



The Blue Peace Initiative

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The Approach

- Launched in 2010, the Blue Peace hydro-diplomacy initiative is based on the recognition that water can act as much as a factor for conflict as a vector towards peace, stability and sustainable development.
- The Blue Peace initiative promotes water cooperation across borders, sectors and generations by bringing stakeholders together to make equitable decisions about and invest in shared water resources. Blue Peace recognizes that sustainable solutions for the water sector at large also lay beyond the water sector itself



Blue Peace Central Asia

- Started in **2017** in response to the interest of Central Asian countries expressed at the Basel Conference on Integrated Water Resources Management (2014) and the Almaty Scientific Conference (2016).
- **CAREC** (The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia) acting as the **Blue Peace Secretariat** with a total support of approximately **CHF 6 mio.**



Key achievements of Blue Peace Central Asia phase 1 (2017-2023) include:

- Engaging with and strengthening Regional organisations and dialogue platforms
- Sharing Inter-regional Expertise
- Providing evidence for policy makers
- Producing reliable science-based climate and weather information
- Improving hydro-meteorological service provision through digitalization to improve forecast



Blue Peace Central Asia 2.0 (2025-2029)

- Hydro-diplomacy
 - Facilitating processes **within countries, bilaterally or trilaterally (regionally)**
 - Support to **existing regional cooperation platforms like IFAS, ICWC, ICSD, and also RBO “Amu Darya” and “Syr Darya”**
- Technical dialogue and demonstration projects
 - Facilitating **in-country or bilateral (technical) dialogue**
 - Support to **studies and technical assistance** to small projects
 - Assist institutions to **develop and/or access financing instruments**
- Education and Youth
 - Support academic institutions to **strengthen their curricula**
 - Create and maintain a **community of practice** of water experts **(through scholarships and exchange, mentorship, alumni network)**



Blue Peace Central Asia 2.0 (2024-2033)

- Blue Peace CA 2.0 will be a continuation of BPCA 1.0
- There will be 2 phases (Phase I - 2025-2029 and Phase II 2029-2033)
- Funded by SDC, the implementer is not yet known as the bidding process is not yet completed
- BPCA will focus on the 5 Central Asian countries and Afghanistan



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Thank you for your attention

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