

Promoting dialogue for conflict prevention  
related to environment, water nexus issues in  
Central Asia. Water Cooperation in Central Asia  
**CAWECOOP**

**Instrument contributing for Security  
and Peace**



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## General information

**Duration:** 18 month (December, 2015 – June, 2017)

**Budget:** EUR 1,3 mln

**Finance support:** European Union

**Specialty:** political processes with concrete interventions

**Countries:** **Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan**

**Target group:** Water and energy sector *practitioners, policy makers, parliamentarians*, staff of regional water-energy organizations in the Central Asian states

# Objectives

**The main goal:** To stimulate transboundary trust and high-level, trans-national political involvement in the CA water nexus through the following **specific objectives:**

- Building **national and regional networks** around the water nexus through **helping the countries to prepare** for major water management events;
- Promoting the **tools contributing to better regional water management**, such as remote sensing and modelling.
- **Supporting exchange of experience** within Central Asia on topics related to water, land use and energy efficiency;
- **Providing capacity-building** for target groups with focus on **middle, operational level specialists**

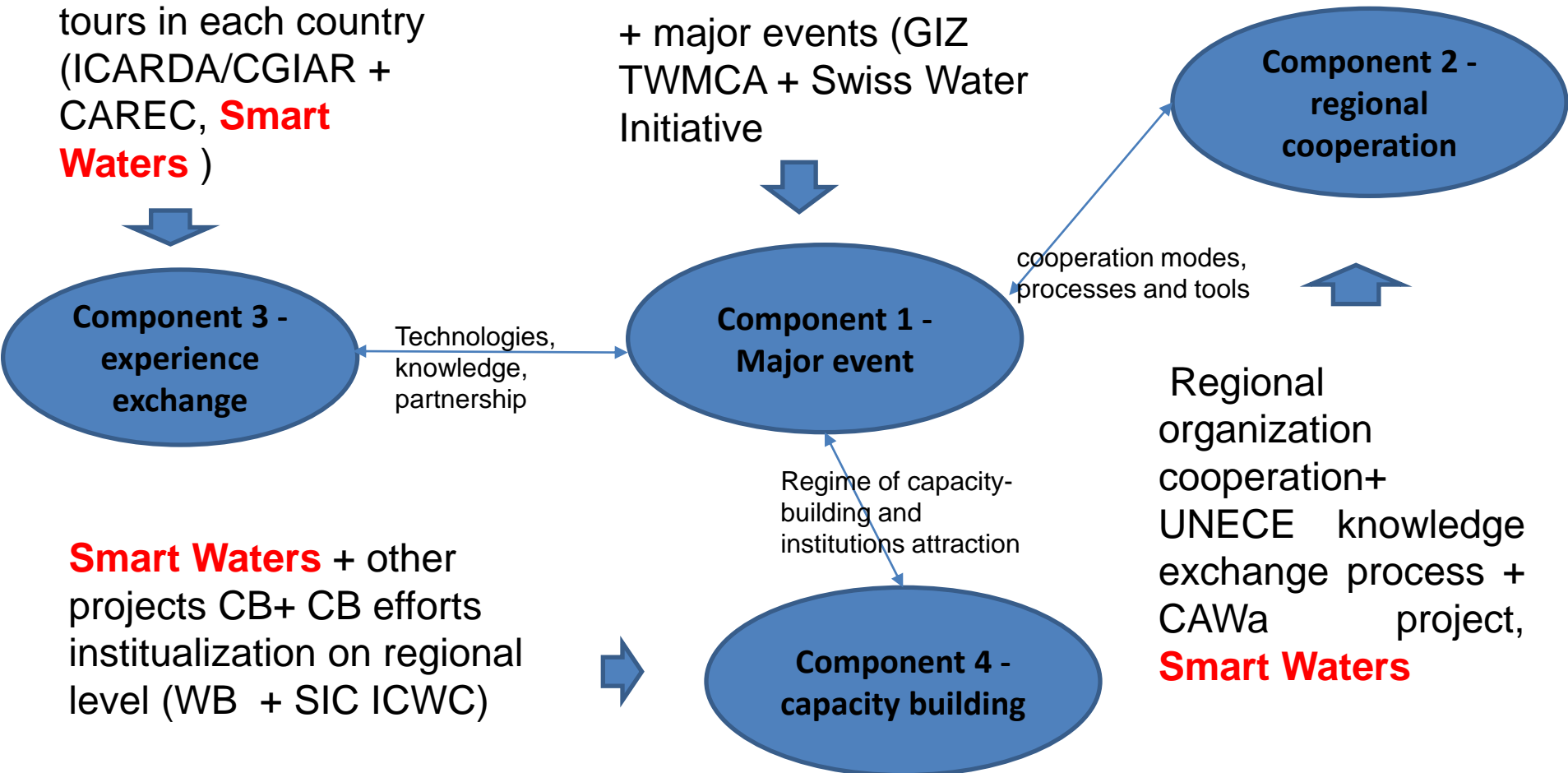
## Expected results

- **Stronger cooperation** platform on water nexus is provided
- **Technologies, tools and skills** for data management, water- energy and land efficiencies are available for both practitioners, users and policy makers
- National level **“good practices”** on water sector reforms **are shared**
- **Capacities** of major stakeholders on water cooperation and communication **improved**

# Connection between components and other process/program/projects

Basin learning+ demo tours in each country (ICARDA/CGIAR + CAREC, **Smart Waters** )

IB IFAS transformation + major events (GIZ TWMCA + Swiss Water Initiative



**Smart Waters** + other projects CB+ CB efforts instutualization on regional level (WB + SIC ICWC)

Regional organization cooperation+ UNECE knowledge exchange process + CAWa project, **Smart Waters**

# SMART WATERS PROJECT

## General information about

### Smart Waters Project:

- Donor agency: **USAID**
- Project target area: **Central Asia + Afghanistan**
- Project duration: **5 years (October 2015 – September 2020)**
- Total project budget: **\$9.5 mln**
- **Four components:**
  - Component I “Capacity Building & Academic Exchange”
  - Component II “Networking & Cooperation
  - Component III “IWRM Promotion & Support”
  - Component IV “Basin Planning”

# SMART WATERS PROJECT

## Project implementation phases

### Back to back with CAWECOOP

#### Project implementation (2016-2017):

- Expert assistance in promoting reforms
- Technical assistance to national partners
- Establishment of basin councils
- Capacity building
- Master Program
- Leadership Program
- Student Research Competition
- Networking

### Back to back with CAWECOOP

#### Project launch (2015-2016):

- Project registration in countries
- Establishment of national Steering Committees
- National consultations
- Needs assessments
- Selection of pilot territories
- Establishment of regional Project Management Committee

#### Project implementation (2018-2020):

- Capacity building
- Master Program
- Leadership Program
- Student Research Competition
- Networking
- Development of basin plans
- Execution of local-level pilot projects
- Development and application of innovative tools

#### Project completion (2020):

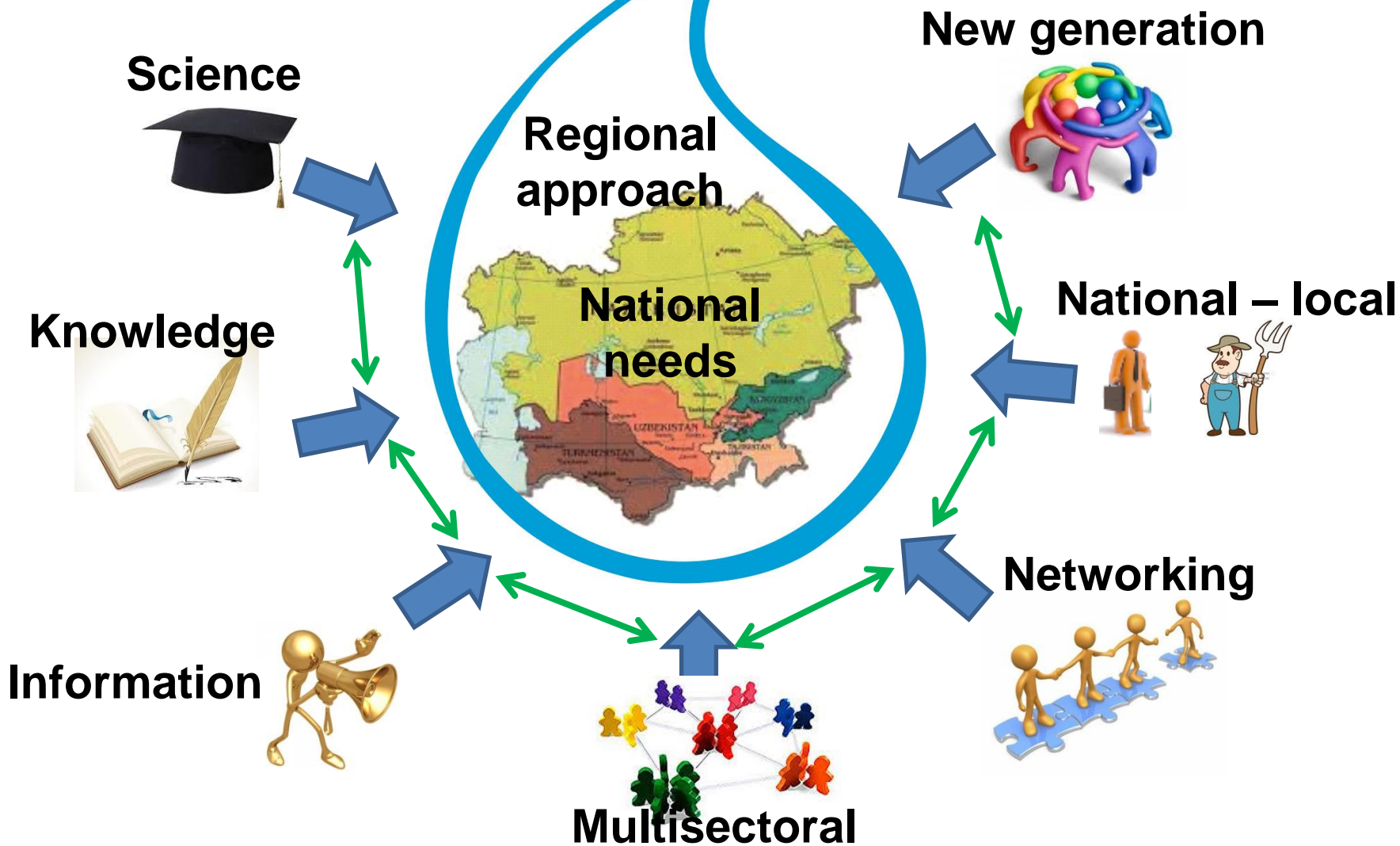
- Young water professionals apply IWRM principles in their routine work
- Regional cooperation platform
- Mechanisms to promote reforms are applied locally
- Sustainable operation of 8 basin councils and implementation of basin plans

## Progress

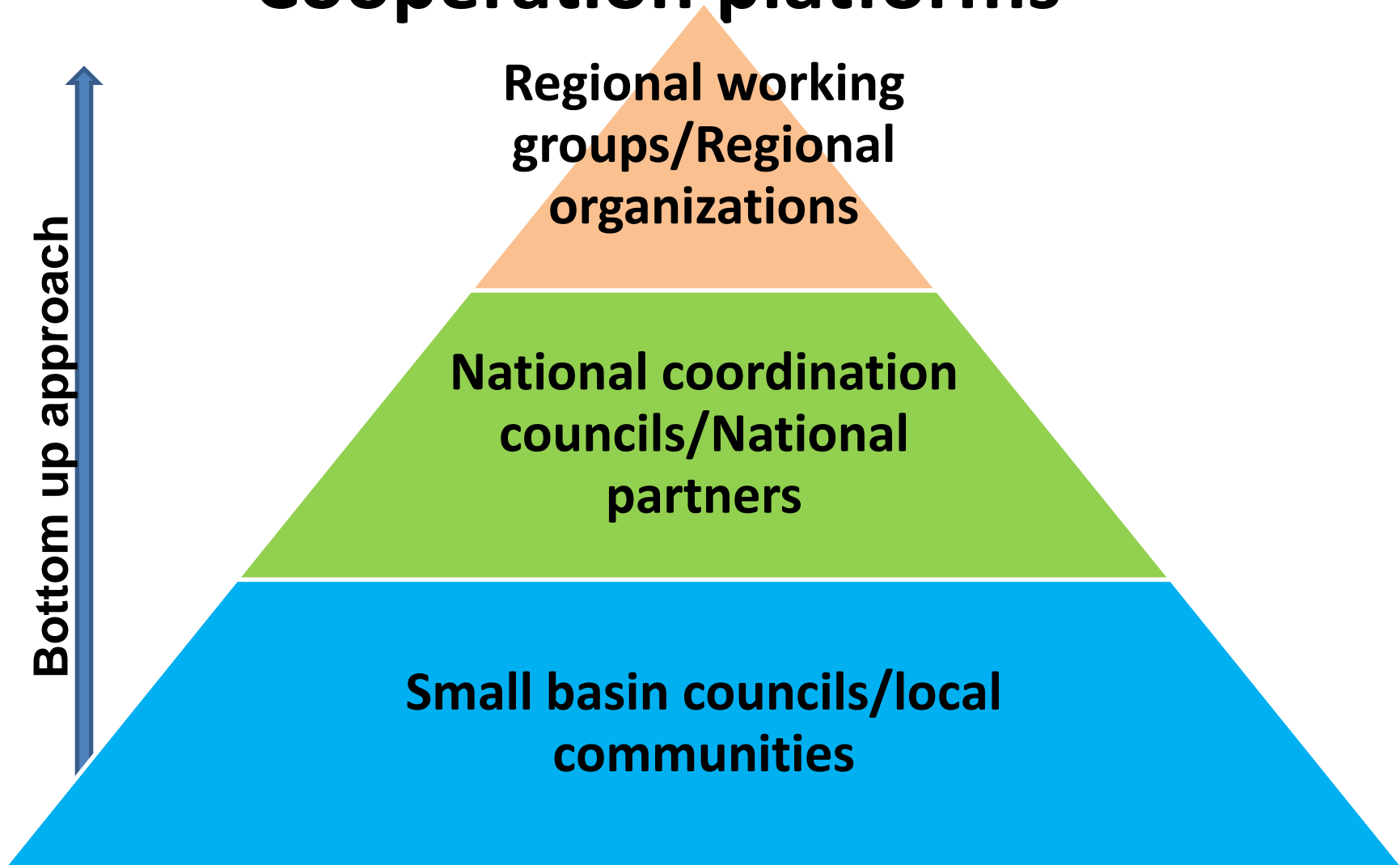
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National consultations – harmonization of <b>project frameworks</b> with <b>national needs and priorities</b>	Needs assessment – identifying <b>national needs and priorities</b> for project implementation
Agreement of the work plan on regional level, providing transparent and involvement from the beginning through open discussions on <b>Regional start-up</b> conference	<b>Regional start-up</b> – involvement of all 5+1 project countries from the beginning, consolidation of ideas and national visions
Establishment of <b>National</b> Coordination Councils and <b>Regional</b> Steering Committee	
Starting of <b>regional processes</b> – preparation to Batumi, Stockholm and other major events	Starting short term <b>trainings</b> in Kazakhstan, Tajikistan
Consultations with regional organizations of Central Asia on strengthening their institutional and human capacities	Starting of the project office establishment in Afghanistan



# CAREC approach



## Cooperation platforms



**Thank you !**

