



EU Water Initiative National Policy Dialogues on IWRM Core Group meeting

Synergies between the regional/transboundary projects and NPDs



Aral Sea Basin Program – III and synergies with the NPDs/IWRM

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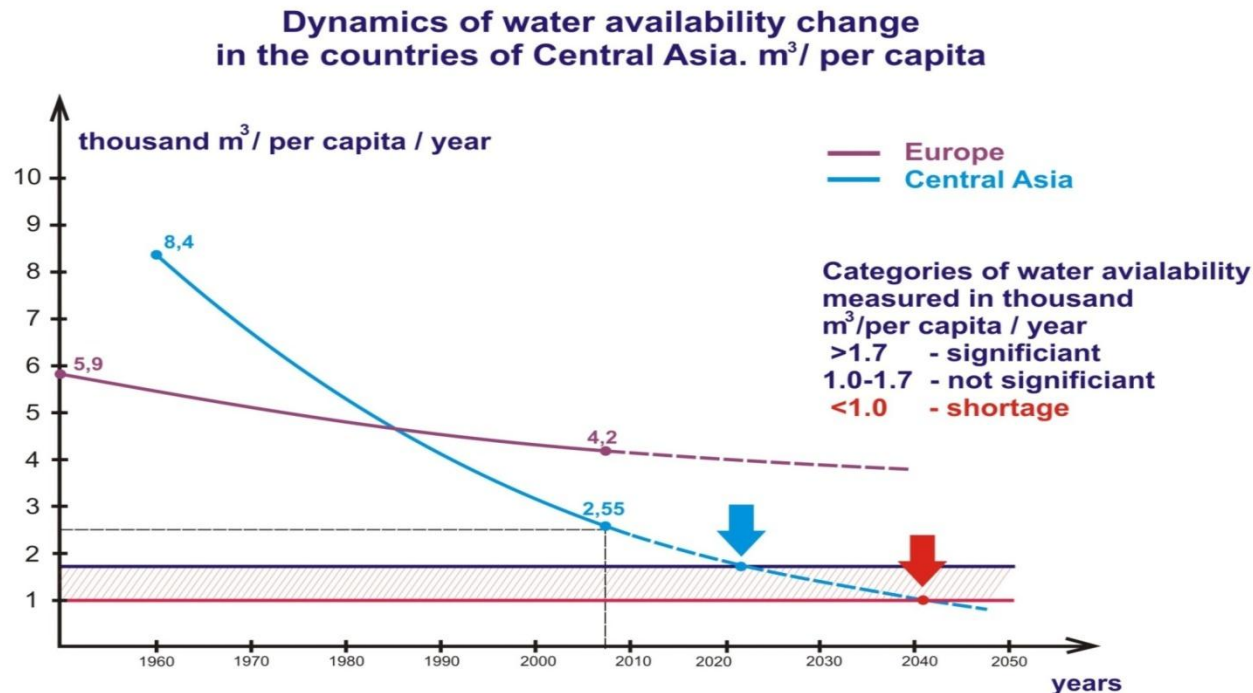
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Present challenges and threats to sustainable development of Central Asia

Climate change: retreat of glacier reserves, expected decrease in river flows for 10-15%, increase of natural disasters.

Degradation of the land and water resources, destruction of ecosystems: desertification, reduce in water quality, loss of biodiversity.

Population growth in the countries of Central Asia: increasing deficiency in water resources, decreasing water availability per capita in 3,5 times, demand for additional annual 700-800 mln.m³ of water.



System aims and key objectives of IFAS

Aim 1. Continued cooperation aiming improvement of the ecological and socio-economic situation in the Aral Sea Basin.

Aim 2. Development of mutually acceptable mechanisms for integrated use of water resources and environmental protection in Central Asia taking into account interests of all states in the Region.

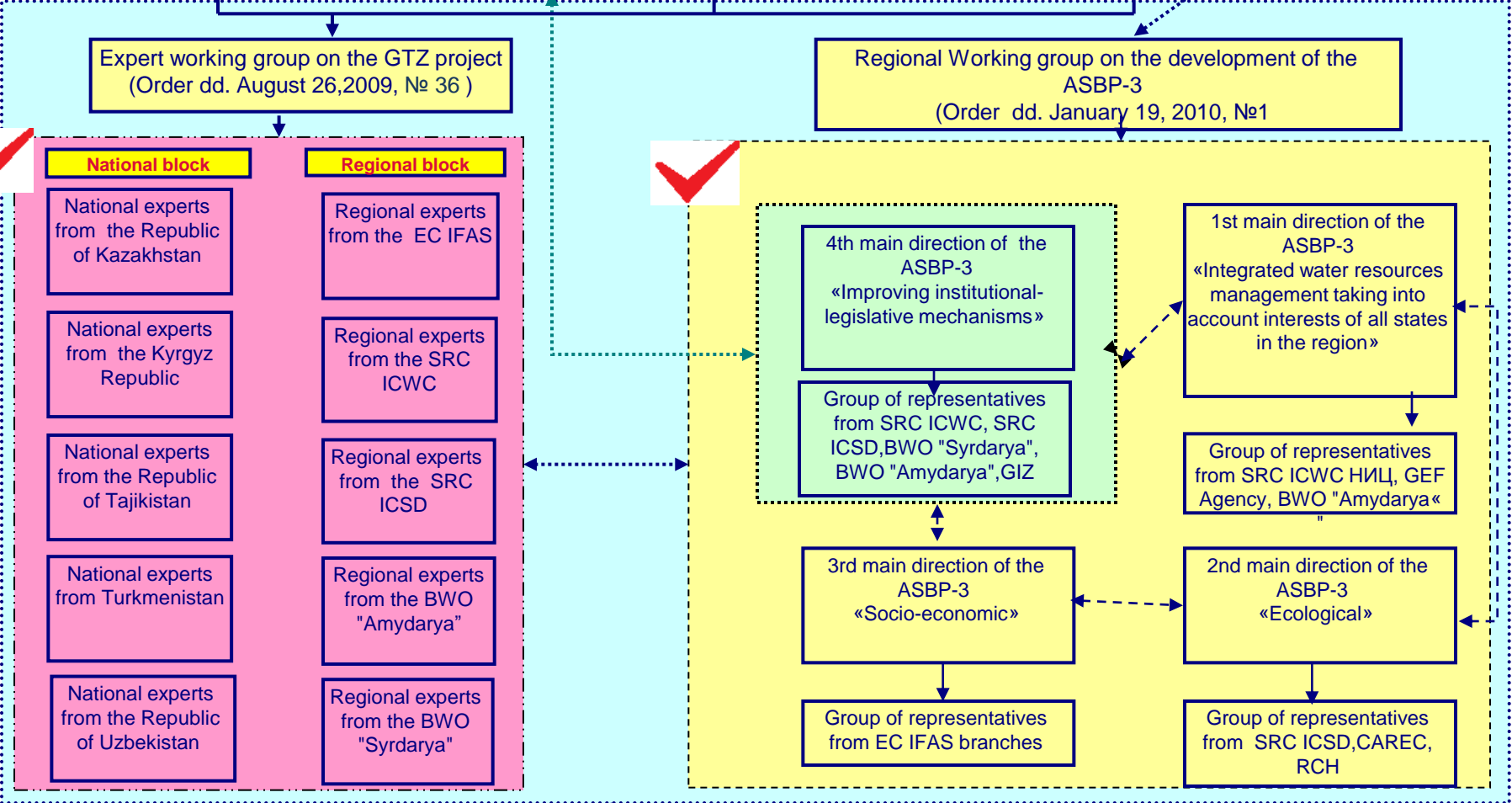
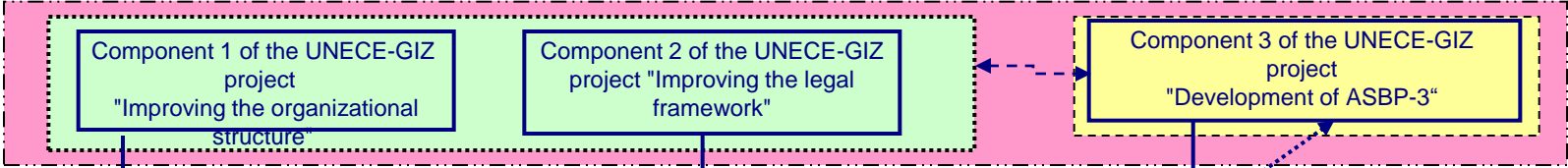
Objective 1. Enhancement of activities and development of collaboration with the UN institutions including the UN Regional Center on preventive diplomacy for the Central Asian countries and other international organizations.

Objective 2. Further improvement of organizational and legislative basis of the IFAS seeking to increase efficiency of its activities and better interrelationship with financial institutions and donor organizations for implementation of projects and programs aimed to address the Aral Sea basin issues.

Objective 3. Development and implementation of Action Program on providing assistance to the countries of the Aral Sea basin for the period of 2011-2015 (the Aral Sea Basin Program - 3) with involvement of national and regional experts.

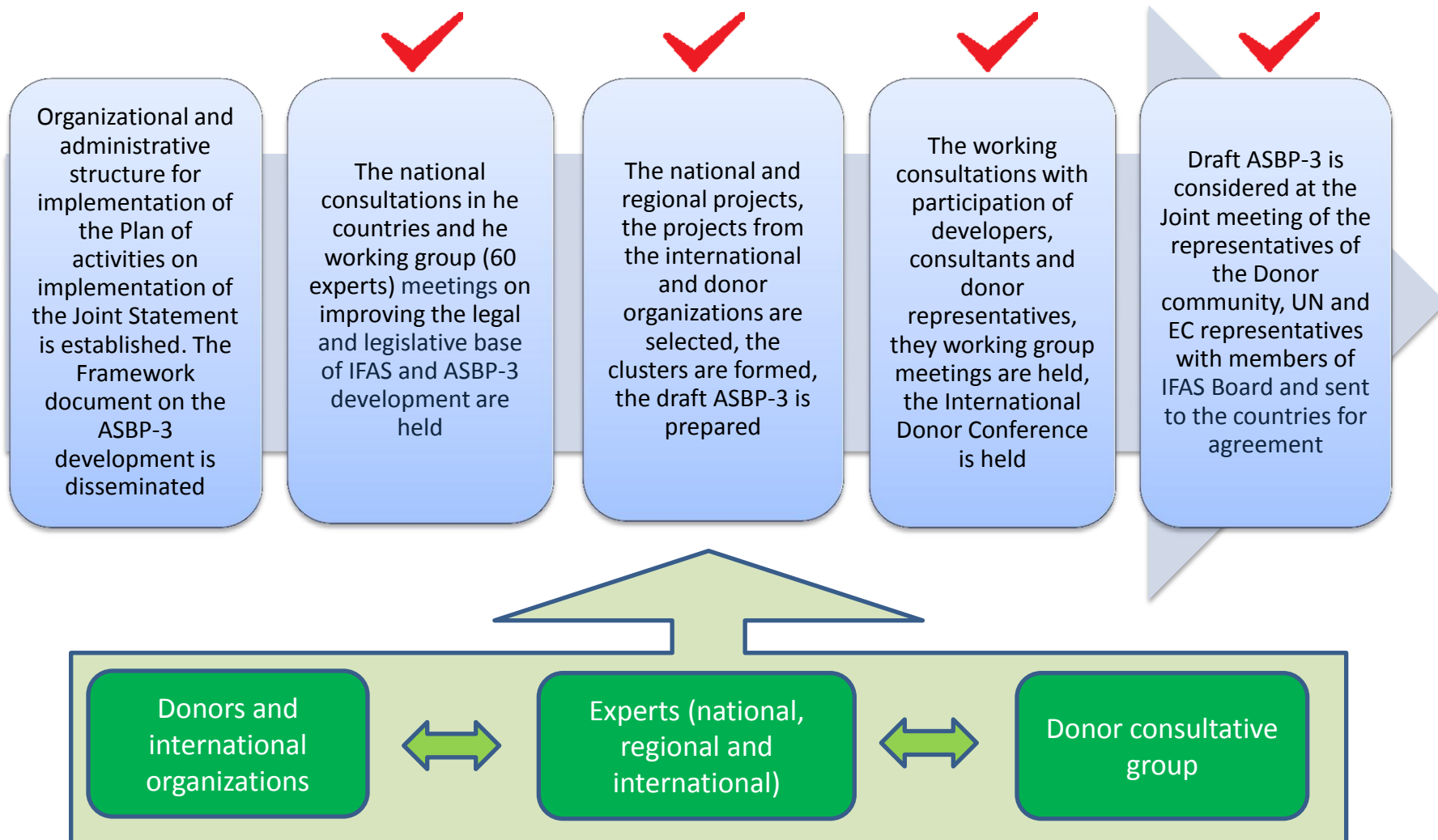
Administrative-organizational structure of the Joint Statement implementation

UNECE-GIZ Project "Regional dialogue and cooperation on water resources management" *

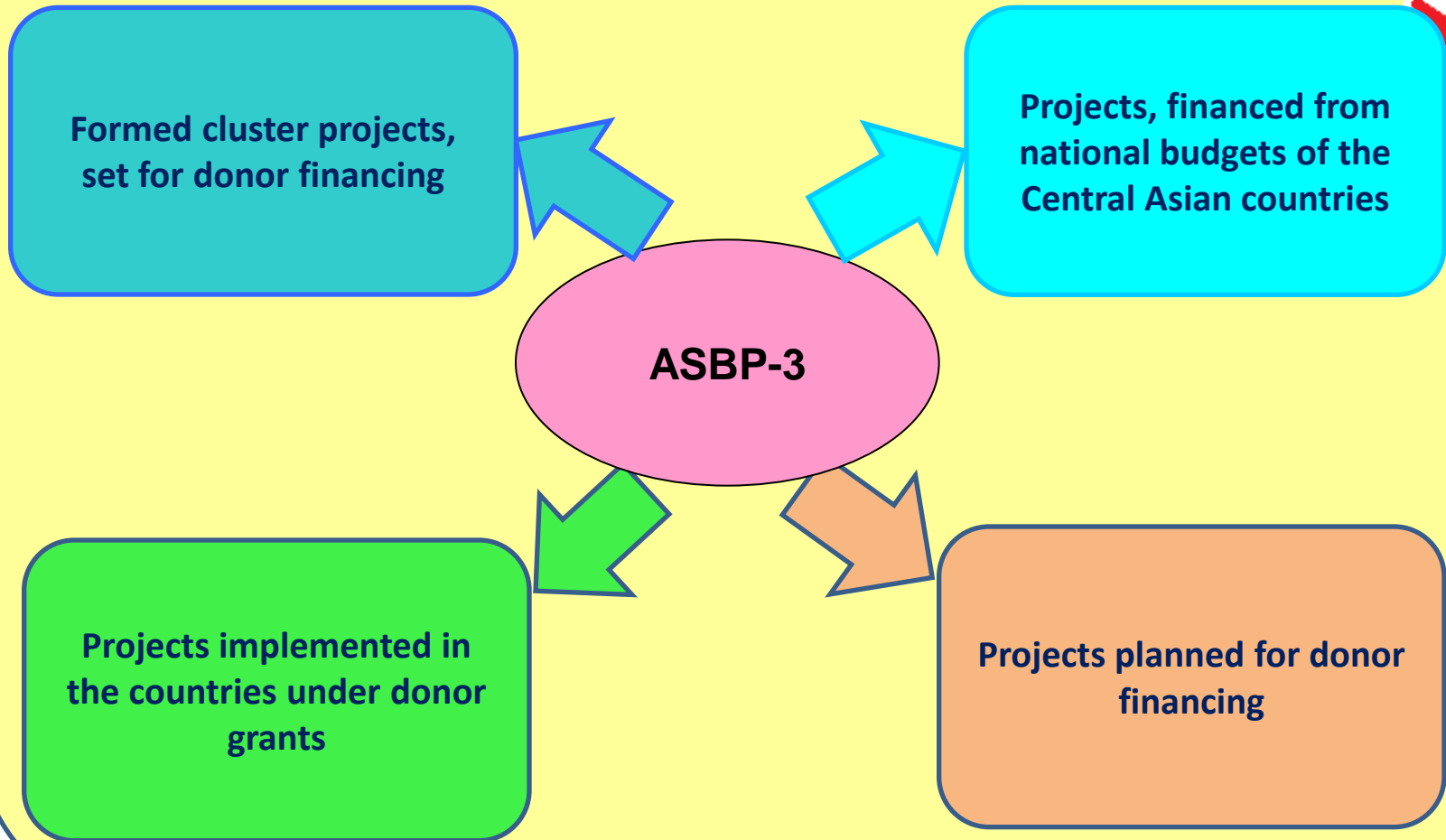


Experts from donor organizations

**Realization of the Plan of activities
on implementation of the Joint Statement of the Heads of IFAS member-states of 28 April 2009
for improving structure and legal and legislative base of IFAS and ASBP-3 development**



Aral Sea Basin Program -3 for the 2011-2015



ASBP-3 demonstrates the readiness of the countries to projects co-financing

ASBP-3 works in four directions:

- **Integrated Water Resources Management**
- **Environmental protection**
- **Socio-economic development**
- **Improving institutional and legal instruments**

ASBP-3 and interaction with NPD-s on IWRM

Joint efforts within the following directions:

- 1. Overcoming present challenges and threats to sustainable development in Central Asia taking into account similar experience in EU countries.**
- 2. Support in the process of establishing mechanisms of monitoring and preventive response to environmental threats as measures to strengthen regional security.**
- 3. Development of mutually acceptable mechanisms for IWRM and environmental protection in Central Asia taking into account interests of all states in the region.**
- 4. Broadening the investment arena for IFAS activities.**
- 5. Ensuring comprehensive support to the ASBP-3 implementation.**
- 6. Creating conditions which would facilitate implementation of the international water law, strengthening cooperation and peaceful development of water situation in the region.**