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Central Asian International Research and Practice Conference

*«Twenty Years of Water Cooperation among the Central Asian
Countries: Past Experience and Future Challenges»*

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Department for Water Resources and Land Reclamation at the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Kyrgyz Republic

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Ministry of Water Resources, Turkmenistan

Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, Republic of Uzbekistan

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Dates: September 20-21, 2012

Venue: Sanatorium "Alatau", Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan

Goals of the Conference:

- *Enhancement of interstate water cooperation;*
- *Positive outcomes of twenty-year cooperation;*
- *Unrealized opportunities, shortcomings, challenges, and ways out.*

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(The Conference Program can be downloaded on www.icwc-aral.uz/20years, paper copies to be distributed during registration)

Day 1

20 September

9⁰⁰-10⁰⁰ Registration

10⁰⁰-10⁴⁰ Opening

- Opening ceremony in the presence of the Deputy Prime-Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- Speeches of ICWC Honorary members - organizers:
 - from Kazakhstan
 - from Kyrgyzstan
 - from Tajikistan
 - from Turkmenistan
 - from Uzbekistan

- Welcome by the heads of international organizations

10⁴⁰-13⁰⁰ First plenary session (key reports on regional priorities)

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| 10⁴⁰-10⁵⁰ | Overview and analysis of the regional joint projects implemented over 20 years, outcomes and reasons of failure | Ministry of Water Resources, Turkmenistan |
| 10⁵⁰-11⁰⁰ | Agreement 1992: main objectives, implementation of the Agreement's norms, causes of non-compliance | Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation, Kyrgyz Republic |
| 11⁰⁰-11¹⁰ | Efficiency and effectiveness of regional organizations for water management, regulation, and protection, critical analysis | Ministry of Land Reclamation and Water Resources, Republic of Tajikistan |
| 11¹⁰-11²⁰ | Major problems of water management in the Amudarya river basin and ways out | Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources, Republic of Uzbekistan |
| 11²⁰-11³⁰ | Major problems of water management in the Syrdarya river basin and ways out | Committee for Water Resources at the Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Kazakhstan |

- 11³⁰-12⁰⁰ Coffee-break
- 12⁰⁰-12¹⁰ Fulfillment of the decisions of the Heads of State for environmental and socio-economic improvement in the Aral Sea basin Honorary ICWC member
Prof. N.K. Kipshakbaev
- 12¹⁰-12²⁰ IFAS – twenty years of challenging the Central Asian unity Chairman of EC IFAS
Prof. S.R.Ibatullin
- 12²⁰-12³⁰ Contribution of UNECE to water cooperation of the region's countries UNECE representative
- 12³⁰-14³⁰ Lunch
- 14³⁰-18⁰⁰ **60th anniversary meeting of ICWC**
Parallel round-tables:
(Program of round-tables to be distributed during registration)
- Round-table 1**
- 14³⁰-17³⁰ **Strengthening of the legal framework for cooperation**
- Round-table 2**
- 14³⁰-17³⁰ **10th anniversary of the Global Water Partnership for Central Asia and Caucasus - inputs into integrated water resources management**
- Round-table 3**
- 14³⁰-17³⁰ **Water cooperation, water and food security in CA**
- 18⁰⁰ Official dinner reception

Day 2

21 September

Round-tables (continued):

- Round-table 1**
- 9⁰⁰-12³⁰ **Strengthening of the legal framework for cooperation**
- Round-table 2**
- 9⁰⁰-12³⁰ **10th anniversary of the Global Water Partnership for Central Asia and Caucasus - inputs into integrated water resources management**
- Round-table 3**
- 9⁰⁰-12³⁰ **Water cooperation, water and food security in CA**

9⁰⁰-12³⁰ **Round-table 4**
Transboundary river water management

9⁰⁰-12³⁰ **Round-table 5**
Preservation of water resources capacity
under climate change

12³⁰-14³⁰ Lunch

Second plenary session

14³⁰-15³⁰ Summary reports by the chairmen of round-
tables

15³⁰-17³⁰ Wrap-up. Adoption of resolution and closing of
the Conference

18⁰⁰ Dinner

Side events:

19 September

9⁰⁰ - Research-practice workshop «Exchange of Information and Knowledge,
18⁰⁰ and Capacity Building in the Water Sectors of EECCA»

Organizers: SIC ICWC, GWP CACENA, UNECE, NOW EECCA
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22 September

9⁰⁰ - Meeting of the Regional Council of GWP CACENA
13⁰⁰

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