

**PROTOCOL OF THE 63RD REGULAR MEETING
OF THE INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR WATER
COORDINATION (ICWC) OF THE REPUBLIC OF
KAZAKHSTAN, KYRGYZ REPUBLIC, REPUBLIC OF
TAJIKISTAN, TURKMENISTAN,
AND THE REPUBLIC OF UZBEKISTAN**

April 18-19, 2014

Tashkent city

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Kdyrniyazov, Burkitbay Tadzhiniyazovich	Head of BWO Amudarya
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Agenda of the 63rd ICWC meeting

Tashkent city, 18-19 April 2014

1. The results of the non-growing season 2013–2014 and approval of water withdrawal limits and reservoir cascade operation modes for the next growing season 2014 within the Amudarya and Syrdarya basins.
2. Discussion of the refined versions of the Concept for Developing Information Exchange and Relationship Mechanisms among its Participants in Central Asia and the Agreement on the Establishment and Functioning of National, Basin and Regional Databases on Integrated Water Use and Protection in the Aral Sea Basin, as well as the Temporary Rules for Usage of the Regional Information System on Water and Land Resources in the Aral Sea Basin.
3. Discussion of the refined versions of Implementation Plan on strengthening ICWC activities in key directions and Strategy for Water Sector Professional Development System Improvement in Central Asian countries.
4. The agenda and venue of the next 64th ICWC meeting.

Additional items

1. Preparation to the 7th World Water Forum
2. Personnel affairs

Decision on the first item:

1. Take into account the report of BWO Amudarya and BWO Syrdarya about the results of the non-growing season 2013-2014 and the water delivery to the riparian states of the Amudarya and Syrdarya basins.

2. Approve the anticipated schedule of operation of reservoir cascade and the limits of water withdrawals of the riparian countries in the Amudarya river basin for the growing season 2014 (Annex 1).

3. Take note of the anticipated regime of Naryn-Syrdarya reservoir cascade for the period from 01.04.2014 to 30.09.2014 (Annex 2).

4. Take appropriate measures in order to ensure water delivery to canals taking water from the Syrdarya river, according to the water withdrawal limits, including to BFC and NFC for the Republic of Tajikistan, and maintain the water level in the Farkhad reservoir and provide water for the Dostyk canal in Kazakhstan part, with necessary water releases from the Toktogul and Kairakkum reservoirs. BWO Syrdarya should agree upon water releases with the OAO “Electrical Stations” of the Kyrgyz Republic. Herewith, the operation regime of the Kairakkum reservoir will be regulated every ten days, depending on inflow at Akdjar gauging station.

Decision on the second item:

1. Take note of the working group’s activity on refinement of the following documents:

- Draft Concept for Developing Information Exchange and Relationship Mechanisms among its Participants in Central Asia;
- Draft Agreement on the Establishment and Functioning of National, Basin and Regional Databases on Integrated Water Use and Protection in the Aral Sea Basin (version 11, March 2006);
- Temporary Rules for Usage of the Regional Information System on Water and Land Resources in the Aral Sea Basin.

2. The refined draft Concept for Developing an Information Network on Water and Related Issues in Central Asia is endorsed, taking into account the comments and suggestions by the Tajik party.

3. The ICWC members shall introduce a draft Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Government of Turkmenistan, and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan “On Information and Analytical Support for Comprehensive Water Resources Management, Use and Protection in the Aral Sea Basin and on Interstate Information Exchange” for consideration of relevant ministries and departments in their respective countries and report on the results of

consultation process at the next ICWC meeting.

4. The ICWC members shall take measures to raise financial resources for further development of national information systems.

Decision on the third item:

1. Take note of the working group's activity on refinement of the following documents:

- Draft Implementation Plan on strengthening ICWC activities in key directions;
- Draft Strategy for Water Sector Professional Development System Improvement in Central Asian countries.

2. The draft Implementation Plan on strengthening ICWC activities in key directions is endorsed, taking into account the comments by the Tajik party, and is recommended for realization.

3. The ICWC members shall take measures to raise financial resources for realization of the Plan.

4. The draft Strategy for Building Capacity on Integrated Water Resources Management in the Central Asian countries (as a project proposal) is agreed and the budget for Phase I is approved.

5. Authorize SIC ICWC to submit the project proposal "Strategy for Building Capacity on Integrated Water Resources Management in the Central Asian countries" on Phase I for donors' consideration.

Decision on the fourth item:

1. Hold the next 64th ICWC meeting in the Dushanbe city in the Republic of Uzbekistan during the first ten-day of July 2014.

2. Adopt an agenda of the next 64th ICWC meeting.

Agenda of the next 64th ICWC meeting

1. Fulfillment of water withdrawal limits and operation regimes of the reservoir cascades in the Amudarya and Syrdarya basins over the growing season 2014.

2. Discussion of proposals and comments received from national ministries and departments on the draft Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic, the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Government of Turkmenistan, and the Government of the Republic of Uzbekistan "On Information and Analytical Support for Comprehensive Water

Resources Management, Use and Protection in the Aral Sea Basin and on Interstate Information Exchange”.

3. Agenda and venue of the next 65th ICWC meeting.

Decision on the first additional item:

1. Recommend ICWC members to take active part in the preparatory process to the 7th World Water Forum (WWF).
2. Apply to GWP CACENA and other development partners for support in actions to be undertaken under preparatory process to WWF7.
3. Take note of information from the Tajik party about their readiness to organize a regional conference under preparatory process to WWF7 in the Dushanbe city in the first ten-day period in July 2014 combined with the 64th ICWC meeting.
4. ICWC members should submit their ideas about this event to ICWC Secretariat during one week.

Decision on the second additional item:

1. Relieve Kdyrniyazov Burkitbay Tajiniyazovich of his post of the head of BWO Amudarya as he will be transferring to another appointment.
2. Appoint the deputy head of BWO Amudarya Makhramov Makhmud Yakhshibaevich as the acting head of BWO Amudarya.
3. Relieve Gapharov Bakhrom Abdulaphizovich of his post of the head of ICWC Secretariat as he will be transferring to another appointment.
4. Appoint the before acting head of ICWC Secretariat Babadjanova Malika Pulatovna as the head of ICWC Secretariat.

Signatures:

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