

**REGIONAL CONSULTATION WORKSHOP**  
**Cooperation in Shared Water Resources in Central Asia:**  
**Past Experience and Future Challenges**

*26 - 28 September 2002*  
*Almaty, Kazakhstan*

**AGENDA**

**DAY 1, THURSDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2002**

**Session I: Opening and Introduction**

- 09:00-09:20 Opening Remarks and Introductions
- K. Matsunami, Director, Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Division, ADB
  - A.D. Ryabtsev, Chairman, Committee for Water Resources, Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Kazakhstan
- 09:20-09:30 Introduction of Participants and Agenda Overview

**Session II: Regional Cooperation in Shared Water Resources in Central Asia-Country Perspectives:** Session Chair: A.D. Ryabtsev, Chairman, Committee for Water Resources, Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Kazakhstan

- 09.30-10.00 "Cooperation Among Aral Sea Basin States in Shared Water Resources Management: Issues and Opportunities" Keynote Paper, G. Le Moigne, Consultant to ADB
- 10:00-10:30 A.D. Ryabtsev, Chairman, Committee for Water Resources, Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Kazakhstan
- 10:30-11:00 Discussion
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30-12:00 B.T. Koshmatov, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, Kyrgyz Republic
- 12:00-12:30 A.A. Nazyrov, Minister, Ministry of Melioration and Water Management, Republic of Tajikistan
- 12:30-13:00 Discussion
- 13:00-14:00 Lunch

**Session III: Regional Cooperation in Shared Water Resources in Central Asia-Country Perspectives: (continued)-** Chair: B.T. Koshmatov, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, Kyrgyz Republic

14:00-14:30 K.M. Volmuratov, Minister, Ministry of Water Resources, Turkmenistan

14:30-15:00 A.A. Djalalov, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, Republic of Uzbekistan

15:00-15:30 Discussion

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

**Session IV: Strengthening of Regional Water Management Institutions**, Session Chair: A.A. Nazyrov, Minister, Ministry of Melioration and Water Management, Republic of Tajikistan

16:00-16:20 "Cooperation for Overcoming the Aral Sea Crisis: Problems and Priorities," S. M. Aslov, Chairman, Executive Committee, International Fund for the Aral Sea (EC IFAS)

16:20-16:40 Information and Training Needs, P. D. Umarov, Deputy Director, SIC, ICWC

16:40-17:00 Discussion

17:00-17:20 The Experience and Issues of Syr Darya Basin Management Organization (BVO), M. Kh. Khamidov, Director, BVO, Syr Darya

17:20-17:40 The Experience and Issues of Amu Darya BVO, Y. Kh. Khudaryberganov, Director, BVO Amu Darya

17:40-18:00 Discussion

## **DAY 2, FRIDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2002**

**Session V: Recent Experience in Promoting Regional Collaboration in Water Resources Management**, Session Chair: K.M.Volmuratov, Minister, Ministry of Water Resources, Turkmenistan

09:00 -09:30 "Incentives and Benefits of Cooperation Between Riparian States: The Experience of the Nile and Mekong Basins," Guy Le Moigne, Consultant to ADB

09:30-10:00 "Integrated Water Resources Management in Central Asia," Vilma Horinkova, Director, Central Asia Sub-office, International Water Management Institute (IWMI)

10:00-10:30 Discussion

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-11:30 "Development of Regular Exchange of Hydrologic Data and Information Between Aral Sea Basin States," V. Y. Chub, Minister, Uzbek Main Administration of Hydrometeorology

11:30-12:00 "The Issues and Prospects Related to Long-term Agreements on Equitable and Reasonable Water Sharing among Riparian States," V. A. Dukhovny, Director, Scientific Information Center, International Coordination Water Commission (SIC ICWC)

12:00-12:30 "Water and Energy Nexus in Central Asia," J. Michael Biddison, Chief of Party, USAID Natural Resources Management Project

12:30-13:00 Discussion

13:00-14:00 Lunch

**Session VI: Cooperation in Shared Water Resources in Central Asia: Recommendations of the Technical Meeting to the Workshop**, Session Chair: S. M. Aslov, Chairman, Executive Committee, International Fund for the Aral Sea

14:00-14:30 "Strategic Directions of Regional Cooperation in Shared Water Resources Management:" Report of Recommendations from the Focal Point Group and NGO Representatives, N. K. Kipshakbaev, Professor, Kazakh State Academy of Architecture and Construction

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 Discussion

### **DAY 3, SATURDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2002**

**Session VII: Opportunities for Donor Involvement to Support Regional Cooperation in Shared Water Resources Management in Central Asia**, Session Chair: K. Matsunami, Director, Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Division, ADB

09:00-10:20 "Development Partners' Participation in Shared Water Resources Management in the Aral Sea Basin," Panel Discussion

- K. Matsunami, Director, Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Division, ADB
- M. Ahmad, Principal Project Officer, World Bank
- C. Anderson, Director, Office of Water and Energy, USAID Regional Mission to Central Asia
- U. Herren, Head of Office, or Johan Gely, Regional Water Manager, Swiss Development Commission (SDC)
- N. Mirza, First Secretary, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)

10:20-11:00 Discussion

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

- 11:15-13:00 "A Strategy for Donor Participation in Strengthening Regional Cooperation in Shared Water Resources Management in Central Asia," Facilitated Discussion, Facilitator: G. Le Moigne, Consultant to ADB
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch
- 14.00-15.00 Facilitated Discussion (Continues)
- 15.00-15.15 Coffee Break
- 15.15-15.35 "The progress on the preparation of the Third World Water Forum", Masahiro Kobayashi, , Secretariat of the 3rd WWF, Japan
- 15.35-17.00 "Plan of Participation of Aral Sea Basin States in Third World Water Forum: Discussions on presentation topics, preparations, audience, and representations," D. McKinney, Consultant to ADB
- Session VIII: Conclusion and Closing**, Session Chair: A.A.Djalalov, First Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, Republic of Uzbekistan
- 17.00-17.30 Conclusions and Closing Remarks
- A.D. Ryabtsev, Chairman, Committee for Water Resources, Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Kazakhstan
  - K. Matsunami, Director, Agriculture, Environment and Natural Resources Division, ADB
- 19:30 Dinner hosted by ADB