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National Stakeholder Dialogue on Basin Planning in Murgab River Basin

MARY – National Stakeholder Dialogue on Basin Planning dedicated to the pilot testing of basin planning in Cepekyab Sub-basin of Murgab basin took place on 5 February 2014 in Mary velayat in the framework of the EU action “Water Management and Basin Organisations in Central Asia (WMBOCA)”, implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH Transboundary Water Management in Central Asia Programme.

Stakeholder dialogues take place to ensure the involvement of water user representatives into transboundary water management processes in selected river basins. During the meeting representatives of state agencies, international organisations, national and international experts discuss issues of rational and effective use of the water resources.

This particular dialogue was aimed at presenting the results of pilot testing of basin planning principles in one of the irrigation system pilot sites of the Murgab river basin- Cepekyab. The pilot testing was carried out by water experts in 2013. The state representatives, farmers, national and international organisations participated in the meeting.

The major goal of this dialogue was to present the main outcomes of the pilot testing and to discuss its further application in the water management practices in Turkmenistan. Moreover, during the dialogue experts introduced the approaches used in testing - the methodology of problem prioritisation and problem tree preparation. These tools could possibly be applied further in management of other river basins in Turkmenistan.

This dialogue is one of the activities implemented by GIZ TWMCА Programme in the framework of the EU-funded action “Water Management and Basin Organisations in Central Asia (WMBOCA)”. TWMCА also conducted technical trainings on geographic information system (GIS) for specialists of water management organisations in the city of Mary within the framework WMBOCA. GIS equipment was purchased and handed over to partner organisations as technical support.

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