



WATER EFFICIENT ALLOCATION IN A CENTRAL ASIAN TRANSBOUNDARY RIVER BASIN WE-ACT Project

Stakeholder Workshop: Water Resources in Central-Asia under a changing climate

22^d of April 2024

Venue: Radisson Blu Tashkent hotel

address: 88 A.Temur str., Yunusabad district, Tashkent

Organized by: International Water Management Institute (IWMI) jointly with WE-ACT Consortium Partners and Regional as well as National Partners in Central Asia









Agenda (draft)

Stakeholder Consultation workshop on the topic of "Efficient allocation of water resources in the Syrdarya River Basin in the context of climate change"

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08:40 - 09:00	Registration of the participants
09:00 – 09:40	Opening of the workshop
	Moderator: Mr. Oyture Anarbekov, IWMI-CA
	Representative of Senate of the Republic of Uzbekistan (tbc)
	 Representative of Delegation of EU to Uzbekistan (tbc) Mr. Ruslan Karshiev, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Water Resources of the Republic of Uzbekistan
	Representative of BWO Syrdarya (tbc)
	 Representative of SIC-ICWC (tbc) Dr. Bolot Moldobekov, Co-Director, CAIAG
	 Dr. Bolot Moldobekov, Co-Director, CAIAG Prof. Markus Disse, TUM (online)
	Dr. Jonathan Lautze, Research Group Leader, IWMI
09:40 – 10:00	Presentation of the WE-ACT project: Preliminary Findings and Forward Vision of the project. - Dr. Jingshui Huang, Project Coordinator WE-ACT, TUM – Germany
10:00 – 11:30	Key Achievements in Each Work Package's Findings Thus Far
(each WP	Moderator: Ms. Vanessa Morales, Project Manager at Bavarian Research Alliance, GmbH
presents 10 minutes plus 2 minutes for questions)	WP1: Modernization of the hydro-meteorological monitoring network for water allocation
	 WP2: Water availability assessment under present conditions, climate change projections and future allocation strategies
	WP3: Water footprint assessment and water allocation modelling to determine the value of water
	 WP4: Development and deployment of decentralized data storage enabling integrated modelling
	WP5: Prototyping, piloting and demonstrating a DSS for water allocation









	 WP6: Transboundary stakeholder engagements and facilitation of impact pathways WP7: Dissemination, Communication and Exploitation 	
11:30-11:50	Group photo and coffee break	
Section 1: Water Information System, platforms and tools for efficient water allocation in transboundary river basins Moderator: Dr. Zafar Gafurov, Project Leader, IWMI-CA		
11:50 – 12:10	Regional water distribution data platforms, tools and models for decision-making in the Syr Darya Basin (outputs of past models and existing platforms today) - Dr. Zafar Gafurov/ Ms. Saida Usmonova – IWMI-CA	
12.10 12.00		
12:10 – 13:00	Brainstorming in groups (work in three groups):	
	 Rapporteur: Dr. Shavkat Kenjabaev, IWMI-CA What kind of regional platforms/instruments are currently being used to make decisions on the efficient water allocation in the Syr Darya Basin Identify the successes and shortcomings of current and past initiatives on "water information systems" (technical and organizational reasons). How should be the design of the information needs for Climate-Resilient Water Allocation in the Syrdarya River Basin". What is the enabling environment in Syr Darya Basin that currently encourage or discouraging regional platforms/instruments (Coordination, legal, institutional, cultural finance, capacity, etc.) 	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 – 14:30	Key messages of each group's work (10 minutes to each group)	
Section 2: The benefits of information exchange for the allocation of water in transboundary river basins: the basis of IWRM		
Moderator: Dr. Ivan Rocabado – HAEDES, Belgium		
14:30 -14:50	Demonstrating the benefits of data sharing in transboundary river management: a real case study of an open information-communication system for transboundary water management in the Meuse and Scheldt rivers between the countries: Belgium, Luxembourg, France, Netherlands and Germany.	
	Dr. Ivan Rocabado & HAEDES Team	
15:50 – 15:40	Brainstorming in groups (work in 3 groups): Rapporteur: Mr. Azamat Osmonov, CAIAG	
	Topic: Explore the feasibility of an open information system for water management in the Kara-Darya and Naryn transboundary basins.	









Summing up the workshop		
 Considering the presented real-case of an open information system in transboundary river management Is it realistic to achieve such a system for information-communication sharing within the Kara-Darya and Naryn basins? If a fully open information-communication system is deemed unfeasible What type of shared information system would you consider possible to improve the water management in the Kara-Darya and Naryn basins? What are the enabling factors necessary to facilitate open information exchange between countries? If a potential system to enhance information sharing has been identified What would be the optimal strategy for its implementation? Delineate the main steps of an action plan. Expected Outcome: Clear black-or-white statement on the capacity to achieve an open information system between KGZ and UZB for transboundary water management, and potential efforts towards data sharing agreements, within the framework of the WE-ACT project. Key messages of each group's work (10 minutes to each group) Summing up the workshop Representative of Uzbekistan Dr. Jingshui Huang, Project Coordinator WE-ACT, TUM – Germany Dr. Jonathan Lautze, Research Group Leader, IWMI (tbc) 		answer to 4 key questions. The rapporteur will introduce/explain each question and then allow 10 minutes for internal discussion between members of the groups. At the end of the 10 minutes, each stakeholder group will appoint a representative to explain the
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