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# **The Network of Water Management Organizations from the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia: Opportunities to Cooperate**

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# EECCA NWO

- Established in 11 December 2008 to exchange ideas, experiences & information on water management issues with a view of revitalising scientific and practical capacity of water management in the EECCA region
- Administrated by JSC “Vodstroy” in Moscow & SIC ICWC in Tashkent (Secretariat)
- Close partnership with INBO
- Supported by



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Russian Federation



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## Main activities:



# Membership Profile

86 organizations from 13 countries



## Diversity of membership



# INFORMATION COLLECTION

# Information & Knowledge Collection

- Information related to IWRM (including new publications and events) is collected on a daily basis from open sources and received from the Network members and partners;
- Collection of rare books in Russian language is maintained: 37 books digitized in 2019; Total – almost 900 rare books.
- Compilation and publication of policy and legal frameworks on IWRM and transboundary waters concluded across Europe and Asia since 1992;
- Interactive online tool “Atlas of water management and environmental organisations on EECCA countries” (<http://atlas.cawater-info.net/base/index>) is developed to facilitate access for key stakeholders in the region; 118 organisations included;
- 68 sections of the Knowledge Database translated into English in 2019 ([http://cawater-info.net/bk/index\\_e.htm](http://cawater-info.net/bk/index_e.htm));

## Water in Central Asia

The screenshot shows the CAWATERinfo website's Knowledge Base section. At the top, the CAWATERinfo logo is on the left, and navigation links (MAP, SEARCH, DO-PYCKE) are on the right. Below the logo is a dark blue navigation bar with links: NEWS, DATABASE, ANALYTICS, TOOLS, KNOWLEDGE BASE, WATER WORLD, and PROJECTS. The main heading 'KNOWLEDGE BASE' is in large blue letters. Below this is a banner image of old books. To the right of the books is a vertical menu with links: PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ESSAYS, THEMATIC KNOWLEDGE BASES, KNOWLEDGE TOOLS, and MULTIMEDIA. Below the banner is a green bar with the text 'Hierarchical Classification System of the Knowledge Base'. Under this is a small icon of a filing cabinet and a text box explaining the system. At the bottom is a 3x5 grid of 15 colored boxes, each representing a category in the classification system.

**KNOWLEDGE BASE**

**Hierarchical Classification System of the Knowledge Base**

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List of headings is a hierarchical classification system, which is applied to systematize documents and represent them in databases and information publications.

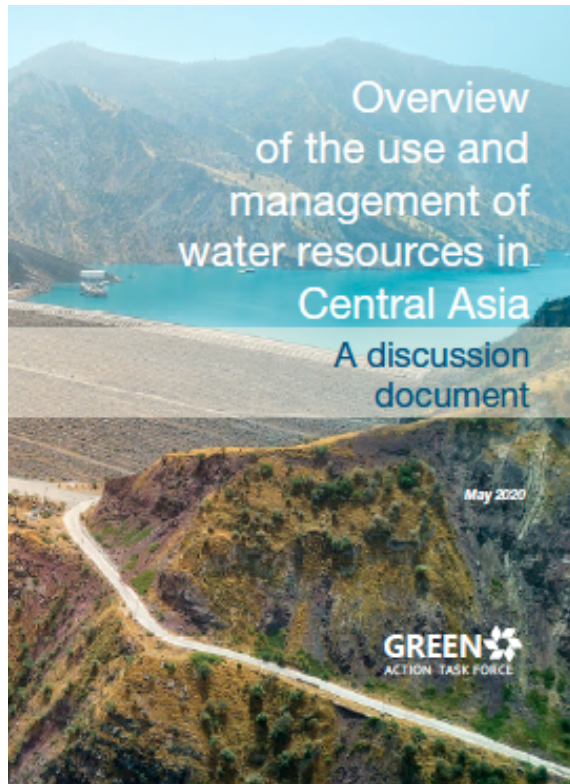
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6. HYDROECOLOGY	7. CLIMATE CHANGE	8. WATER GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT	9. WATER LAW AND POLICY	10. ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS
11. WATER AND EDUCATION	12. WATER AND ETHICS	13. DECISION SUPPORT	14. SUSTAINABLE	15. GENDER AND GENDER

# **EVIDENCE & POLICY ADVICE**

# Enhancing evidence-base for policy-making

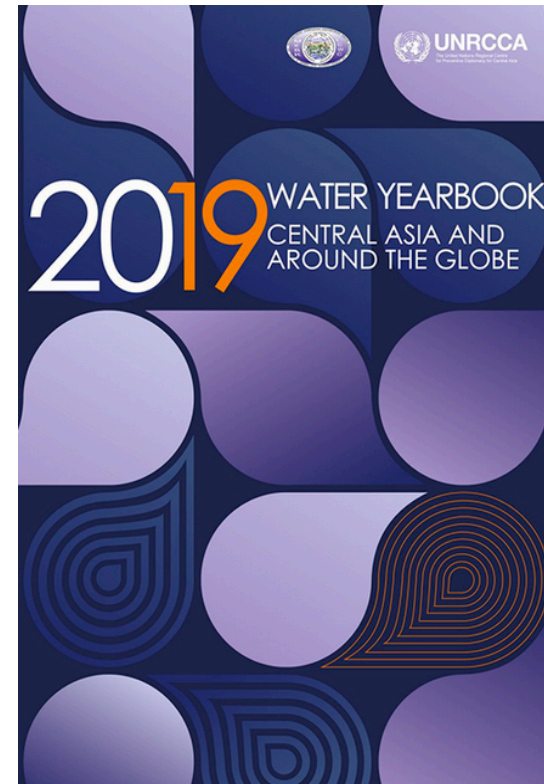
- ***scientific papers*** written by the Network members in 2019 (28 articles on issues related to water management, land reclamation, environment under the climate change; and 31 articles on issues related to science and innovation in water security);
- ***thematic discussions and exchanges*** between the Network experts on topical issues related to water efficiency, financing the water sector, climate change impact on water, water and energy nexus, transboundary cooperation and institutions, stakeholder engagement, inter-basin water transfer, BRI impact on water resources and ecosystems in the region, Afghanistan water requirements;
- ***surveys*** are conducted: (1) to determine a priority research agenda on water management related topics in the region; (2) to reveal the need for a regional expert platform serving as a regional think tank
- ***joint assessments*** ...

# The Network's experts participated in developing joint assessments:



2020 OECD/SIC-  
ICWC Diagnostic  
Studies on Water  
Resources Use in  
Central Asia

[https://issuu.com/oecd.publishing/docs/final\\_report\\_eng\\_issuu](https://issuu.com/oecd.publishing/docs/final_report_eng_issuu)



Water  
Yearbook:  
Central Asia and  
around the  
Globe for 2017-  
2019.

[http://cawater-info.net/yearbook/index\\_e.htm](http://cawater-info.net/yearbook/index_e.htm)



# The Network's experts contributed:

- **To development new legislations and policies:**
  - National Programme on Water Resources Management in Kazakhstan for 2020-2030;
  - Tajikistan: 2019 Law on Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation; Water Code 2020;
  - Uzbekistan: Concept on Water Sector Development for 2020-2030; Concept on Improving Water Supply and Sanitation Sector for 2020-2035; Degree on introduction of payments for water services.
- **To institutional strengthening:**
  - WMO in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan
  - Initiated expert discussions on establishment of a water and energy consortium in CA
  - Regional institutions (IFAS).

Website | Publications | Newsletters | Conferences

# **KEY INFORMATION DISSEMINATION AND AWARENESS RAISING CHANNELS**



www.eecca-water.net

- More than **200** visitors per day
- About **20** entries daily
- About **300+** scientific articles published since 2013
- On-line "Atlas of water-management and environmental organizations in Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia" <http://atlas.cawater-info.net/base/index>



Атлас водохозяйственных и экологических организаций стран  
Восточной Европы, Кавказа и Центральной Азии

База данных Об Атласе Добавить данные Войти

Карта Спутник

Поиск в базе данных

Тип организации  
Все

Страна  
Все

Получить результаты

Легенда

- Узбекистан
- Казахстан
- Туркменистан
- Таджикистан
- Кыргызстан
- Беларусь
- Украина
- Молдова
- Армения
- Азербайджан
- Грузия
- Россия

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# Publications

## Scientific Collections:

- “Challenges of River Basin Management in the context of Climate Change” (2017)
- “Water for Land Reclamation, Economic Sectors and Natural Environment in the context of Climate Change” Part 1 and 2 (2018)
- “Science and Innovations for Water Security” Part 1 and 2 (2019)

**Others:** Agreements on transboundary waters concluded by European and Asian states from 1992 till 2019



# INBO Newsletters & IOWater News in Russian



# Weekly Newsletters

- News on water, environment, irrigation
- Sent to 64 recipients via emails;
- Online: [www.cawater-info.net/information-exchange/e-bulletins.htm](http://www.cawater-info.net/information-exchange/e-bulletins.htm)





# Annual conferences

- **2013** | Moscow | “Community of Water Professionals – A Framework for Interstate Water Cooperation”
- **2015** | Minsk | “Water Conservation and Water Use Efficiency”
- **2016** | Almaty | “Cultural and Educational Aspects of Water Management in the EECCA countries”
- **2017** | Moscow | “Challenges of River Basin Management Problems in context of Climate Change”
- **2018** | Tashkent | “Water for Land Reclamation, Economic Sectors and Natural Environment in the Context of Climate Change”
- **2019** | Yekaterinburg | “Science and Innovations for Water Security”
- **2020/21** | Online | Transboundary Cooperation Lessons in EECCA Countries



- Developing new ways of networking such as joint assessment
- Enhancing science-policy interface
- Enhancing synergies and building alliances and partnerships

## **FUTURE DIRECTIONS**

# Joint assessment to inform policy agenda setting



**Do we talk about  
WATER from the main  
word tribune?**

How matters related to water, environment and transboundary cooperation are reflected in statements of the EECCA countries at the UN General Assembly general debates.

# Statements at the UN General Assembly: 1992-2020

## TOP-10 the most discussed issues by KAZAKHSTAN

1. Nuclear demilitarization (27/28)
2. Vision of the world order (26/28)
3. UN – role and reforms (26/28)
4. Regional security entities (CBMDA) (23/28)
5. **Central Asia (22/28)**
6. Situation in Afghanistan (19/28)
7. Terrorism, extremism narcotics (18/28)
8. National identity (17/28)
9. **Aral sea problem (16/28)**
10. Semipalatinsk nuclear test site (15/28)

## TOP-10 the most discussed issues by KYRGYZSTAN

1. UN role and reforms (26/29)
2. National politics and reforms (25/29)
3. Mountains (22/29)
4. **Central Asia (22/29)**
5. Sustainable development (21/29)
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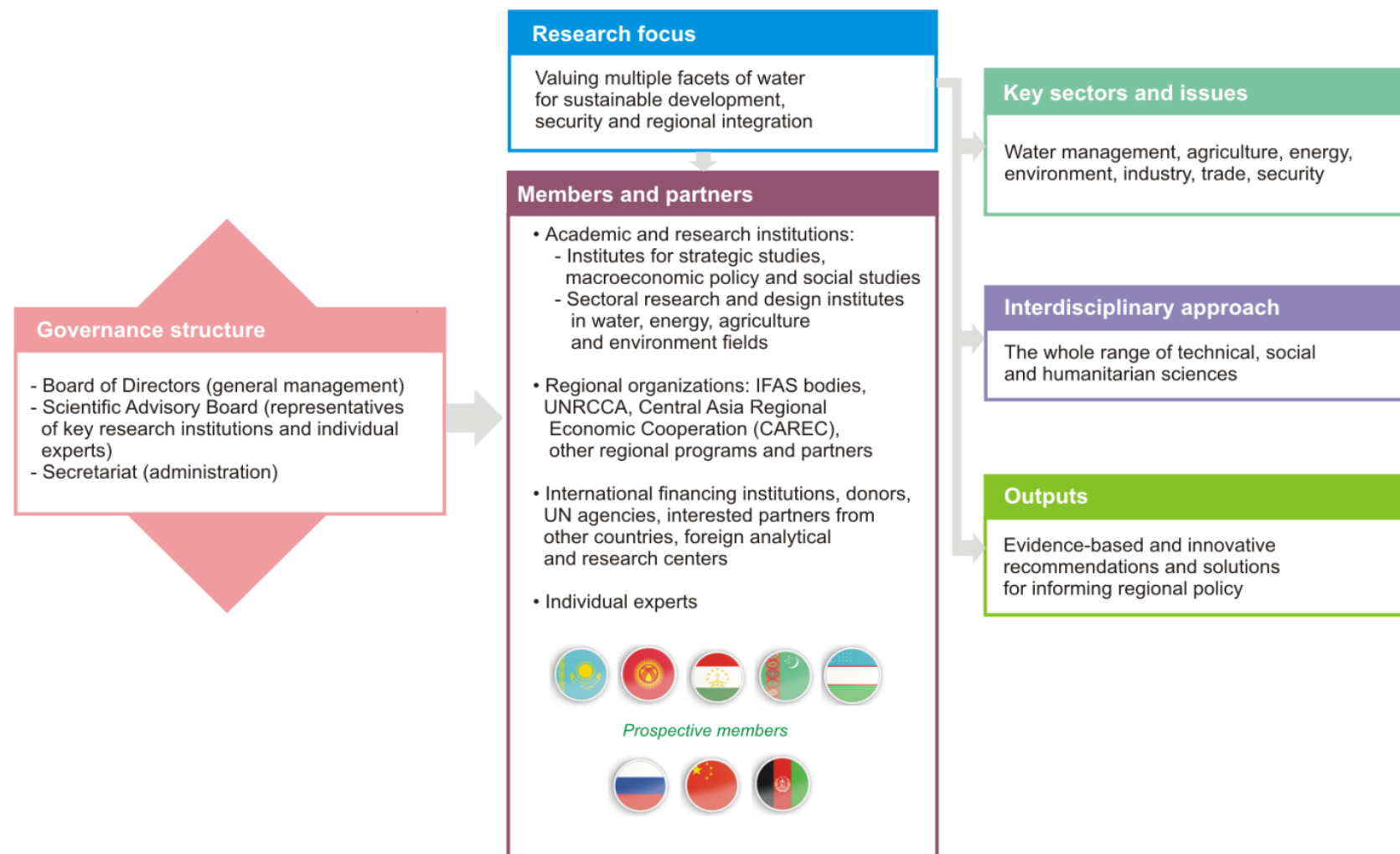
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6. Regional identity & integration (14/26)
7. Nuclear demilitarization (13/26)
8. National reforms (12/26)
9. **WATER (10/26)**
10. Economics (9/26)



A new innovative idea is to establish a regional think tank (platform) on water security, sustainable development and future studies, which will inform regional policy on pressing issues related to sustainable development, water security.

Proposed at the 2018 Network Conference in Tashkent

## A Central Asian Expert Platform on Water Security, Sustainable Development, and Future Studies



# Database of experts from the EECCA

- It is envisaged to create **an online database of experts from the EECCA** countries on water, environment and sustainable development with a view to conducting joint research and facilitating their involvement in the implementation of development programs around the world.
- A consolidated and classified database with verified, regularly updated profiles of motivated experts with the relevant work experience will form **a virtual community of practice** to collaborate, share knowledge and experience on topics of common interest.

# EECCA RBO Network contribute to ...

- Improving water governance in EECCA countries;
- Enabling more informed policy and decision-making on IWRM among the Russian-speaking community of experts and practitioners
- Providing evidence base for policy formulation and implementation;
- Strengthening implementation of water and environmental policies;
- Facilitating policy dialogues and negotiation of basin agreements;
- Capacitating and supporting basin organisations and experts;
- Strengthening the communicative role of water basin organisations and experts;
- Enhancing synergies and building alliances and partnerships among policy-makers, water professionals, civil society groups and representatives of water user sectors.

# Thank you

To learn more please visit our web-site  
[www.eecca-water.net](http://www.eecca-water.net)



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