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Base (Phase II)**

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Introduction

Given project is aimed to improve the main products of the CAREWIB Project - the portal and the information system - by involving of the water community from the EECCA countries into the established network and by exchanging information and experience.

On 11th of December 2008, during a meeting of stakeholders in Moscow, the representatives of water organizations from Central Asia, Russia, Ukraine, Byelorussia, Azerbaijan, and Armenia decided to open a network of water organizations from the EECCA countries.

Activities in 2009 were focused on the development of the network of water organizations from Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (NWO EECCA) by (a) enhancing information exchange inside the network; and (b) involving Caucasus in the network activities, transferring the CAREWIB's experience and initiating a CAREWIB analog in South Caucasus.

By the end of April 2010, as much as 39 organizations have already joined the network. In support of the network activities, a web-site was opened to exchange information among members of the network. The NWO EECCA activity was presented at a number of prestigious international forums, such as the 5th Asian Regional Conference of ICID, the 8th General Assembly of INBO, the International scientific-practical conference dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the land reclamation science in Russia and the 85th anniversary of VNIIGiM Institute, the international forum "Drop of water is a grain of gold". The regional coordinator of CWP CACENA V.Sokolov was elected to the INBO Liaison Bureau as a representative of NWO EECCA. This allows us to hope on an interest and support of the global water community.

A work meeting of representatives from Uzbekistan, Russia and South Caucasus countries was held in the city of Tashkent in April 8-9, 2010. The participants exchanged their expertise and discussed a possibility of creating the South Caucasus regional portal for water information exchange based on experience of the Central Asia regional water-environmental portal and the information system on water and land resources in the Aral Sea basin - CAREWIB.

Project activity during the reporting period

During the reporting period, the following work was completed:

- Focal (contact) points established in participating countries:
 - Russia – Center for Water Inventory and Cadastre
 - Byelorussia – Central Research Institute for multipurpose water use
 - Ukraine – Seversk-Donets BAIS
 - Central Asia – SIC ICWC
 - In South Caucasus countries, the information is to be disseminated by REC-Caucasus.

- Using the CMS, the web-site (www.cawater-info.net/russian_water_network/) was created for the support of the NOW EECCA network activity (Fig. 1). Information is being inputted on the site (information of the network's members and from open Internet sources). The following sections were opened (in brackets - amount of published materials by the end of April):
 - News (273)
 - Articles (11)
 - Publications (*information about published books, brochures, monographs, etc.*) (81)
 - Periodicals (*information about journals and newspapers*) (23)
 - Information products (28)
 - Water sector history (22)
 - Briefly about the network's members (24)

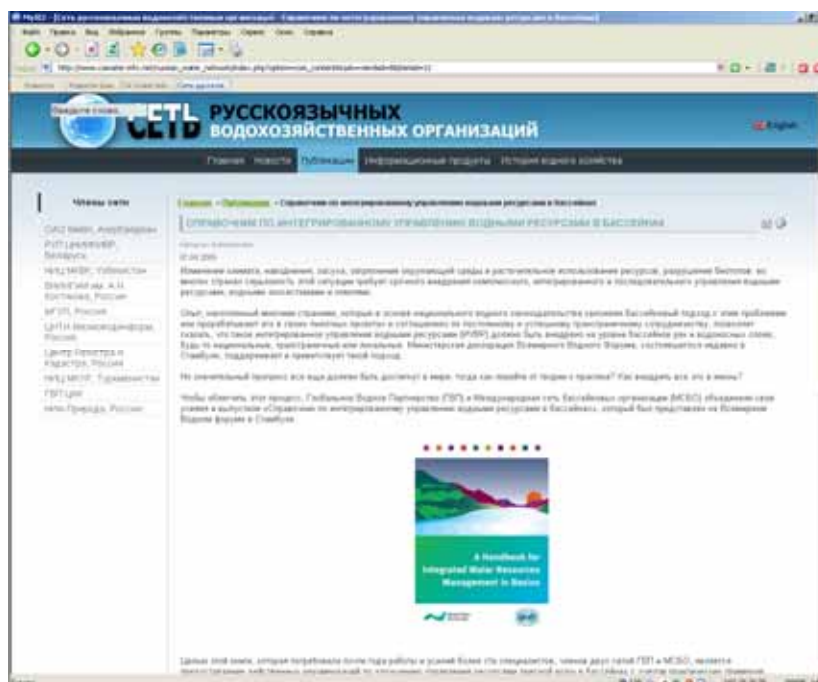


Fig. 1 – General view of the NWO EECCA web-site

- A special leaflet (both in Russian and English) was prepared, replicated and disseminated for propaganda of given project activities and of NWO EECCA.
- The NWO EECCA was presented at the International scientific-practical conference dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the land reclamation science in Russia and the 85th anniversary of the All-Russian Hydraulic Engineering and Land Reclamation Research Institute (VNIIGiM) named by A.N.Kostyakov (November 24-25, 2009, Moscow, Russia). The participants appreciated highly the activity of SIC ICWC, particularly under the projects such as CAREWIB and IWRM-Fergana and expressed positive opinions regarding the portal CAWater-Info and the useful results of IWRM implementation in the region¹.
- The NWO EECCA activity was viewed and supported also at the 5th Asian Regional Conference of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) and the 60th ICID Executive Committee meeting (December 6-12, 2009, Delhi, India). The Central Asian delegation took part in the session of the work team on climate change, had a meeting with the ICID President and the General Secretary, and participated in the special work team “ST Aral”, where they discussed work results together with foreign colleagues. The meeting underlined the great importance of ICWC work in developing the information system CAREWIB, training activity, as well as the success in IWRM development and irrigation system automation. The participants of this work team meeting have prepared a proposal on transformation of “ST Aral” into the work team “Irrigation and drainage in the countries of socio-economic transformation” due to expiry of the term of the former. The proposal was reported by Prof. V.A.Dukhovny at the meeting of permanent committee on strategic planning. Further on, the proposal was incorporated into a report to ICID Executive Council and approved. Prof. P.I.Kovalenko, ICID Vice-president was elected as the Chairman of the work team, while Honorable ICID Vice-president Prof. V.A.Dukhovny as his Deputy Chairman.² (Fig. 2).
- The NWO EECCA was presented at the 8th General Assembly of International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO) (Dakar, Senegal, January 21-23, 2010) and widely supported. The regional coordinator of CWP CACENA V.Sokolov was elected to the INBO Liaison Bureau as a representative of the Network of water organizations from Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia³ (Fig. 3).

¹ See conference report in detail on <http://sic.icwc-aral.uz/releases/rus/169.htm>

² See report on 5th Asian Regional Conference on <http://sic.icwc-aral.uz/releases/rus/170.htm>

³ See report on 8th GA INBO on <http://sic.icwc-aral.uz/releases/rus/173.htm>

«Dakar Declaration» and GA Resolution are available on www.cawater-info.net/int_org/inbo/activity.htm



Fig. 2 – Special session on the Aral Sea basin «Water and food security in Central Asia» during the 5th Asian Regional Conference of ICID



Fig. 3 – Plenary session of the INBO General Assembly

- The NWO EECCA was presented as well at the International Forum “Drop of water is a grain of gold” (Ashkhabad, Turkmenistan, April 2-4, 2010), where representatives from Russia, Ukraine, Byelorussia, Turkey, Israel, and Central Asia participated. The Project manager I.Beglov made presentation of the portal CAWater-Info and of NWO EECCA.
- An e-conference was held (via e-mail) enabling the identification of future development lines for the project, particularly for NWO EECCA (Annex 2).
- Information about staff of water-management organizations in Central Asia, Russia, Byelorussia, Ukraine, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Armenia, and Georgia was inputted into the database “Who is who in the water sector”. The database is available on-line both in Russian and English (www.cawater-info.net/whoiswho/)

- A work meeting was held with representatives from Uzbekistan, Russia and South Caucasus in the city of Tashkent in April 8-9, 2010. The participants exchanged their expertise and discussed a possibility of creating a regional portal for exchange of information on water resources of South Caucasus based on experience of the Central Asia regional water-environmental portal and the regional information system on water and land resources in the Aral Sea basin – CAREWIB.

The following presentations were made during the meeting:

- Uzbekistan on the way of overcoming the Aral Sea crisis (Prof. V.A.Dukhovny, SIC ICWC)
- Central Asian water and environmental knowledge portal - CAWater-Info as a striking example of the regional cooperation (I. Beglov, SIC ICWC)
- The Russian-speaking Network of Water Organizations (I. Beglov, SIC ICWC)
- Demonstrating the IS CAREWIB capabilities (D. Sorokin, SIC ICWC)
- The analytical tools of CAREWIB (A. Sorokin, SIC ICWC)
- State of and needs for water-environmental information in Azerbaijan (A. Yusifova, Ministry of environment and natural resources, Azerbaijan Republic)
- Water resources management in Armenia (G. Zakaryan, Ministry of Environmental Conservation, Water Management Agency, Republic of Armenia)
- The information system of the Armenia's State Water Cadastre (V. Tonoyan, Republic of Armenia)
- Review of water-environmental information and its exchange in Georgia (Z. Djincharadze, Zoi Environment Network, Tbilisi office, Georgia)
- Experience in water-related information integration and the information exchange in South Caucasus (Z. Djincharadze, Zoi Environment Network, Tbilisi office, Georgia)
- The regional initiatives towards the sustainable development of REC-Caucasus (M. Shukurova, REC-Caucasus, Georgia)
- State of and needs for water-environmental information in the Russian Federation (N. Rudnitskaya, FSUE «Russian water use and protection research institute»)



Fig. 3 – Work meeting with representatives of Uzbekistan, Russia and South Caucasus

Having discussed the presentations and exchanged opinions, the participants have made finally the following

DECISIONS:

1. Recognize an importance of the information and professional integration of water experts, users and interested parties in the EECCA countries.
2. Recognize the expertise of SIC ICWC in information exchange, IWRM implementation, regional and national information systems development under CAREWIB, etc.
3. Acknowledge a quite high degree of elaboration of information systems in South Caucasus countries, as well as financial instability and dependence on donors' support.
4. Given the absence in South Caucasus of a basin water commission similar to ICWC and the difficult political situation, start developing the portal and IS on South Caucasus on the base of and with the involvement of non-governmental organizations.
5. Zoi takes an obligation to develop draft model of information exchange, design architecture of the portal and submit this to all interested parties.
6. The participants should submit to their respective ministries and departments proposals on the development of water and environmental information network in South Caucasus in order to identify potential members.
7. After discussion and agreement by all the parties, Zoi under support of UNECE shall prepare draft proposal for financing and submit it to donors.
8. The participants expressed their view regarding inclusion into the information exchange of all on-going relevant projects in this sub-region (Kura-Arax, phase 2, EC-financed, etc.), as well as planned ones (UNDP/GEF).

9. Make special mention of SIC's efforts in developing the network of water organizations in EECCA countries (NWO EECCA). The participants support the idea to join the network and undertake to consider this question in their country organizations.

10. The participants express gratitude to UNECE and the Government of the Russian Federation for the support of this event and to SIC ICWC for organization.

Lessons learnt

1. An information system on water use and management was developed in each country in South Caucasus. All the IS's were developed under the donor-financed projects. The common problem for all the IS's is that their functioning depends on financial support under the projects and, usually, discontinues upon completion of the project financing. Thus, one of challenges in developing the national/regional information systems is achieving the sustainability of IS's upon completion of donor financing.

2. Most information systems developed in EECCA countries are built by basin principle as opposed to the IS CAREWIB, which presents information by province in CA countries. In the future, we should envisage presentation of information by basin in IS CAREWIB. This would be especially relevant in view of the large-scale implementation of integrated water resources management in the Aral Sea basin countries.

Work planned for 2010

1. Organize a workshop with participation of NWO EECCA members during the international congress ECWATEC-2010 in order to summarize on work done, exchange knowledge and share experience, and set tasks for the future.

2. Disseminate information, share knowledge and experiences among network members - water organizations in Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, Byelorussia, South Caucasus, and Central Asia.

3. Involve more water organizations from Central Asia in the network activities.

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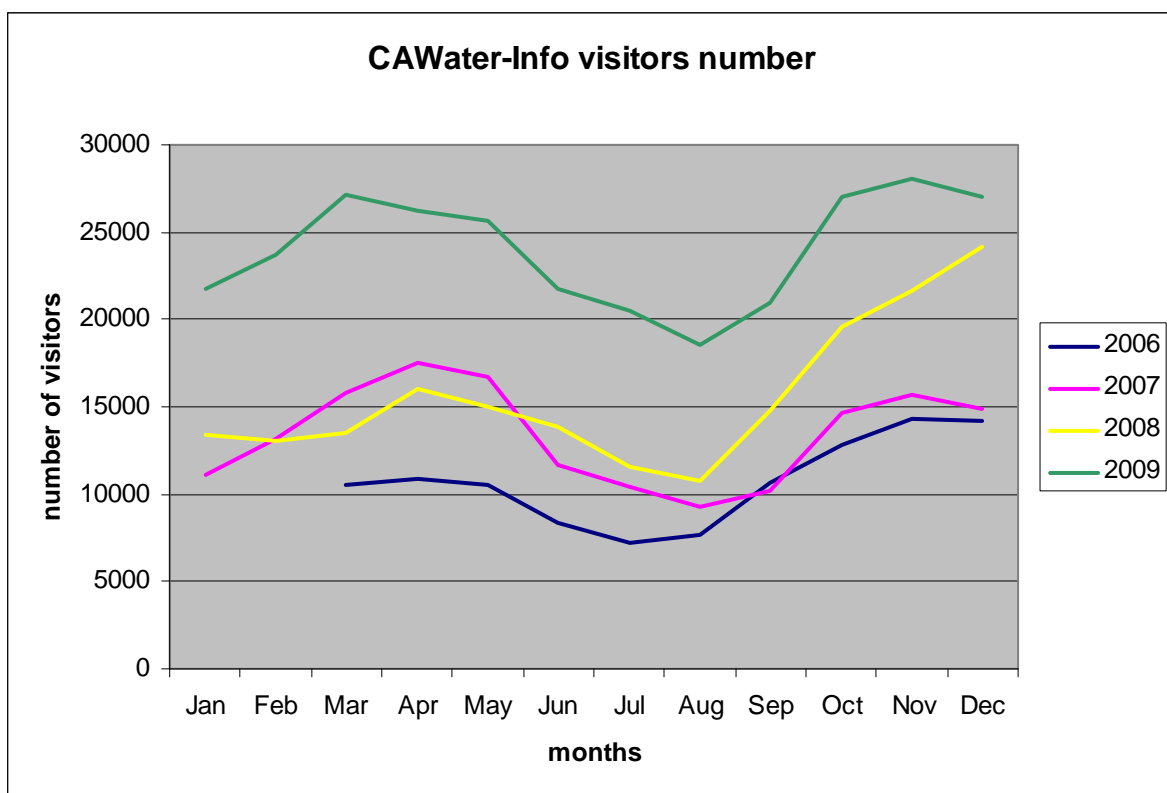
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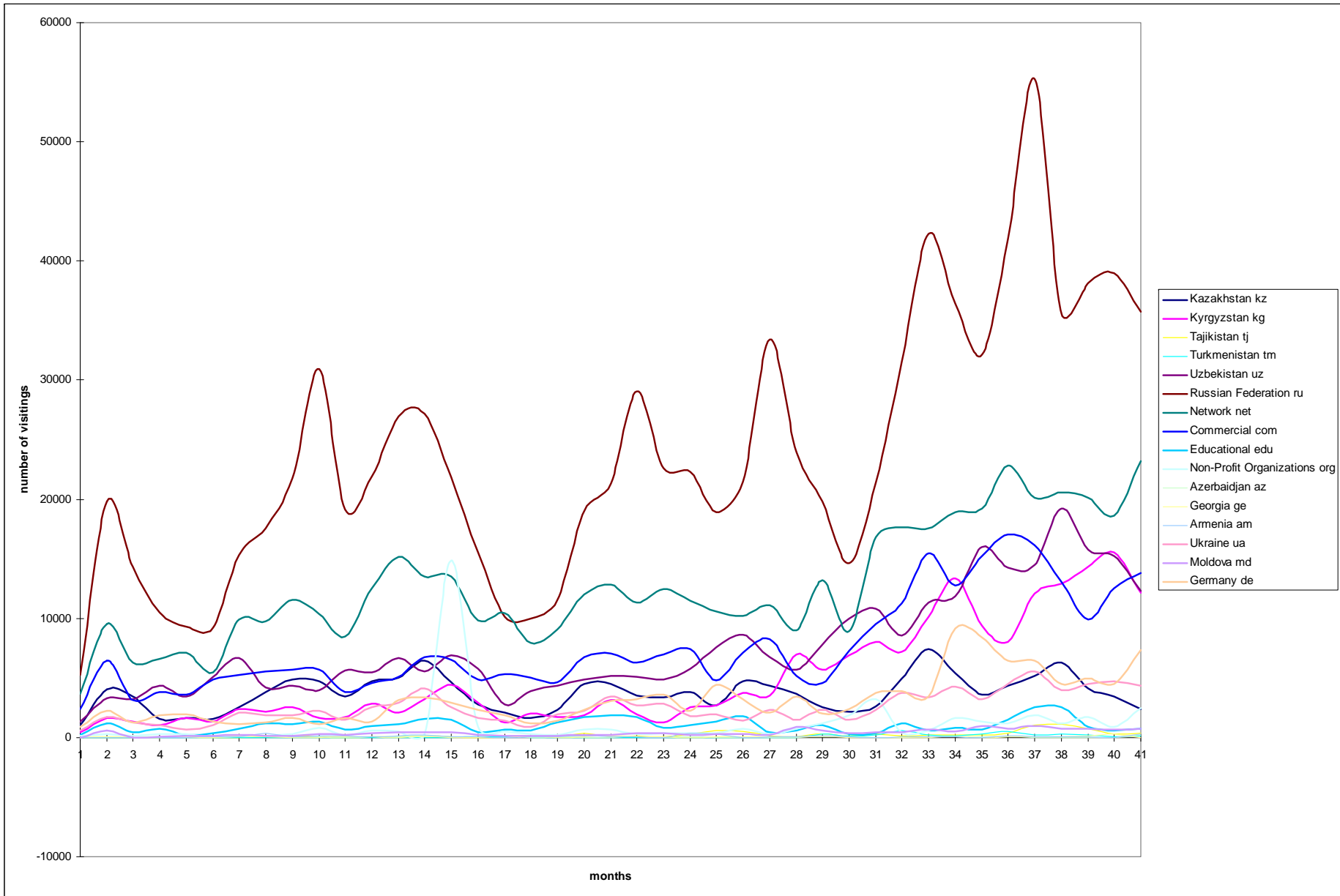
Annex 2. Visit statistics

Visit statistics for the portal CAWater-Info (August 2009-February 2010)

The generalized curves of the portal visits number per month for some years are shown in the Fig. 1. Decrease of visits caused by vacations is observed in summer. Moreover the visit numbers are unequal during the week: in the weekend (Saturday and Sunday) the visits decrease.

The visit number of countries across the region and popular domains is shown in the Fig. 2.





Annex 3. Summary of e-conference results

1. Which method for disseminating information about activities of the Russian-speaking network of water organizations is more convenient for you?

- E-newsletter – 87.5%
- Web-site of the network – 62.5%
- Dissemination via national contact (focal) points – 25%
- Printed bulletin sent by post – 12.5%

2. How frequently would you like to receive information?

- 1-2 times a week – 50%
- 1-2 times a month – 50%

3 . How frequently do you visit the network web-site?

- 1-2 times a month – 50%
- 1-2 times a week – 37.5%
- Every day – 12.5%

3. Which of the web-site's sections are the most useful for you and most frequently visited by you?

- News – 100%
- Articles – 87.5%
- Publications (*information about published books, brochures, monographs, etc.*) – 62.5%
- Periodical (*information about journals and newspapers*) – 50%
- Information products – 50%
- History of the water sector – 25%

4. In your opinion, which sections should be included on the web-site in the future?

- Innovation water-conservation technologies for small-scale associations of private farms,
- monographs,

5. In your opinion, which organization in your country is the most suitable for acting as a contact (focal) point? Who could represent in your country the interests of water experts within the framework of the exchange network?

Reskomvodkhoz Ukraine, Central Research Institute for multipurpose water use in Byelorussia, the Kyrgyz Irrigation Research Institute, SIC ICWC, Uzbekistan (2), Turkmengiprovodkhoz in Turkmenistan.

6. Which measures could be implemented within the framework of the exchange network?

- development of transboundary water sharing and protection strategies – 75%
- efficient water use – 75%
- data exchange via Internet – 75%

- holding of various workshops, trainings, meetings and round tables with representation of different agencies – 50%
- discussion of spatial river runoff re-distribution issues – 50%
- publishing of collected articles «Water and Education» – 50%
- involvement of mass media – 37.5%
- creation of information centers – 25%
- matching of software and databases – 25%

7. Which materials could you provide for the network and to what purpose?

- Exchange of information – 75%
- Propaganda of your ideas – 50%
- Search of partners – 50%
- Boost of international image – 37.5%
- Advertisement – 25%

8. Your comments and wishes

- Further development of IS CAREWIB, including in part of
 - Accessibility of GIS
 - Expansion of analytical tools of IS
 - Spread-out of DB on the Aral Sea (+ Small Sea)
- Spread-out of the knowledge base on water law

Annex 4. List of the work meeting's participants

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