Projects on the ground

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• Strengthening cooperation on water quality management in Central Asia
• Dam safety cooperation in Central Asia
• Kazakhstan’s transition to a Green Economy Model
Main achievements: GEF projects

- **Chu Talas project (UNDP/UNECE)** - Strategic Action Programme (SAP) completed, based on the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA), long term strategic goals for 2040 (water quality, quantity, ecosystem conservation, climate change), signing of the SAP, possible financing of different components by donors.

- **Drin project (GWP-Med/UNECE)** - 6 thematic reports, working groups, capacity building including training on bankable projects.

- **Dniester GEF Project (OSCE/UNECE)** - project started in 2017, TDA development, 1st meeting of Dniester Commission established, impact assessment of the Dniester hydropower complex and recommendations to the updated draft rules for the operation of Dniester reservoirs.
Afghanistan – Tajikistan cooperation

• Funded by Finland and the Russian Federation
• Since 2015 hydrology data exchange was initiated between the two countries in line with a bilateral MoU on hydrology
• Joint expeditions, bilateral meetings, regional seminar in September 2017
• Technical meeting of specialists and experts; and training on hydrology and environmental monitoring of catchment area of the Pyanj/Amu Darya basin - May 2018
• Third phase will continue until 2020
Water quality cooperation in Central Asia – UNECE/CAREC project

- Funded by Finland
- Regional Working Group and the Regional Expert Group meetings in 2016 and 2017
- Needs assessment of national water quality management systems
- Dec 2017 training on “Joint planning of the transboundary monitoring network and visualization of data on water quality”
- Sep 2018 – study tour to Uzbekistan on hydrobiological analysis for hydrometeorology departments for 3 countries
- Strengthened institutions for water quality cooperation and information on water quality data made available
Dam safety cooperation in Central Asia

• Funded by the Russian Federation
• Dam safety cooperation in Central Asia - project since 2013
• Positive project evaluation for the previous two phases
• Regional meetings on cooperation on dam safety – 2017 and 2018 in cooperation with EB IFAS
• Review the results of the activities on dam safety, discuss priority areas for further development
Kazakhstan’s transition to a Green Economy model

- Funded by the European Union
- Review of current experience with river basin management plans in Kazakhstan
- Strengthening of basin administrations and basin councils
- Baseline analysis of the state of the water supply and sanitation
- Training modules on IWRM for university teachers and civil servants
- Analysis of legal and institutional basis for supervision and control of hydro-technical infrastructure
Lessons learnt for future work

- Sustainability of project outcomes
- Technical cooperation can facilitate more political cooperation
- Cooperation with other organizations/partners is invaluable (UNDP, OSCE, GWP Med, CAREC, local organizations such as Milal center)
- Cooperation with GEF works well on projects
Thank you for your attention!

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