

The Berlin Water Process to support water management in Central Asia (Part II)

The GTZ Programme “Transboundary Water Management in Central Asia“ A Source of Peace

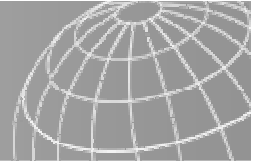
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Transboundary Water Management in Central Asia – a central element of the Berlin Process

The Transboundary Water Management in Central Asia Programme (TWMP in CA) will be implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (**GTZ**) on behalf of the German Federal Foreign Office.

The measures to be implemented over the period from 2009 to 2011 not only aim at improving cooperation in the Central Asian water sector but also at supporting livelihoods of people in the region.

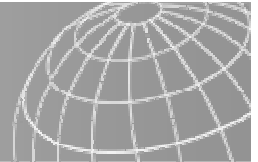
To that end GTZ is collaborating closely with national partners such as the Central Asian Institute for Applied Geosciences (**CAIAG**), international partners such as the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (**UNECE**), and German partners such as German Aerospace Centre (**DLR**) and German Research Centre for Geosciences (**GFZ**).

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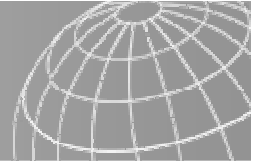


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Programme Strategy

The programme strategy was developed during 2008/2009 together with CA government representatives and local partner organizations of

-  Kazakhstan
-  Kyrgyzstan
-  Tajikistan
-  Turkmenistan
-  Uzbekistan

and focuses on three different areas (Components):

Component 1	Component 2	Component 3
Fostering regional institutional capacity	Strengthening transboundary river basin management	Implementing National Pilot Projects

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Component 1- Fostering regional institutional capacity

This component is being implemented in close cooperation with the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Reason	<p>The work of regional institutions in Central Asia (e.g. ICWC and IFAS), is hampered by their weak position in the political system.</p> <p>Recognition and implementation of guidelines in water sector are missing.</p>
Objective	<p>Capacities of regional institutions responsible for water management (IFAS, ICWC and others) are improved.</p>
Areas of action	<p>Regional Institutions in the field of water cooperation are strengthened</p>
	<p>International water legislation and regional guidelines/principles for water management are recognized and gradually applied</p>
	<p>Tentative: Regional and bilateral agreements on water resources are reviewed and modernized</p>
	<p>Regional guidelines for water monitoring and data exchange are developed.</p>

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Component 2 - Strengthening transboundary river basin management

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Objective	Institutional capacities to manage river basins are improved for selected transboundary rivers. The programme will focus especially on smaller rivers which are particularly suited to applying the basic principles of river basin management.	
Areas of action	Basin assessment and monitoring, basin administration	
	Determination of river basin objectives; Development of river basin management plans	
	Transboundary environmental and social impact assessment	
	Safety of hydro technical facilities and dams	
	Supporting the establishment of monitoring systems and data exchange	
River Basin	Isfara, Khodzha-Bakirgan	Riparian Countries: Kyrgyzstan Tajikistan
	Syrdarya	Riparian Countries: Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan Tajikistan Uzbekistan
	Serfashan	Riparian Countries: Tajikistan Uzbekistan



Component 3- Implementing National Pilot Projects	
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Turkmenistan	
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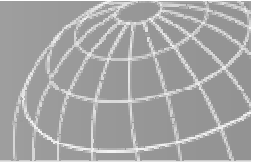
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National Pilot Projects and intersectoral capacity development shall improve integrated water management at the respective local/national levels. This includes, among others, mini-hydro projects, water re-use and sanitation, Water User Association training, canal rehabilitation and demonstration fields for effective irrigation methods.



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