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Meeting of the Network of Academic Societies

The role of the academic community in promoting water diplomacy: training and research

Date: 29 October 2024

Language: Russian, English,

Venue: Panarams Tashkent Hotel (Tashkent, Uzbekistan)

Zoom link to register:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87867473340?pwd=Z6qXGbbIjRFf7Bb1zyvQ6io5Bzc9Zv.1>

Once you register, you will receive a confirmation email with information about joining the meeting.

Meeting format: Hybrid format using Zoom platform. The meeting will be held in Russian with simultaneous translation into English.

Organizers: USAID Central Asia's Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity and the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (hereinafter - CAREC).

Context: Since 2012, the Network of Academic Societies (hereinafter – NAS) has been organizing regular meetings to discuss current issues and exchange knowledge between representatives of academic institutions in the field of environmental, water, land, and energy management. The aim of these meetings is to develop measures to improve the management of natural resources through science and education. The NAS provides universities with the opportunity to cooperate with international and regional experts, to develop and improve educational courses, and to train teaching staff in new approaches and tools. International development partners, such as USAID and SDC, in turn, assist in developing unified training and educational materials to be introduced in different universities – NAS members – to ensure a unified approach in building capacities of future water managers in the region.

NAS activities are coordinated by the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) with the support of development partners such as the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), the European Union (EU) and the World Bank (WB). In addition to offline meetings, the NAS is supported by the Community of Practice electronic platform (https://www.riverbp.net/community_of_practice/profile/about/), which is a virtual space for sharing knowledge, hosting training and research materials, and building a community of experts in water and related fields.

Objectives of the NAS meeting:

- I. Possibility to integrate developed new training courses and academic programs aimed at training specialists in the field of water diplomacy.
- II. Exchange of experience on new scientific research and technologies in water resources management.
- III. Opportunities to involve women and youth in water issues through participation in projects and programs.

Expected Participants:

- Representatives of CA universities;
- Representatives of the USAID Regional Mission for Central Asia;
- USAID Central Asia's Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity Team;
- The CAREC team.



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AGENDA

Time	Description
09 - 09 ³⁰	Registration of participants
10 ⁰⁰ - 10 ²⁰	<p>Opening and opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gulzada Azhetova, Regional Water and Environment Specialist, Office of Economic Development, USAID Regional Mission for Central Asia • Ludmilla Kiktenko, Environmental Management Program Manager, CAREC (Online)
<p>Session I. Development of academic network and integration of water diplomacy into curricula</p> <p><i>Moderator: Marhabo Yodalieva, Capacity Building Lead, USAID Central Asia's Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity (WAVE)</i></p>	
10 ²⁰ - 11 ³⁰	<p>Zamira Zholdaskyzy, Coordinator for Development of Community of Practice and Academic Network of CA, CAREC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the progress of the Central Asian NAS development and Community of Practice platform <p>Aygerim Ospanova, PhD, Head of the Department of Regional Studies, L.N.Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Republic of Kazakhstan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Experience of L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University in Promoting Water Diplomacy: Educational Initiatives and Research Achievements <p>Galiya Omarova, Director of the Kazakh National University of Water Economy and Irrigation, Republic of Kazakhstan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of the Kazakh National University of Water Economy and Irrigation (KazNUWEI) in Promoting Water Diplomacy. <p>Aina Mamytova, Head of the Research Department "Climate Change, Green Economy and Sustainable Development", Senior lecturer of the Department "Economics and Management" and Professor of the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Kyrgyz Republic</p> <p>Bolot Moldobekov, Institute Director, PhD in Geology and Mineralogy, Central Asian Institute of Applied Land Research, Kyrgyz Republic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constraining Factors and Prospects for Integrating Elements of Water Diplomacy into the Educational Process <p>Alisher Saidmukhtorov, Director, Research Institute of Political Processes, Diplomacy and Globalization Problems, Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integration of Higher Education in Central Asia: Experience of APA under the President of the Republic of Tajikistan in Implementing Joint Educational Programs and Membership in Academic Networks <p>Questions and answers</p>

11 ³⁰ - 12 ⁰⁰	Group photo and coffee break
12 ⁰⁰ - 13 ⁰⁰	<p>Georgy Kurtovezov, Head of Laboratory, “Turkmensuvylimtaslama” Project Institute of the State Water Management Committee, Turkmenistan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The specifics of water diplomacy in Central Asia and its integration into the educational programs of Turkmenistan <p>Abdulkhalkim Salokhiddinov, Vice-Rector for International Cooperation, “Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization Engineers” (TIAME) National Research University, Republic of Uzbekistan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-University Cooperation for Research and Education in Water Governance and Diplomacy
13 ⁰⁰ - 14 ⁰⁰	Lunch

Session II. Training and research in water resources management in Central Asia

Moderator: Marhabo Yodalieva, Capacity Building Lead, USAID Central Asia’s Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity (WAVE)

14 ⁰⁰ - 15 ⁰⁰	<p>Tynchtyk Mukanov, Kyrgyz State Technical University named after I. Razzakov</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water Resources in the Commonwealth of Independent States: Literature Review <p>Irina Yugay, Project Manager, CAREC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Women’s Role in Water Resources Management at the Basin Level: Results of a Gender Study on Central Asia <p>Gulzada Duishebaeva, Co-Correspondent, Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kyrgyz Republic - ERASMUS+ Project “Strengthening Higher Education in the Water Sector to Enhance Resilience to Climate Change and Security in Central Asia”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of ERASMUS+ project in CA countries <p>Jennifer Sehring, Associate Professor of Water Governance and Diplomacy, IHE Delft Institute for Water Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IHE Delft’s Role in Advancing Water Diplomacy and Capacity Building in Central Asia <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p>
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Session III. Opportunities from development partners

Moderator: Ekaterina Strikeleva, Chief of Party, USAID Central Asia’s Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity (WAVE)

15 ⁰⁰ - 16 ³⁰	<p>Marhabo Yodalieva, Capacity Building Lead, USAID Central Asia’s Regional Water and Vulnerable Environment Activity (WAVE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of unified Educational Programs to promote IWRM and
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	<p style="text-align: center;">WEFE Nexus Approaches in Central Asia</p> <p>Barbara Janusz-Pawletta, Head of IWMI Regional Representative Office for CA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Challenges and opportunities for Academic mobility in Central Asia in hydrodiplomacy <p>Nuraddin Murshudlu, Senior Economic and Environmental Officer, OSCE Programme Office in Kazakhstan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Development of Water Diplomacy among Youth: Experience of Central Asian Environmental Leadership Program for Sustainable Development <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p> <p>Discussion and conclusion of the meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussion of suggestions and topics for the next NAS meeting ● Summing up, closing remarks from the organizers
<p>16³⁰ - 17⁰⁰</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>