

Preface

Dear readers,

We are pleased to present the sixth edition of the Water Yearbook: Central Asia and Around the Globe. The year 2022 was marked by the 30th anniversary of the Interstate Commission for Water Coordination of Central Asia (ICWC). The [Jubilee Conference](#) took stock of ICWC activities and paved the way for future coordinated actions for the integrated and rational use and protection of transboundary water resources.

The other notable big events included also the [Second International High-Level Conference](#) on the International Decade for Action “Water for Sustainable Development”, 2018-2028, the [High-Level Central Asian Dialogue](#) on Climate Change and Resilience, and the [Fifth Central Asian Expert Forum](#) ([Section 1](#)).

In 2022, the IFAS Board held [two meetings](#). The mandate of the current IFAS President Emomali Rahmon was extended to one year by the decision of the Heads of IFAS Founding States made at their [4th Consultative Meeting](#). The EC IFAS led the work on the institutional and legal improvement of IFAS and the implementation of projects and programs under the ASBP-4. The ICWC held its [two regular meetings](#). The ICSD met in March and [passed](#) the chairmanship from the Republic of Uzbekistan to the Republic of Kazakhstan for 2022-2024 ([Section 3](#)).

The Central Asian countries continued cooperating within the framework of the Chu-Talas Water Commission between Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, the Kazakh-Uzbek Joint Working Group on Environment Protection and Water Quality in the Syr Darya River Basin, and the joint Turkmen-Uzbek Intergovernmental Commission for Water. Trilateral water arrangements were reached between Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Uzbekistan and between Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. The Treaty between Turkmenistan and Kazakhstan on delimitation of the border and fishing zones in the Caspian Sea came into force ([Section 4](#)).

The Yearbook presents also the key water developments in the Central Asian countries ([Section 5](#)) and all over the world ([Section 11](#)), the activities of the United Nations and its agencies ([Section 6](#)), international water organizations ([Section 7](#)), and international partners ([Section 8](#)) in the region.

Such topics as water and environmental education in the region and activities of research institutes in EECCA are highlighted in [Sections 9](#) and [10](#).

The Thematic Reviews ([Section 12](#)) include the analytical information on climate change, progress in achieving the SDGs on IWRM and transboundary water cooperation in CA, the Qosh-Tepa Canal in Afghanistan, the CA countries activity on biodiversity, and the international experience in public-private partnerships in the irrigation sector.

Traditionally, we finalize the Water Yearbook with the list of key publications, the information on Central Asia water awards, risks in 2023, the people we lost in 2022, and the 2023 calendar of events.

In concluding, we express our thanks for all the inputs provided to this joint product.

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