

Terms of reference of the Coordination Group on a Regional Space for Information on Water, Energy, Environment and Hydro-meteorology

- The Coordination Group has been set up following Decision No. 3 of the Inter-State Commission on Sustainable development adopted on 3 April 2014 in which it requested the UNECE to organize a meeting on the development of a unified information space on environmental protection for sustainable development in Central Asia.
- The Coordination Group also takes into account in its work the Concept for the development of an information network on the questions of water resources management in Central Asia adopted at the 63rd meeting of ICWC on 18-19 April 2014.
- The Group is an informal advisory body providing advice and recommendations to organisations and institutions that may wish to participate as providers or users of information in the development of the regional information space.
- The aim of the Group is to discuss and develop proposals for the development of a regional space for information on the environment, water management, energy, hydrology and related issues in the sub-region
- The Group focuses on issues within the mandates of the regional organizations that participate in it.
- The Group operates on the basis of consensus. Its meetings are chaired by its participants on a rotational basis.
- The Group does not take decisions that create legal or financial obligations.
- The Group is composed of the representatives of the Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea, the Secretariat and the Scientific and Information Centre of the Inter-State Commission on Sustainable Development, the Secretariat and the Scientific and Information Centre of the Inter-State Commission for Water Coordination, BVO Amudarya, BVO Syrdarya, the Coordination and Dispatch Centre “Energo”, the Regional Centre for Hydro-meteorology and the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia.
- Recommendations of the Group may be transmitted by its participants or by written communication to the senior management of organisations and institutions that are represented in it.

- The Group, as a rule, provides advice and recommendations to the Governments of Central Asian countries indirectly, through the organisations and institutions that participate in its work.
- The Group may decide to hold a special session to which representatives of interested donors and/or representatives of the Governments of Central Asian countries may be invited.
- The meetings of the Group – including its agenda and background documents – are prepared by a Working Group.