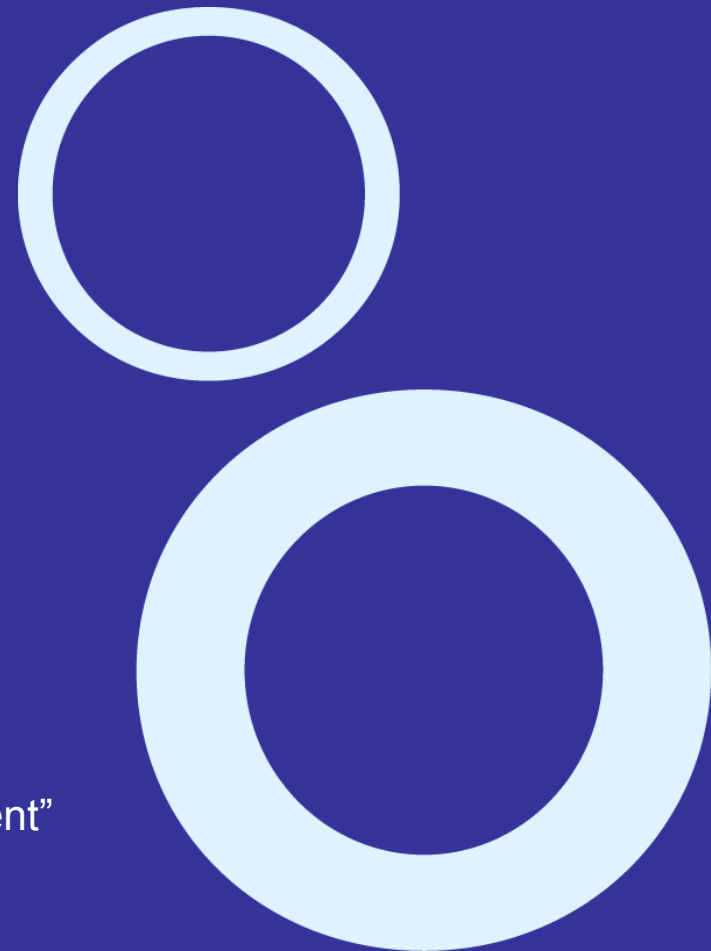


Establishment of a regional Water Operators' Partnerships (WOP) platform for Central Asian and Caucasus countries

Regional Workshop on “Capacity Development, Water
Operators' Partnerships and Financing of NRW Management”
7-9 July, Dushanbe, Republic of Tajikistan



WOP-Central Asia and Caucasus Platform - Objective

Support water and sanitation operators in the region in the establishment and implementation of WOPs

Enable the sharing of experiences and capacity development activities at the national, regional and international levels

Liaise with IFIs and development agencies to facilitate financial linkages for follow-up short and long-term investments



WOP-Central Asia and Caucasus Platform - Governance

Platform Membership:

State Enterprises, individual public & private water and sanitation operators, CBOs, professional water associations, IFIs & development agencies, NGOs, academia, civil society...

Targeted countries in the regions (mentors & mentees),
countries from outside the region (mentors)



WOP-Central Asia and Caucasus Platform - Governance



Platform Steering Committee:

Water and sanitation operators from the region, donors and supporting institutions, NGO, civil society

Provide guidance and support in the implementation of the platforms' workplan and pipeline of activities

Meets once a year (on the occasion of major regional event)

Interim Steering Committee for kick-off period 2014-2015 (on a voluntary basis) – rotational elections



WOP-Central Asia and Caucasus Platform - Governance



Platform Secretariat:

Hosted by a national or regional institution related to water and sanitation operators

Supported by GWOPA and donors

Coordinates the work of the platform in consultation with SC and platform members – technical regional coordinator

Interim Secretariat for kick-off period 2014-2015 (expressions of interest until 30 September)



WOP-Central Asia and Caucasus Platform - Governance



Platform requirements for WOPs:

Water operators (mentors & mentees) engaged in WOPs sign a MoU of FoC

Water operators (mentors & mentees) engaged in WOPs sign the GWOPA code of conduct

Water operators (mentors & mentees) engaged in WOPs create Operator Profile and WOP profile in GWOPA's database

Progress and final evaluation reports & case studies are made available in the public domain



WOP-Central Asia and Caucasus Platform - **Activities**



Preparation of workplan of activities and pipeline of WOPs

Organization of matchmaking/brokering events for WOPs

Regional thematic workshops for capacity development (such as NRW workshop in Dushanbe)

Training of Trainers (TOTs)

Advocacy, outreach & dissemination of WOP practice and results in regional and international fora



WOP-Central Asia and Caucasus Platform – WOP Themes

- Efficient company management & Performance Improvement Plans
- Water Safety Plans
- Waste water treatment / plant refurbishment
- Water demand management
- Non-accounted for water, billing systems
- Commercial management, procurement
- Information system
- Energy efficiency
- Operation and rehabilitation of systems
- Rural water and sanitation
- Adaptation to climate variability and change,...



WOP-Central Asia and Caucasus Platform – Potential partners

World Bank

EBRD

ADB

JICA

USAID

Swiss Cooperation

SUEN

Waterlinks

UNDP, UNECE, WHO, OSCE

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