

**MINUTES OF THE 51ST MEETING OF THE INTERSTATE
COMMISSION FOR WATER COORDINATION (ICWC) OF THE
REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN, THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC,
THE REPUBLIC OF TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN AND THE
REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN**

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City of Almaty

Participants:

ICWC members:

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Makarov Oleg Stepanovich	Head of ICWC Metrological Center

Invited:

Abdukayumov Rustam	Project Management Specialist, Asian Development Bank
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AGENDA:

1. Growing season and additional measures for its completion (resp. BWO “Amudarya” and BWO “Syrdarya”).
2. Work progress in implementation of SCADA systems in interstate water sources.
3. Development of national information systems and their interlinking with operations of national hydromet services.
4. Revision and approval of draft «Provisions on ICWC», «Provision about rotation of ICWC’s executive bodies and their directors” and “Agreement on institutional strengthening for management, protection, and development of water resources from interstate sources in the Aral Sea basin”.
5. Agenda and venue of the next 52nd ICWC meeting.

Having approved the agenda, listened to the speeches of the meeting participants and exchanged opinions, the members of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination in Central Asia (ICWC) decided:

First item:

1. Taking into account information by BWO «Amudarya» and BWO «Syrdarya» concerning operating mode of the cascade of reservoirs for the past growing season.
2. Adoption of water withdrawal limits along Amudarya and Syrdarya and approval of forecast operation of the cascade of reservoirs for non-growing season 2008-2009.
3. Adoption of water withdrawal limits along Amudarya and Syrdarya and approval of forecast operation of Naryn-Syrdarya cascade of reservoirs for non-growing season 2008-2009.

Second item:

1. Consider operations on SCADA system implementation in the following interstate water sources expedient:
 - *at interstate basin level* – automation system, dispatching and monitoring of water resource management of BWO «Syrdary» structures, located in section lines of Syrdarya from Uchkurgan waterworks facility to Farkhad waterworks facility (Tajikistan and Uzbekistan) and two structures in the interstate Big Fergana canal;
 - *at interstate small rivers level* – water resources management monitoring systems in the Khodjabakirgan river (Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan).
2. Submit to Swiss Development and Cooperation agency a project proposal regarding development and implementation of SCADA System in interstate water sources for financing main costs of the system implementation, including project development, supply and mounting of hardware and software.
3. On approval of the project, water agencies of Central Asian countries will arrange preparatory work at their own expenses in mentioned structures and will assist in organizing and implementation of the automation project.
4. Project will guarantee all water agencies equal access to information.

On the third item:

1. Approve work on the component “Development of the national information systems” of the project CAREWIB and acknowledge expedient further continuation of work on the project components.

Make special mention of the work of NFP in Tajikistan on preparation of the Strategy of the national information system development.

2. Ask the ICWC members to control project implementation according to the approved work plan. Draw special attention to development and approval of the strategies of the national information systems development, and to removal of barriers to involving organizations outside the water sector of countries in the first place - the national hydrometeorological services- for the establishing of the national information systems, and to financial support, including attracting the donors.

3. The ICWC members express gratitude to the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) for the active support.

Fourth item:

1. Adopt «Statute of Interstate Commission for Water Coordination of Central Asia».

2. Adopt «Rotation of Interstate Commission for Water Coordination (ICWC) of Central Asia executive bodies and their directors».

3. Confirm and submit Draft Agreement between the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan “About institutional strengthening of management, protection and rational use of water resources from interstate sources in the Aral Sea basin” to the governments of the countries for consideration.

Fifth item:

1. Hold next 52nd ICWC meeting in Turkmenistan in December, 2008.

2. Confirm venue and agenda of the next 52nd ICWC meeting.

Agenda

1. Summary for the growing season 2008 (resp. BWO «Amudarya» and BWO «Syrdarya»).

2. Realization of water withdrawal limits and regimes of the operation of cascades of reservoirs in the river basins of Amudarya and Syrdarya for non-growing season 2008-2009.

3. Development of the regional training network for high and middle level staff in water, energy, and environmental organizations of Central Asian countries under ICWC Training center and its branches (resp. SIC ICWC and TC ICWC).

4. Consideration of Draft Agreement «About use of water and energy resources of Syrdarya river basin».

5. Venue and agenda of the next 53rd ICWC meeting.

6. Other

Request the ICWC Secretariat to prepare analysis of implementation of ICWC decisions by executive bodies and present it at the next ICWC meeting.

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