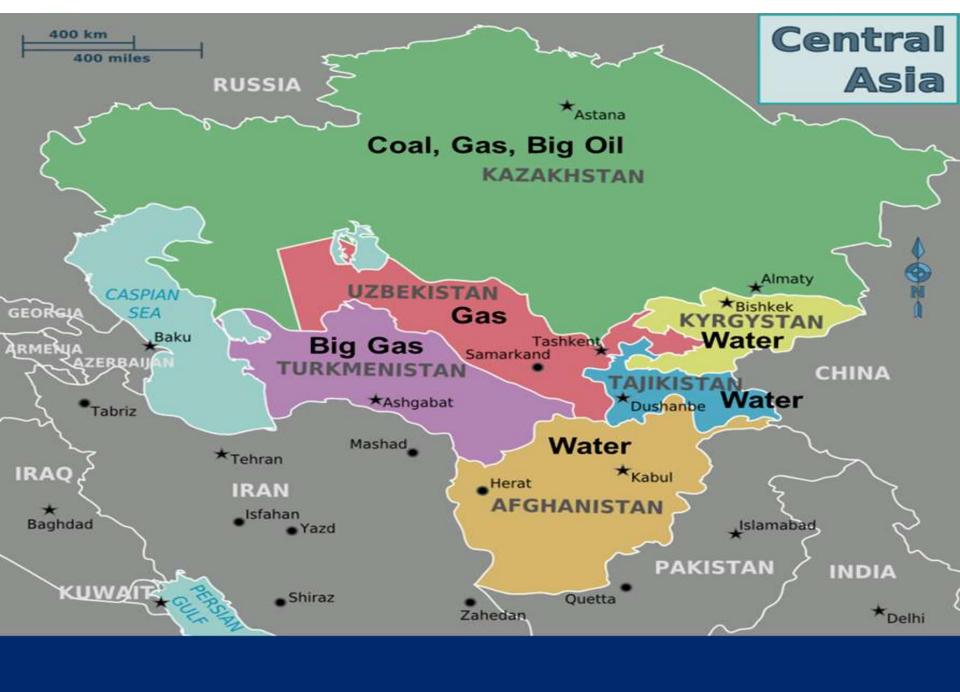


# WEFE nexus in Central Asia

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#### **Regional Connectivity**

Regional Development Cooperation Strategy 2020-2025:

"Enhanced Regional Cooperation on Shared Energy and Water Resources"



### REGIONAL WATER AND VULNERABLE ENVIRONMENT ACTIVITY

- October 2020 September 2025
- \$21.5 million
- Syr Darya and Amu Darya
- All five Central Asian countries
- Economic incentives to cooperate ("cost of inaction")



#### **Key technical interventions:**

- Increase regional networking on education, capacity building, research
- Connecting small basin organizations to higher levels
- Promote adoption of WEAP/LEAP modeling for better decision making
- Improve bilateral regional cooperation





#### **Expected results:**

- 1) WEFE nexus is included into CA universities' curricula
- 2) Small Basin Councils became sustainable
- 3) Bilateral/Regional cooperation on transboundary water management is strengthened
- 4) Decision makers use long term modeling scenarios for climate-smart and sustainable water management.







#### **Opportunities for cooperation**



- Promoting WEAP and LEAP modeling in Central Asia
- http://www.riverbp.net/community\_of\_practice/
- https://www.facebook.com/CentralAsiaForWaterAndEnvironment



## Thank you!

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