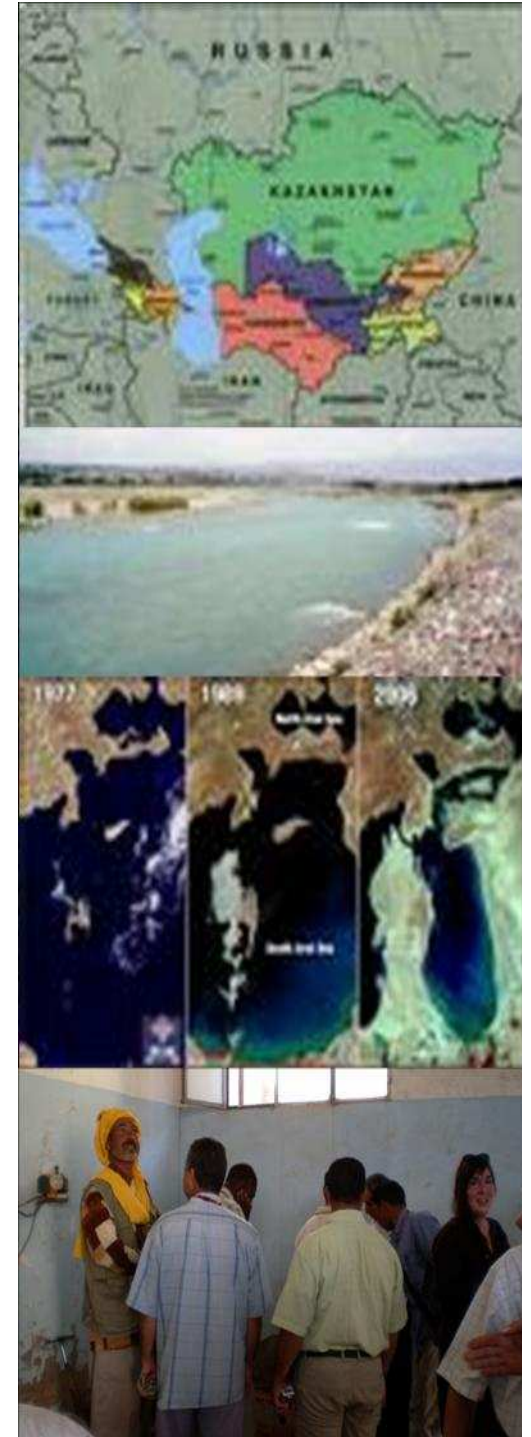


Trans-boundary Water Management in Central Asia

German Water Initiative



The German Water Initiative

1 April 2008, Berlin

- Promoting trans-boundary water management based on proposals from the region
- Transfer of know-how on sustainable water management
- New University Programme on water management/water technology at the German/Kasachstan University in Almaty
- Networking among water experts from Central Asia , Germany and EU
- Supporting activities of German water industry in Central Asia

Steps for developing a programme of activities

- 1. April 08: Announcement of the initiative in Berlin
- June/July 08: Expert mission to Usbekistan, Tadschikistan, Kirgisistan, Kasachstan, Turkmenistan (GTZ)
- September 08: National planning workshops
- **14/15. Nov 08: Regional Workshop, Almaty**
- **17.-18. Nov 08: Follow-Up-Conference in Almaty**
- Anfang 2009: Start of programmed activities
- Duration: until 2011/2012, prolongation possible

Overall approach

Political Dialogue

- Continuation of political dialogue (→ ICWC, UN ECE)
- Building on existing experience in trans-boundary water management (Central Asia, Europe)
- Recommendations for implementation derived from practical experience

Regional Exchange

- Exchange of best practices and lessons learned
- New approaches, in particular for small river basins
- Close co-operation with research and information centres

Fast-Track-Projects

- National proposals concerning IWRM, financing of infrastructure, irrigation, water supply and waste water and sewage treatment etc.
- Co-operation with German water sector
- Preparatory activities for trans-boundary water management

Proposed categories of activities

- River basin management in small basins
- Intersectorial coordination of water use for irrigation and hydropower taking into account climate change and environment
- Institutional support for regional cooperation structures
- Institutional development in selected parts of Syrdarja and Amudarja basins
- International agreement on trans-boundary waters
- Exchange of „good practices“ on water efficiency, water quality and IWRM

Political context

The initiative is closely linked to and shall support the implementation of the objectives set out in the water and environment pillar of the EU strategy for Central Asia;