rivers shared with the Chinese Republic. During these meeting on technical works, it was voiced that EU and UNDP will be involved. But the Chinese side express neither agreement, nor support.

The minutes of all meetings of the Joint Commission and its Working Groups have been analyzed and are available. However, the contents of those protocols are confidential and, so they cannot be used in the report without the permission of the Parties. However, the overview and the chronicle of the negotiations are available in the report.

The legal analysis has been carried out in full and the Report on the updates to the Kazakh legal framework is provided. The reference materials for Kazakh-Chinese joint commission of Transboundary Rivers are prepared and provided based on the CWR's request.

3.4: Coordinating Water Management activities and stakeholder engagement - stakeholder analysis was carried out, the list of stakeholders is completed and a Draft strategy of stakeholder engagement is ready and presented for discussions. The list of the members of joint commission and working groups of the both countries, which are connected with the using of water recourses are available. Preparation of an On-line stakeholder's directory is under consideration and it will depend on the technical possibilities of the project web-site.

Balkhash-Alakol' Water Council meeting was supported and other types of support (expert, information dissemination etc.) will be provided also in the future. Capacity building review and proposals were prepared and trainings on IWRM and transboundary arrangements for authorities and water users in the border regions in Kazakhstan were carried out.

A joint Work plan has been developed to support the work of the Basin Council between the project team, the Kazakh division of the SIC ICWC (ICWC- international committee of water commission)

and the Centre for Human Health Protection and Eco Design LLP. The work will be carried out in accordance with the specified plan.

Working meetings with the authorities and stakeholders are carried out. Data collection on water management activities is on-going and the report is to be ready in summer 2011.

Project leaflet and banners were prepared and disseminated.

Expert group meetings and activities – to support the Bilateral Commission and the Project is opening now discussion on IWRM activities on the national level in cooperation with OSCE and NPD process as they do heavy impact basin-level operations and transboundary relations. It is planned to have IWRM seminar in June 2011 in Astana for addressing IWRM issues linked to water development strategy and institutional aspects in Kazakhstan.

IWRM activities are to be closely coordinated with Climate change issues as agreed with recently launched UNDP project on Climate Risk Management – this would be done mainly via joint trainings and pilot activities to address water efficiency in the basin.

Component 4:

4.1: Project Management and coordination – The Second Regional SC meeting was held in Dushanbe/7 June 2010, project activities and planning for the next period were discussed. In general, all offices and national teams are running – however, due to ongoing national processes additional coordination efforts are needed to ensure relevant synergies and better cooperation on the national level. A Project team meeting took place on 8 June 2010 to reflect on the SC results and align transboundary project activities, as well as exchange relevant IWRM experience on the national level. Several meetings with international partners aimed at coordinating project activities. Next SC meeting is planned for May 2011.

Project team coordinated current activities with **UNDP IWRM project in Uzbekistan.** UNDP-Uzbekistan has started the implementation of a national project called “ National Integrated Water Resources Management and Water Use Efficiency Plan for Uzbekistan ”, which focuses on IWRM legal reform on the national level, developing an IWRM Plan for Zaravshan River Basin, as well as Water Supply and Sanitation Strategies. Proper coordination and possible cooperation in the framework of the Tajikistan component (Output 2) on Zeravshan river basin are currently being discussed with the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, and with UNDP Uzbekistan; and also referring to possible interaction. Participants from Uzbekistan are invited to all regional project events and taking part also in the Regional SC meetings on the regular basis.

Coordination with activities in Turkmenistan - UNDP Turkmenistan has finalized a water sector assessment (shared with the EU Delegation in Almaty in 2010), and based on a mandate by the government is currently defining possible IWRM interventions in Turkmenistan. The project will closely follow these developments, with an aim to synchronize and coordinate efforts, and potentially engage Turkmenistan at the regional level. This is done in close coordination with UN ECE and the NPD process.

4.2: Regional IWRM Dialogue and Water Governance – a final draft report on IWRM interventions on the regional level has been prepared and will be shared with other stakeholders for comments after editing/revising (Annex 19). Draft overview of regional legal and institutional frameworks is ready – it will be also circulated and finalized in 2011.

A study on small-hydro feasibility at the regional level has been launched – aimed to provide the base for national interventions and to clarify the rationale for project interventions. The draft report is to be ready in 2011. Certain delays are caused by the need to clarify national positions on the participation or inputs to this study, as well as the need for internal coordination with other processes on the regional level. Regional meeting is held on 13 April to discuss SHP and water issues in Almaty in connection with CARRA event.

4.3. Sector Capacity Building – review of capacity-building interventions and activities has started. This will provide a base for the regional IWRM capacity-building seminar in winter 2011 (moved as per communication with Cap-Net and UNESCO). This seminar is planned in the partnership with Cap-Net and UNESCO – other partners will be also invited. Additional documentation will be provided in the next reporting round.

4.4. Addressing Climate Change via IWRM process and mechanisms - As approved in the Addendum to the project activities, a new sub-component on the climate issues is integrated into the project. In particular, the project aim is to support governments of Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan to integrate climate change adaptation activities in their operation, and to improve capacities to deal with transboundary water resources allocation and safety in transboundary Chu-Talas basin. The activities have started and a background study has been compiled to identify and assess already ongoing or completed projects and national and international initiatives as well as existing data and impact assessments (Annex 16). A number of expert meetings and consultations were held with national stakeholders and international partners to coordinate this sub-project with other interventions in the region. The activities have been presented to the Chu-Talas Bilateral Commission at its meeting in April 2011 and a follow-up is planned in the next meeting scheduled on 23-24 May 2011.

V. Planned activities

The summary of planned activities is reflected in the enclosed working plans in more details (Annex 21). Short summary of the key events is given below:

Component 1: Developing and implementing IWRM Strategies in Kyrgyzstan

- The next national SC meeting in Bishkek in fall 2011 – for discussing the progress and agreeing on the work plans with all partners.
- Follow-up on the pilot projects in Kyrgyzstan and further cooperation with (SEP)/HELVETAS
- Follow-up on the other priority demonstration projects - Chu-Talas basin – Chumysh hydro post
- Coordination of activities within the component on Irrigation investment plans/strategies with FAO, OECD and other potentially interested partners
- Support to transboundary cooperation in Isfara – draft review report is under preparation. Bilateral meetings (Taj-Kyr) to be organized according to the progress achieved by the experts and partners.
- Training for SCWRM and other state organizations on IWRM is planned - possibly, in cooperation with UN ECE and SIC ICWC. Capacity development in IWRM seminar in fall 2011 – to follow up on the regional event.
- Field missions and working meetings with authorities and partners as needed.

Component 2: Developing and implementing IWRM Strategies in Tajikistan

- IWRM review seminar/discussions in summer 2011 for the national and Isfara river basin. The following documents are to be presented to MLRWR for official feedback:
 - 1) analytical report on current conditions and perspectives for IWRM in Zerafshan river basin;
 - 2) analytical report on current conditions and perspectives for IWRM in Tajikistan;
 - 3) review of current conditions of water use in Isfara river basin; and training modules on regulatory issues, as well as capacity development in management and economic development of water supply and sewerage systems.
- Monitoring activities on WUAs development along Isfara river basin;
- Render support in design and maintenance of website as well as conference hall of MWRLR for conducting meetings;
- Development of guidelines on inventory of irrigation systems as part of ongoing reforms in irrigation sector;
- Development of Terms of References and tenders for the following activities:
 - Technical-economic assessment of rehabilitation of gauging stations 'Tangivorukh' and 'Matpari', based in Isfara river basin.
 - Technical-economic assessment for development of small hydropower facilities on irrigation systems of Tajikistan.
 - Review and technical-economic assessment for development of hydropower facilities on irrigation systems of Isfara river basins.
- Preparatory activities for arranging a workshop for governmental authorities – IMCC members are underway. The workshop will be arranged as soon as the IMCC will start functioning officially.

- WSS inventory, being implemented throughout Tajikistan, which is a subject to the approval by IMCC.
- Trainings on IWRM and related matters;
- Rehabilitation works of the drinking and irrigation systems will be initiated;
- Equipment and tools for the maintenances of the rehabilitated systems will be procured and handed to the water management unit under the Department for Communal Services.

Component 3: Transboundary dialogue in the Ili-Balkhash River Basin

- Third Steering Committee meeting in June 2011,
- IWRM seminar on the national level,
- Developing information-sharing platform under the project on the basis of completed data collection and analysis of data management and exchange procedures.
- Creation of data base according to the existing methodologies
- On-line stakeholders directory – development and, possibly, launch (depending on the technical possibilities of the project web-site).
- Preparatory work for trainings and their implementation, based on the capacity building review and proposals prepared in close coordination with the regional component.
- Balkhash-Alakol' Water Council support – work plan elaboration, information exchange, meetings.
- Support to working group of the joint commission –on use and protection of transboundary rivers on providing of technical work on water dividing
- Expert group meetings and activities, field missions and working meetings with authorities and partners as needed.

Component 4: Regional Dialogue, IWRM Governance and Sector Capacity Building

- Preparation to the next Regional SC meeting in fall 2011.
- Regular update of the project web-site
- Completed Regional IWRM review report and the report on legal and institutional frameworks.
- Capacity Building activities overview is prepared in summer 2011. This report is based on the results of the regional capacity building event/seminar in partnership with Cap-Net and UNESCO - Sub-regional workshop "Capacity Development for IWRM in Central Asia". Defining and discussing training & capacity building program with partners – and arranging trainings/individual activities to support identified needs.
- Small hydro feasibility study is under preparation – to be finalized by the end of 2011.



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