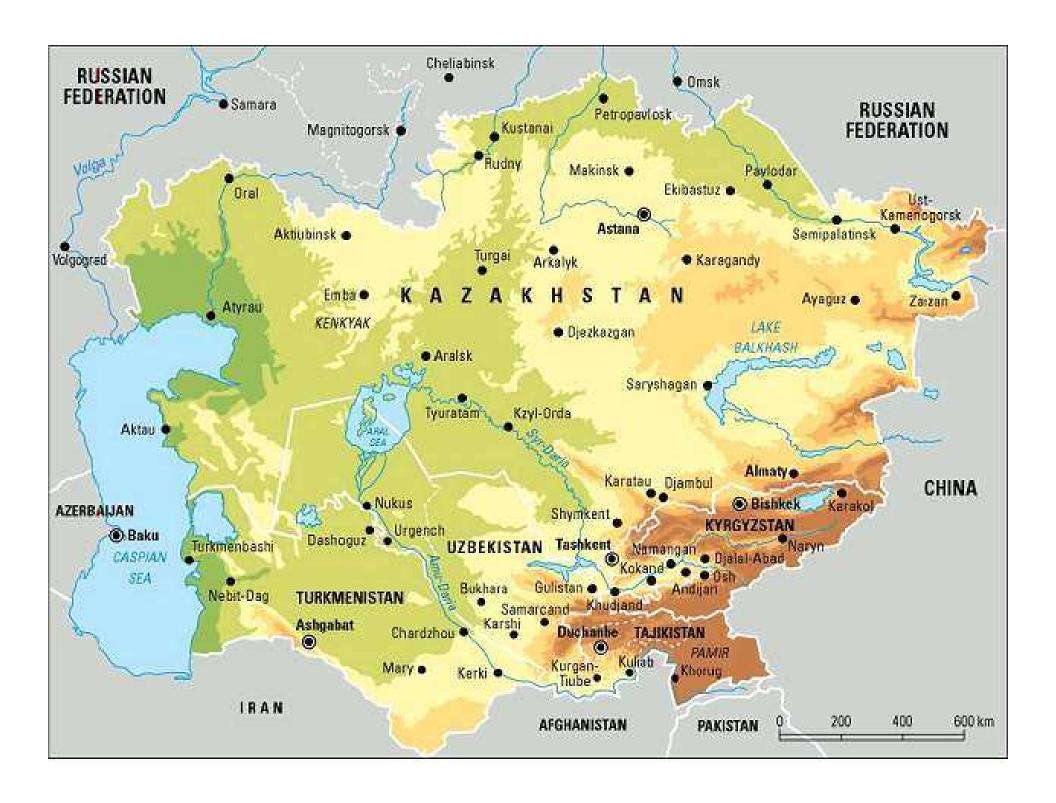
Windows of opportunities – Steps to resolve the water crisis in Central Asia

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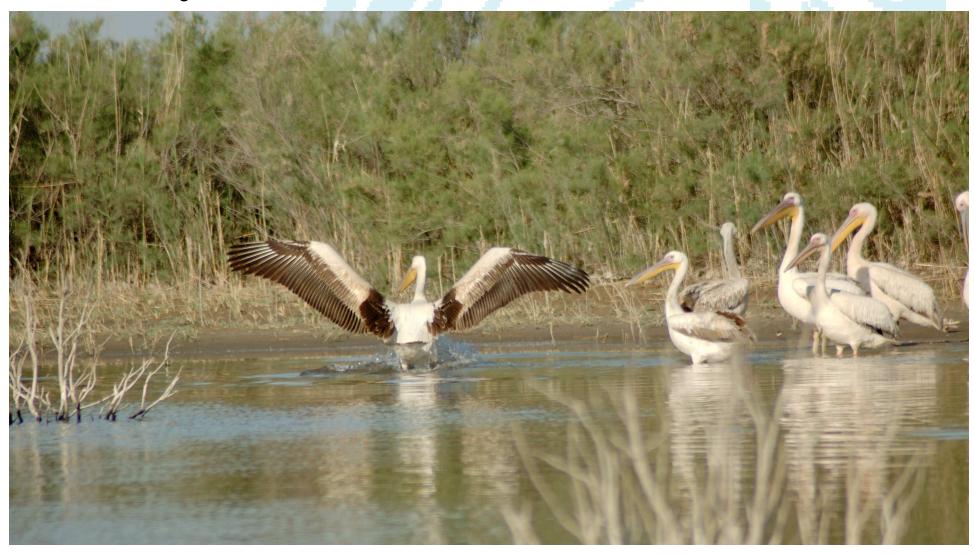
Nothing has changed.....

- The Aral Sea continues to disappear
- Irrigation and energy sectors develop independently
- Cooperation and trust between countries is lacking

But is there a window of opportunity?

- Recurrent crises elicit a readiness to find common ground
- Climate change is a serious common "enemy"
- Reform of regional cooperation,
 Kazakh chairmanship of EC-IFAS
- Increasing importance of international water law

...The UNECE Water Convention a tool for long-term cooperation, but is it interpreted correctly....



Steps towards a better future

- Flexibility and accommodation at the political level
- Regional cooperation structure strengthened
- Normative framework (UNECE Water Convention) used as a guide for the development
- Engagement of donors and the international community – longterm and coordinated