

REPORT

The 13th Session of the Project Working Group “Energo” (PWG-Energo) of the Project “Rational and Efficient Use of Water and Energy Resources in Central Asia” Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, 3 November 2003

The 13th Session of the PWG-Energo was conducted on 3 November 2003 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. 37 participants attended the PWG Session including delegations of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

Participants of the 13th Session agreed on the following agenda:

- Approval of the Agenda.
- Information on approval of the Cooperation Strategy on rational and efficient use of energy and water resources in Central Asia
- Presentation of the results of the project "Rational and Efficient Use of Energy and Water Resources in Central Asia"
- Role of Central Asian Energy and Water Consortium in realization of programme on rational and efficient use of energy and water resources in the region.
- Content discussion of a draft document on cooperation at dams safety in Central Asia.
- Organizational issues
- Approval of final documents.

Representatives of the countries have reported about Strategy discussion results at the national level:

Kazakhstan. Diplomatic note was received from The Kazakhstan Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 7 October 2003. Having observed the Strategy on rational and efficient use of energy and water resources in Central Asia the Kazakhstan part does not intend introducing comments.

Kyrgyzstan. The letter, signed by Mr. N. Tanayev, Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic and SPECA National Coordinator was sent on 6 October 2003 to Ms. Brigita Shmegnerova, UN ECE Executive Secretary. It is informed in the letter, that the Cooperation Strategy on rational and efficient use of energy and water resources in Central Asia was discussed in details and approved by national experts, specialists from Ministries, institutions and scientific-research organizations of the Kyrgyz Republic.

Tajikistan. The letter of 30 September 2003 on behalf of Mr. Gulomov, Tajikistan Deputy Prime Minister was directed to Mr. N. Tanayev, Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic and SPECA National Coordinator. It is particularly declared in the letter that the Cooperation Strategy on rational and efficient use of energy and water resources in Central Asia is worth of being approved and recommended for further realization.

Uzbekistan. Chairman of PWG-Energo have received the letter of 9 October 2003 by Mr. T. Kamalov nominated by the Uzbek Government as National Coordinator of the Project with enclosed Protocol of the Meeting between the State Goswodhonadzor Inspection, Academy of Science, specialists of water management and energy fields, where there was the approval of the Regional Cooperation Strategy.

Information about draft document preparation on Dams safety in Central Asia was presented. Review of Mr. Makhmudov (Uzbekistan) was reported. The representatives of the countries expressed their support in formulations and realization of such project.

The report “Suggestions to the Concept of the International water and energy Consortium establishment and functioning” was prepared by national experts according to decision of the 12 PWG-Energo Session and reported by Mr. Petrov, representative of Tajikistan.

The report was approved and recommended for further development during the discussion.

UN ECE Secretariat has informed about project preparation “Capacity Building for Air Quality Management and the Application of Clean Coal Combustion Technologies in Central Asia”.

After discussion of all the issues, envisaged in the Agenda, the 13th PWG-Energo Session has approved the following recommendations:

1. Recommend the countries to initiate the practical implementation of the Strategy aspects at the national and regional levels. In this respect UN ECE and UN ESCAP Secretariats should send the adopted Strategy to the Heads of Central Asian States.
2. Request international organizations of United Nations system as well as other structures to assist the Central Asian Countries in realization of the Strategy.
3. Consider expedient involving of organizations, established by the Countries of the region, such as International Fund for Aral Sea Saving in the process of the Strategy realization.
4. PWG-Energo should appeal to UN ECE and UN ESCAP Secretariats with request of information wide spreading about the adopted Strategy at the international level as about significant achievement in cooperation development of Central Asian water and energy sectors, including final project publications distribution.
5. Recommend national organizations, participating in the Strategy elaboration process to conduct the information distribution work about major aspects and recommendations of the Strategy in their countries.
6. Consider Strategy realization outcomes on the PWG-Energo Session at the beginning of 2005.
7. Request UN ECE and UN ESCAP Secretariats to prolong work on the Draft document forming and financing sources searching for its implementation as well as finding facilities for conduction of Meeting on Dams safety for expert group of Central Asian countries at the beginning of 2004.
8. Direct comments to the concept of International Water and Energy Consortium establishment and functioning, prepared within the framework of the project to national organizations of the region, dealing with elaboration of the document. Request UN ECE and UN ESCAP Secretariats to observe the possibility of including the project “Elaboration of technical and economic basis on establishment of International Water and Energy Consortium” into the Special Program for Economies of Central Asia. Consider results of International Water and Energy Consortium creation at the next PWG-Energo session.
9. Support the UN ECE proposal on implementing project “Capacity Building for Air Quality Management and the Application of Clean Coal Combustion Technologies in Central Asia”.

Participants of the Session expressed their appreciation to the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic and PWG-Energo Secretariat for permanent support of the project realisation.

**Chairman of PWG “Energo”,
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