

REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL CENTRAL ASIAN COUNTRIES AND AFGHANISTAN PARTICIPATE IN THE WORLD WATER WEEK

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Central Asia is a key geopolitical region, which lays between Europe, Middle East, South and East Asia. 25 years of independent development after dissolution of the Soviet Union brought changes on many aspects in the countries, however more enhanced cooperation in addressing environmental and water management challenges remains crucial for future sustainability of the region.

Interest across Central Asia to both learn from other relevant experience and share their own experiences and contribute to international efforts to combat the world's escalating water crisis continues to grow.

In this context, the Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) has organized a high-level delegation of decision-makers from the Central Asian states, while Stockholm International Water Institute SIWI provides a water diplomacy training for the delegation on August 30, during World Water Week, and convene a development meeting with European MFAs (Finland, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland and the USA)

The Republic of Tajikistan presents its pavilion at the World Water Week dedicated to the global initiative "Water for Sustainable Development", adopted by the UN General Assembly in December 2016. During the week, the pavilion serves as a place for corresponding discussions and exhibitions.

Delegation

Representatives from the national water and environment agencies, MFAs and Members of Parliaments from each of the five Central Asian countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, CAREC experts.

Background

CAREC is a non-profit international organization assisting the Central Asian governments, regional and international stakeholders in addressing environmental and sustainability challenges across Central Asia. By promoting dialogue and collaboration among all environmental stakeholders, CAREC has today become a leading regional knowledge hub in the field of environment and sustainable development recognized by national, regional and international partners.

The organization was established by the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as the European Union and UNDP in accordance with the decision of the Fourth Pan-European Conference held in 1998 in Aarhus, Denmark.

For more than 16 years, the organization has carried out more than 230 projects for a total of 48 million euros. Thematic areas of work: climate change, water resources, environmental management, public health in the context of the environment, education for sustainable development.

Building on the ongoing cooperation between SIWI and CAREC, anchored in a Memorandum of Understanding on transboundary water management and water diplomacy SIWI hosted the first ever regional Central Asia delegation at the 2016 World Water Week.

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