



INTERIM NARRATIVE REPORT

1 Description

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List of abbreviations

ASBP	Aral Sea Basin Programme
CA	Central Asia
CALPESD	Central Asian Leadership Programme for Environment and Sustainable Development
CAREC	Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia
CAS	Central Asian State(s)
CAWECOOP	Central Asia Water Environment Cooperation Programme
CAMP4ASB	Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Programme for Aral Sea Basin
EC	European Commission
EC IFAS	Executive Committee of the International Fund for saving the Aral Sea
EU	European Union
EU-CA WGECC	EU-CA Working Group on Environment and Climate Change
EC IFAS	Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea
GIZ	German Society for International Cooperation (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit)
GNS	Global Nexus Secretariat
ICSD	Interstate Commission for Sustainable Development
IFAS	International Fund for saving the Aral Sea
IFCA	Investment facility for Central Asia
IsWG	Intersectoral working group
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
MPWI	Multi-purpose water infrastructure
NND	National Nexus Dialogue
NPD	National Policy Dialogue
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
REAP	Regional Environmental Action Plan
SIC ICSD	Scientific Information Centre of the Interstate Commission for Sustainable Development
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNECE	UN Economic Cooperation for Europe
WEF	Water, Energy and Food
WECOOP	EU funded project "Coordination and strengthening of regional cooperation between the EU and Central Asia (CA) in Environment and Climate Change and Water"

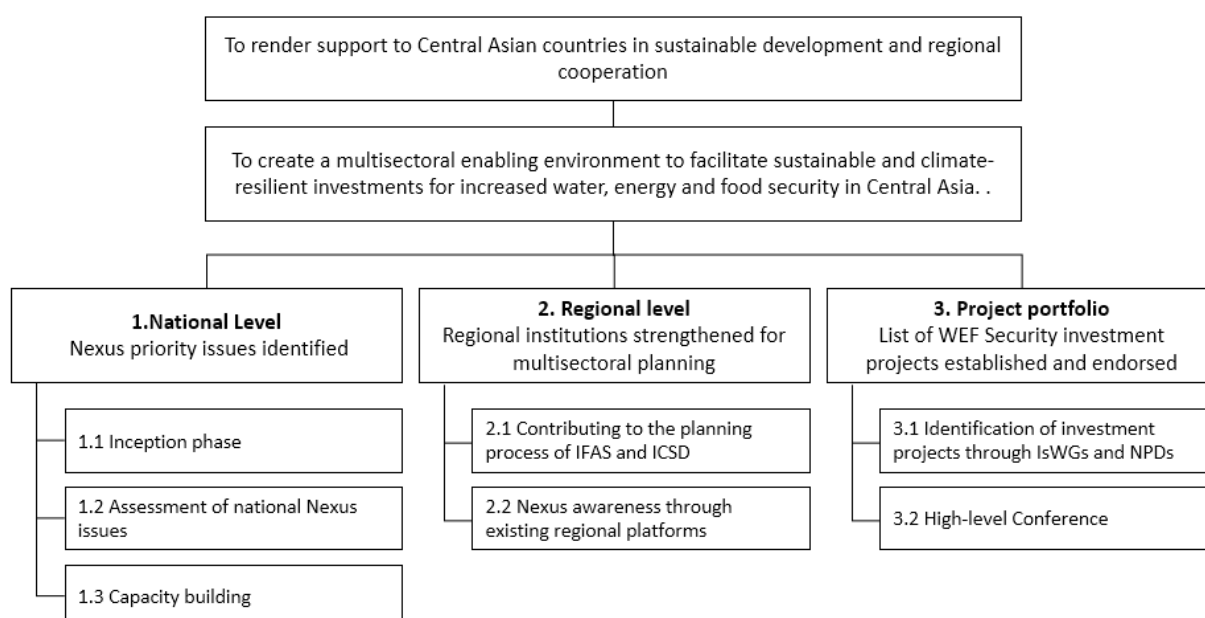
2 Assessment of the implementation of Project activities

2.1 Executive summary

The reporting period, including the inception period, was aimed at laying the foundation for implementing the Project in Central Asian countries. This included advocating the project concept through political platforms at national and regional levels, clarification of project focus, partners and platforms for multi-stakeholder Nexus dialogues in each CA country and establishment of the project team in all five CA countries.

The project approach and results as formulated in the project document were confirmed as relevant and remain unchanged, while the project structure was slightly modified to add more clarity (see Figure 1).

Figure 1. Project structure



The updated structure has three focus areas: 1) Local level, 2) Regional Level and 3) Project portfolio. Though the activities initially planned in the project proposal would remain the same, they were rearranged to better fit with the expected results. Table 1 presents proposed rearrangements.

Table 1: Rearrangement of project activities

Original version	Revised version
Overall objective: To render support to Central Asian countries in sustainable development and regional cooperation	Overall objective: To render support to Central Asian countries in sustainable development and regional cooperation
Result 1: Nexus priority issues and possible responses and solutions at national and regional level are identified and prioritized Activity 1.1.: Inception phase Activity 1.2.: Strengthening inter-sectoral	Result (Outcome) 1. National Level: Nexus priority issues and possible responses and solutions at national level are identified and prioritized Activity 1.1.: Inception phase

<p>governance via the National Policy Dialogues (NPDs)</p> <p>Activity 1.3.: Regional dialogue on Nexus issues of common interest</p> <p><i>Brief explanation of the changes</i> *****</p> <p><i>Activity 1.2.: Strengthening inter-sectoral governance via the National Policy Dialogues (NPDs) is moved to Result (Outcome) 3. Project portfolio and merged with Activity 3.1.</i></p> <p><i>Activity 1.3.: Regional dialogue on Nexus issues of common interest is moved to Result (Outcome) 2. Regional level.</i></p>	<p>Activity 1.2.: Assessment of national Nexus issues</p> <p>Activity 1.3.: Capacity building</p> <p><i>1.3.1 Training seminars</i></p> <p><i>1.3.2 Study tours</i></p> <p><i>1.3.3 Inter-sectoral forums</i></p> <p><i>1.3.4 Pilot projects</i></p>
<p>Result 2: Regional institutions and capacities are strengthened for multi-sectoral planning and implementation</p> <p>Activity 2.1.: Strengthening regional platforms for regular water-energy linkages in Central Asia</p> <p><i>2.1.1. Annual Central Asia Environmental Forum (CAEF)</i></p> <p><i>2.1.2. Central Asia Leadership Programme for Sustainable Development (CALP)</i></p> <p><i>2.1.3. Coordination platform for regional organization</i></p> <p><i>2.1.4. High-level meeting /Final conference in 2019</i></p> <p>Activity 2.2.: Strengthening IFAS for multi-sectoral planning</p> <p>Activity 2.3.: Pilot project to demonstrate the Nexus approach for sustainable development/ multiple sectors benefitting</p> <p>Activity 2.4.: Capacity building, training activities</p> <p><i>2.4.1 Training seminars</i></p> <p><i>2.4.2 Study tours</i></p> <p><i>2.4.3 Inter-sectoral forums</i></p> <p><i>Brief explanation of the changes</i> *****</p> <p><i>Activities 2.3 and 2.4 are moved to Result 1: National level, Activity 1.3 Capacity Building</i></p> <p><i>Activity 2.1.4. is moved to the Result (Outcome)3. Project Portfolio, Activity 3.2.</i></p>	<p>Result (Outcome) 2. Regional level: Regional institutions strengthened for multi-sectoral planning</p> <p>Activity 2.1.: Contributing to planning process of IFAS and ICSD</p> <p>Activity 2.2.: Nexus awareness through existing regional platforms</p> <p><i>2.2.1. Regional dialogue on Nexus issues of common interest</i></p> <p><i>2.2.2. Annual Central Asian Environmental Forum (CAEF)</i></p> <p><i>2.2.3. Central Asian Leadership Programme for Sustainable Development (CALP)</i></p> <p><i>2.2.4. Coordination platform for regional organization</i></p>
<p>Result 3: A list of WEF Security investment projects is established within a Nexus policy framework</p> <p>Activity 3.1.: Identification of investment</p>	<p>Result (Outcome) 3. Project portfolio: List of WEF Security investment projects is established within a Nexus policy framework</p> <p>Activity 3.1.: Identification of investment projects through IsWGs and NPDs</p>

<p>projects to address priority Nexus issues and implementation mechanisms</p> <p>Activity 3.2. Assessment of the policy framework for applying the Nexus approach</p> <p><i>Brief explanation of the changes</i> ***** <i>Activity 3.2. Assessment of the policy framework for Nexus approach is moved to Result (Outcome) 1: National level, Activity 1.2</i></p>	<p>Activity 3.2.: High-level Conference</p>
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The validity of the original intervention logic was confirmed in the course of eighteen round tables and consultations with national and interstate partners. All main stakeholders expressed their interest in, and support for, the following approach:

1. EC IFAS and ICSD secretariat are main project partners/beneficiaries at the regional level. Their current initiatives on strengthening IFAS and updating REAP are in line with the objectives of the Nexus Project and present a good opportunity for incorporating WEF Security into regional programmes. This cooperation will also contribute to strengthening IFAS/ICSD's planning capacities to prepare them for a leading role in Nexus Phase II.
2. Inter-sectoral working groups (IsWGs) with very concrete tasks will be established under the key national partner. IsWGs will be an effective mechanism for overcoming the lack of cooperation between the three sectors for investment planning. The work of IsWGs will be supported by a group of national experts;
3. IUCN will provide international expertise and provide methodological support on Nexus concept, approach, and Nexus concept's for WEF Security in the region to CAREC, IsWGs and national experts ;
4. Projects will be taken from the state/sectoral investment plans in order to work with the existing project proposals, already elaborated and endorsed within the countries. Their selection will be based on WEF and bankability criteria;
5. National Policy Dialogues supported by UNECE/OECD in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan are the existing inter-sectoral platforms in CA. They will be used for implementing inter-sectoral policy making based on the findings and recommendations made by the Nexus Project, as well as investment projects identified and recommended for inclusion into the List.
6. Other complementary platforms supported by CAREC, IFAS, ICSD and donors are: Central Asian Environmental Forum (CAEF), meetings of regional organizations (IFAS and its subdivisions), Central Asian Leadership Programme for Sustainable Development (CALPESD).

The consultations held during the inception period revealed the need to modify the budget. The total budget amount would remain the same. The following modifications were introduced:

- Budget line 6.1. Pilot projects to test potential of Nexus approach was increased by 114%, from EUR 21 000 to EUR 45 000, in order to have one pilot project in each CA country;
- Budget line 1.2.4. National experts who support the implementation of expert work, including the development of investment projects to meet WEF Nexus indicators, was increased by 80%, from EUR 50 000 to EUR 90 000. This increase is necessary to support the activity of Intersectoral working groups (IsWGs), which was strongly requested by national partners;
- Budget line 1.2.2. International expert/IUCN was increased by 45%, from EUR 116 000 to EUR 169 350, due to a much higher demand for the expert support from IUCN than initially planned;

- Budget line 1.3 Per diems for missions/travel of project staff was increased by 28% because most of travels, even within CA, are “connection flights” with up to two connections.

The discussions and consultations held during the reporting period, along with the review of the legislative and policy frameworks for Water-Energy-Food Security nexus in each country, also confirmed the relevance of the project’s thematic focus. The thematic focus for regional cooperation in *WEF Security Nexus includes water, energy and food production*, whereas the conservation and sound management of ecosystems underpins the sustainability of Nexus efforts.

Cooperation modalities with EC IFAS, ICSD secretariat, EU/WECOOP, UNECE, GIZ and other regional programmes were clarified.

The main challenge during the reporting period, including the inception phase, was the ongoing governmental reforms with the increased control over donor-funded activities, which resulted in a new requirement to register each project activity in four CA countries through the ministries of foreign affairs. The need to work through such bureaucratic chains demanded longer time for preparation of each activity.

2.2 Results and Activities

A. RESULTS

The Project achieved most of the expected results, even though some outputs were obtained in the format different from the expected one. For example, the letters of support from partners came in the form of MoUs.

Result (Outcome) 1. Nexus priority issues and possible responses and solutions at the national level are identified and prioritized

Output 1.1. Project countries and partners accept project activities and are ready to participate in them

The reporting period was mostly focused on obtaining this output. By the end of the reporting period the project team managed to secure interest in the Nexus Project from national partners from CA countries, EC IFAS and ICSD secretariat and international partners UNECE, OECD, WECOOP2, GIZ and UNEP . The project focus, activities and budget were discussed and the ensuing clarifications were incorporated in the project proposal. See the progress achieved by the end of the reporting period in the Table below:

<i>Targets set in the project proposal:</i>	<i>Progress achieved during the reporting period:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MoU or Letters of support to Nexus Dialogue Project in CA from each CAS and EC IFAS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Letter from Tajikistan with nomination of state bodies received (annex 1) ✓ Draft MoUs with key national partners under discussion ✓ Draft MoUs between EC IFAS and CAREC in the process of signing ✓ MoU between EC IFAS and CAREC will be a confirmation about the project start in Turkmenistan ✓ MoU between ICSD Secretariat and CAREC in the process of signing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An updated CA Nexus Dialogue Project document reflects the interests of the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Five national consultations (round tables) successfully held in CA countries

countries and the project is legally validated for implementation in five countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ National Focal Points in Tajikistan is appointed ✓ National Focal Points in other countries and IFAS will be appointed soon ✓ Updated Project proposal (annex 3) ✓ Updated Logframe (annex 4) ✓ Updated Budget (annex 5) ✓ Updated Work Plan (annex 6)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of national Inter-sectoral working groups (IsWGs) and the Regional Steering Committee (RSC) are nominated by each country. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ National partners for establishing IsWGs were identified in each CA country ✓ The composition of IsWGs was agreed ✓ Decision about members of IsWGs will be made through MoUs with key national partners ✓ Draft ToR for IsWG is under negotiation with key national partners

Output 1.2. Studies/assessments on specific accompanying measures, which are needed for supporting promotion and application of the Nexus approach in Central Asia, were conducted. 20% of them were conducted by women.

During the reporting period the regional assessments began, which will be further used for the development of capacity building programme. National level assessments for supporting IsWGs were not planned for this period.

<i>Targets set in the project proposal:</i>	<i>Progress achieved during the reporting period:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional gap analysis and capacity needs assessments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Assessment work by IUCN and CAREC started. Discussions on the methodology and work plan are expected at the first meetings of IsWGs in November
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Description of five-ten best Nexus practices applicable for CA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Brief notes on best Nexus practices applicable for CA prepared in the form of a power-point presentation ✓ More detailed description of those practices with evidence of their effectiveness is started
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional expert assessments by request of IsWGs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ not planned in the reporting period
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Six Policy briefs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ not planned in the reporting period
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 20% of women involved in expert work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ not planned in the reporting period

Output 1.3.: Capacities of project partners to apply Nexus approach are built

The Capacity building component is one of the most comprehensive as it ensures development of theoretical and practical skills of partners to apply WEF Nexus planning. Development of the foundation for most of capacity building activities started during the reporting period.

<i>Targets set in the project proposal:</i>	<i>Progress achieved during the reporting period:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 10 seminars to support multi-sectoral planning developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ capacity needs assessments, which will be the basis for capacity building programme, began

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study tour on best Nexus practices or solutions in Central Asia or abroad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ not planned in the reporting period
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Asia participates at Nexus forums and presents results achieved in CA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ CAREC, IUCN and ICSD secretariat participated at the Global Nexus Coordination meeting in Bonn, 28-31 March 2017 ✓ Relevant Forums for participation in 2017 were identified
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five pilot projects in CAS for testing the potential of Nexus approach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The vision on pilot projects is developed by the project team. This vision will help to guide discussions at IsWGs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nexus training module for Central Asia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ not planned in reporting period
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 20% of women participate in capacity building events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ not planned in reporting period

Outcome / Result 2. Regional institutions strengthened for multi-sectoral planning

Output 2.1 The planning process of IFAS and ICSD is enriched with Nexus approach and projects

The cooperation with EC IFAS and ICSD secretariat aims to introduce the Nexus approach into regional programmes ASBP-4 and REAP as well as to prepare EC IFAS for the Nexus Phase II.

CAREC has been cooperating with both institutions for many years. Currently, CAREC is involved in the preparation of the Summit of CA Presidents to be held in March 2018. More specifically, it is involved into the organization of the regional IFAS meeting (level of vice-ministers), further meetings of IFAS sub-divisions on national level, and other *ad-hoc* coordination events with development partners in order to ***promote the Environment, Sustainable development and WEF Security on regional agenda.***

<i>Targets set in the project proposal:</i>	<i>Progress achieved during the reporting period:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three meetings of EC IFAS/ICSD secretariat, on development of ASBP-4 participated 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ CAREC/Nexus team is a member of the working groups established for ASBP-4 and REAP development ✓ Two working meetings on REAP update were conducted (not from Nexus budget) ✓ Vision for the REAP update support by different partners was developed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IFAS/ICSD staff understand, support and apply the WEF Nexus concept 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ EC IFAS and ICSD secretariat expressed their interest in cooperating with the Nexus Project and considering the list of projects developed by the Nexus Project for inclusion in ASBP-4 and REAP (reflected in MoUs)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nexus related description and List of projects proposed to ASBP-4 and REAP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ not planned in the reporting period

Output 2.2.: Increased understanding of Nexus approach potential for WEF Security in CA among relevant stakeholders

This output was 100% delivered. Nexus sessions held at various events organized during the reporting period were focused mostly on the Nexus concept and examples of Nexus practices from other regions.

<i>Targets set in the project proposal:</i>	<i>Progress achieved during the reporting period:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Regional Steering Committee (RSC) is convened 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ In process. The first meeting of the RSC is planned for January-February 2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nexus sessions on Central-Asian International Environmental Forums in 2017 and 2018 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Nexus side event held at Central Asian Environmental Forum in June 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nexus dialogues at the meetings of regional organizations in 2017, 2018 and 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Presentation of Nexus project, with discussion of Nexus approach made on 16-17 March 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nexus sessions at CALPs in 2017, 2018 and 2019 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Nexus sessions at CALP held on 10-21 September 2017 in Almaty

Result (Outcome) 3. A list of WEF security investment projects is established within a Nexus policy framework**Output 3.1.: List of Nexus projects, which promote WEF Security in CA, is developed**

<i>Targets set in the project proposal:</i>	<i>Progress achieved during the reporting period:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Established five Intersectoral working groups in CA countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Establishment of IsWGs started in all five CA countries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key partners for hosting IsWG identified - The composition of IsWGs agreed - ToR for IsWG is under discussion with key national partners ✓ CAS' internal procedures to establish IsWGs by special orders or other documents initiated
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The role of NPDs for Nexus project is clarified 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Done for Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan ✓ In process for Tajikistan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 meetings of IsWG and NPDs (four in each country) are conducted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Agenda for the first IsWG meeting is developed ✓ Organization of the first IsWG started ✓ First IsWGs to be held until the end of 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 20 investment projects are selected, briefly described and endorsed in project countries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ not planned in the reporting period
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicators for selecting WEF Nexus investment projects are developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Development of indicators started through close consultations with GNS/GIZ and WECOOP2

Output 3.2. Investment projects are endorsed at the regional level

<i>Targets set in the project proposal:</i>	<i>Progress achieved during the reporting period:</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment projects are endorsed at regional level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ not planned in the reporting period

B. ACTIVITIES

Activity 1.1. Inception phase

“Door opening” started with numerous consultations conducted by CAREC Executive Director and project team with governmental officials from economic, water, agriculture, energy and environmental state bodies, with regional organizations and international financial institutions. The registration of Project in all beneficiary-countries went through diplomatic channels.

Five round tables with nominated officials from water, energy, agriculture and land management, economic and environmental development, investment departments, as well as bilateral consultations with national agencies were conducted in order to generate and secure interest, obtain support and feedback from partners needed for the registration and fine-tuning of activities.

The main recommendations were the following: 1) to find and present best Nexus cases, especially of transboundary nature, which prove the benefit of Nexus approach; 2) to ensure that national expertise utilized for the Project will be equal (in terms of the budget) to international expertise; 3) to provide criteria to meet WEF Security, bank and donor priorities for selecting investment projects; 4) to ensure that pilot projects will be implemented in all five CA countries. All the above recommendations were reflected in the updated project documents and in the course of negotiations with partners. Thus, IUCN will ensure selection of the best Nexus practices and implement assessments with the support of national experts. The selection criteria will be developed in cooperation with WECOOP2, the number of pilot projects was increased to five. Information about potential partners, existing platforms, legislation, etc. in all five CA countries was also analysed. Details are in Activity 3.1. and in Tables 2 and 3.

The list of national consultations held to launch the Project in CA countries:

- 15.06.17, Astana, Kazakhstan. 22 participants. <http://carececo.org/en/news/seriya-vstrech-po-mezhsektoralnomu-sotrudnichestvu-v-stranakh-tsentralnoy-azii/>
<http://carececo.org/en/news/rezultaty-vstrechi-v-astane-po-mezhotraslevomu-sotrudnichestvu/>
- 23.06.17, Tashkent, Uzbekistan. 13 participants. <http://carececo.org/en/news/tashkent-dialogi-po-vzaimosvyazi-voda-energiya-prodovolstvie/>
- 05.07.17, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. 25 participants.
- 11.08.17-Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. 5 participants from economic development, water and foreign affairs.
- 14.08.17, Dushanbe, Tajikistan. 22 participants.

Activity 1.2.: Assessment of national Nexus issues

Most assessments will be carried out following the request from IsWGs to support the identification of investment projects and their elaboration to meet the Nexus criteria. Nevertheless, some analysis of legislative framework, platforms and potential partners was already conducted and confirmed the project's thematic focus as follows.

Sustainable economic growth is the top national priority for all CA countries, according to their national development strategies. Since some of CA countries experience water stress, while others focus more on meeting the demand for energy coming from the industrial and agricultural sectors, the nexus approach seems to be a glue for harmonizing national and regional policies.

From a water perspective, the Project will catalyze partnerships around water infrastructure and technology along with effective institutions, financing and incentives to ensure effective provision of water for multiple uses. For example, an investment into multipurpose water infrastructure can satisfy various needs of local communities in water, food and energy resources without harm to the environment, in particular in water-stressed CA countries.

From an energy perspective, the Project will promote the use of tremendous renewable energy potential of CA countries, especially from wind, solar, hydro and biomass in order to ensure an equitable access to energy for the agriculture and processing industry in an environmentally safe manner.

National consultations held during the inception phase also highlighted the importance of national policy developments in climate change adaptation and mitigation, as well as "greening" of inter-sectoral collaboration and mainstreaming of the nexus approach. Strategies on disaster risk reduction and management of ecosystems in a transboundary context can also benefit from the integrated approach.

The key findings of the national consultations are presented in Annex 5.3.: Table 1 "Project partners from national governments", Table 2 "National and Regional platforms relevant for Nexus dialogues in CA" and Table 3 "National WEF legislation and strategies and ranking in Central Asia".

Activity 1.3.: Capacity building activities

The capacity building component includes the following activities: 1.3.1 Training seminars, 1.3.2 Study tours, 1.3.3 Inter-sectoral forums, 1.3.4 Pilot projects.

During the reporting period the project team started the gaps and needs assessment as follows:

1. Overview of *Nexus case studies* with potential application in Central Asia will include a selected number of representative case studies from Asia, Europe, Africa and Latin America.

Expected output: The case studies, in terms of used approaches, coherence of processes and impacts, will support better understanding of Nexus potential among target groups.

Milestone 1 – draft overview to be presented at first meetings of IsWGs started in November 2017 in all CA countries

2. *Institutional gap analysis* for Nexus in Central Asia will look into existing institutional arrangements and mechanisms at the national and regional level and provide recommendations with a view to enabling an effective dialogue on Nexus in Central Asia and improving cross-sectoral and regional planning.

Expected output: Institutional gap analysis and recommendations for improved Nexus dialogue

Milestone 1 – road map for the gap analysis to be presented at first meetings of IsWGs started in November 2017 in all CA countries

Milestone 2 – draft gap analysis to be presented at meeting of Regional Steering Committee (RSC) and at 7th EU-CA working group on environment and climate change meeting in February 2018

Deadline for completing the gap analysis: June 2018 at Central Asian Environmental Forum in Tashkent

3. *Capacity needs assessment* for decision makers in Central Asia will look into existing capacities and gaps and propose priority actions for capacity development on Nexus. The assessment will primarily focus on building institutional capacity for Nexus at the national and regional level.

Expected output: Regional capacity needs assessment and priority action plan

Milestone 1 – methodology and work plan to be presented at first meetings of IsWGs started in November 2017 in all CA countries

Milestone 2 – draft needs assessment to be presented at meeting of Regional Steering Committee (RSC) and at 7th EU-CA working group on environment and climate change meeting in February 2018

Deadline for completing needs assessment: June 2018 at Central Asian Environmental Forum in Tashkent.

Sub-Activity 1.3.1 Training seminars

Trainings can be selected from the following topics: effective cross-sectoral dialogue, priority setting for Nexus projects, cost/benefit analyses and scenario modelling, etc.

Sub-Activities 1.3.2 Study tours and 1.3.3 Inter-sectoral forums.

No activities planned.

Sub-Activity 1.3.4 Pilot projects.

Following the request from national partners, the number of pilot projects was increased from one to five in order to motivate each CA country to participate in the project and to avoid possible conflicts on the selection of a pilot project. It should be mentioned here that the implementation of a “hard” component is a mandatory condition for any donor-funded action in CA countries. The “hard” component means some tangible results, such as equipment, construction, etc. It is usually expected that 50% of the project budget shall be used for a “hard” component.

Despite the fact that the Nexus Project is aimed at developing the list of investment projects for Nexus Phase II, the implementation of at least one pilot project in each country was requested for validation of project activities in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

The following ideas for pilot projects will be proposed for discussion at IsWGs: testing of WHAT-If model for economic assessment of one of Multi-Purpose Water Infrastructures (developed by OECD/COWI), or application of Nexus assessment methodology of UNECE, or testing EFCA blending mechanism. The decision will be made by members of IsWGs.

Activity 2.1: Contribution to the planning process of IFAS and ICSD

The current planning at IFAS and ICSD could be described as follows:

The third edition of Aral Sea Basin Programme (ASBP-3) was developed for the period 2011-2015 and endorsed by Presidents of CA countries in 2011. In 2016, the EC IFAS, which was then hosted by Uzbekistan, reported on its implementation. It is proposed to make a decision on the new ASBP at the meeting of CA Presidents in March 2018.

The Regional Environmental Action Programme (REAP) was developed for the period 2002-2012. The ICSD secretariat together with UNEP regional office in CA have been promoting updating of REAP since 2015. The working group from representatives of UNEP Regional office in CA, GIZ Water Programme, GIZ Biodiversity Programme, UNECE, EU/WECOOP and CAREC was established. This working group supports the initiative of updating REAP and coordinates all the efforts.

In the past, CAREC was involved in development of both documents, ASBP-3 and REAP, as well as in their implementation. As of now, CAREC is involved into initiatives of both interstate organizations EC IFAS and ICSD secretariat.

CAREC has been requested to provide possible support for organizing the regional meeting of vice-ministers and further meetings at the national level of IFAS sub-divisions for preparation to the meeting of CA Presidents in March 2018. The main outcomes of these meetings will be the opportunity to promote certain issues for inclusion into the summit agenda.

Activity 2.2: Nexus awareness through existing platforms***Sub-Activity 2.2.1. Regional dialogue on Nexus issues of common interest***

Establishment of the regional steering committee started. Organization of the first regional dialogue on Nexus issues awaits the official confirmation of project activities in all CA countries in order to ensure nomination of participants.

The regional dialogue on Nexus project and its opportunity for partners in CA countries was conducted at the following joint event of WECOOP2 and CAREC:

- 18-19.05.2017, Almaty, Kazakhstan. Joint meeting of CAREC and WECOOP2 to inform about Nexus project start in preparation for the 6th EU-CA Working Group meeting on environment and climate change, 10-11 July 2017 in Astana. 31 participants from governmental bodies and development banks from all five CA attended.

Three more regional dialogues were conducted at CAEF, CALP and meeting of regional organizations described below:

Sub-Activity 2.2.2. Annual Central Asia Environmental Forum (CAEF)

- 05.06.2017, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. Central Asian Environmental Forum. [Nexus side event “Lessons learned from assessing the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems nexus: approaches, findings and possible responses and contribution”](#), with 35 participants from all five CA countries, EUD in Astana, international development banks and organizations attended.

Sub-Activity 2.2.3. Central Asia Leadership Programme for Sustainable Development (CALP)

- 10-21.09.2017, Almaty, Kazakhstan. Central Asian Leadership Programme for Sustainable Development (CALP). 32 participants from governmental authorities from five CA countries attended the Nexus session.

Video about CALP programme: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INfl-bLdXak&list=PL3uSPF-JLq48ID6xlzbAi5iBZ-UBKhYJJ&index=5>

News from CALP 2017: <http://carececo.org/en/news/novyy-start-nachalas-tsentralno-aziatskaya-programma-liderstva/>, <http://carececo.org/en/news/calp-this-year-updates/>, <http://carececo.org/en/news/dayte-golos-molodym-beseda-s-vypusknikami-tsapl/>, <http://carececo.org/en/news/32-ekolidera-dlya-tsentralnoy-azii-novye-vypuskniki-tsapl/>

Sub-Activity 2.2.4. Coordination platform for regional organization

- 16-17.03.2017, Almaty, Kazakhstan. Coordination Meeting of Regional Organizations (IFAS sub-divisions) dealing with water, environment and sustainable development issues, arranged by CAREC. 20 participants from 12 regional organizations attended. <http://carececo.org/en/news/chetvertaya-vstrecha-regionalnykh-organizatsiy-tsentralnoy-azii/>

Activity 3.1.: Identification of investment projects through IsWGs and NPDs

The consultation meetings in each country identified that none of the existing inter-sectoral platform meets the objective of Nexus project, while national partners that are interested in strengthening their intersectoral coordination role were identified.

In this regard, it is proposed to establish inter-sectoral working groups (IsWGs) in each project country at the base of the following national partners: Ministry of Economy in Kyrgyzstan, Ministry of Energy in Kazakhstan, Water Agencies in Uzbekistan and Tajikistan. Draft ToR for IsWG were developed and sent to the partners for their feedback.

Development of criteria to guide selection of investment projects was identified as a precondition for effective work. This task was accepted and consultations with GNS/GIZ and WECOOP2 conducted. Because none of the Nexus projects developed such criteria so far, the Project had to start this work from scratch. It was agreed that criteria would include not only WEF Nexus criteria, but also IFIs' criteria for bankable projects.

To understand a cooperation modality with National Policy Dialogues (NDPs) supported by UNECE/OECD, Nexus team participated in two meetings of NPD Steering Committee:

- 20.07.2017, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. 30 participants;
- 12.07.2017, Astana, Kazakhstan. 33 participants.

Both platforms expressed their readiness to have regular discussion of Nexus Project results on their working meetings.

Besides, consultations with NPD coordinators from UNECE and OECD office in Tajikistan were conducted. Based on these consultations, the following cooperation modality is proposed:

- ✓ NPD meetings in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan will be used for presentation of the Project results, namely: results of needs assessments, selected investment projects, especially of transboundary and regional impact, selected pilot projects and their results, etc. These NPD meetings are supported by UNECE under the WECOOP2 Project and additional funding from Nexus project is not planned.
- ✓ NPD platform in Tajikistan will be further studied in order to understand if it can be also used for the above-mentioned purposes. The reason behind this decision is that the NPD in Tajikistan became a ministerial level event in the country and only issues of the national level can be presented here.
- ✓ NPD meetings in Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan most likely will be held at the platform of Intersectoral working group (IsWG) with invitation of heads of agencies/departments-members of IsWGs.

2.2.1 List of contracts

The agreement with IUCN, co-implementer of Nexus project in CA for the amount EUR 206 207 (two hundred six thousand two hundred seven) "Grant share" was signed. Annex 2.

2.2.2 Updated Logframe matrix

See the updated Logframe matrix attached as Annex 4.

2.2.3 Updated Work Plan

See the updated Work Plan for the entire project period attached as Annex 6.

3 Beneficiaries / affiliated entities and other Cooperation

3.1 Relationship with IUCN

International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) is a Project partner (beneficiary) whose international expertise will support promotion of practical Nexus application in Central Asia. Currently it prepares needs assessments on institutional and capacity gaps, IUCN provided presentations of Nexus practices at national consultation meetings, CAEF, CALP, and the Nexus Executive Committee meeting in Bonn.

Relationship between CAREC and IUCN are positive and constructive. The agreement with detailed ToR is in Annex 2.

3.2 Relationship between CAREC and State authorities in Project countries

During the reporting period the project team negotiated partnerships with the following national, regional and international partners:

- *The Interstate Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (IFAS) and the Interstate Commission for Sustainable Development (ICSD)*

CAREC has long term cooperation with EC IFAS, ICSD Secretariat and their national branches. CAREC signed MoUs with both organizations and these MoUs are now being updated to include the Nexus Project. This established partnerships help CAREC involve both organizations in the Project and promote Nexus approach as a tool for the WEF Security in CA at the regional agenda. More details are provided in the description of Outcome 2.1.

3.3 Relationship with other relevant development partners

- *UN Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)*

Relationship between CAREC/Nexus and UNECE programmes operated in Central Asia was constructive and supportive. Partners agreed on conducting Nexus dialogues at NPDs platforms in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. Results of Nexus assessment in the Syr Daria basin and its methodology will be offered to national partners as a relying tool for using in pilot projects. Results of Nexus project will be discussed at UNECE Nexus working group and relevant conferences.

- *Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)*

Relationship between CAREC/Nexus and OECD was also constructive and supportive. Partners agreed that results of Nexus project will be discussed at relevant OECD events and working groups. WHAT-If model for economic assessment on Multi-Purpose Water Infrastructures (MPWIs) will be offered to national partners as a relying tool for using in pilot projects.

- *Other EU-funded initiatives in Central Asia*

EU-Central Asia Platform for Environment and Water Cooperation was established at the EU-CA High Level (Ministerial) Conference in Rome (Italy) in 2009. The priority areas of the EU-CA Cooperation Platform are as follows:

Priority 1. More focused and results-oriented EU-CA regional dialogue on environment and climate change, building on all stakeholders' participation (including national governments, international donors, international financial institutions, regional organizations and civil society).

Priority 2. Strengthened institutional commitments to Multilateral Environmental Agreements through adherence to international Conventions with particular attention paid to implementation

Priority 3. Improved environment and water infrastructure, access to climate financing and eco-innovation in CA

Priority 4. Enhanced regional and transboundary cooperation in CA

Priority 5. Improved capacity of main stakeholders in CA necessary for implementation of the above priorities.

The platform is supported by the project “Coordination and strengthening of regional cooperation between the EU and Central Asia in Environment and Climate Change and Water” (WECOOP2) funded by EU and coordinated by the EU Delegation to Kazakhstan.

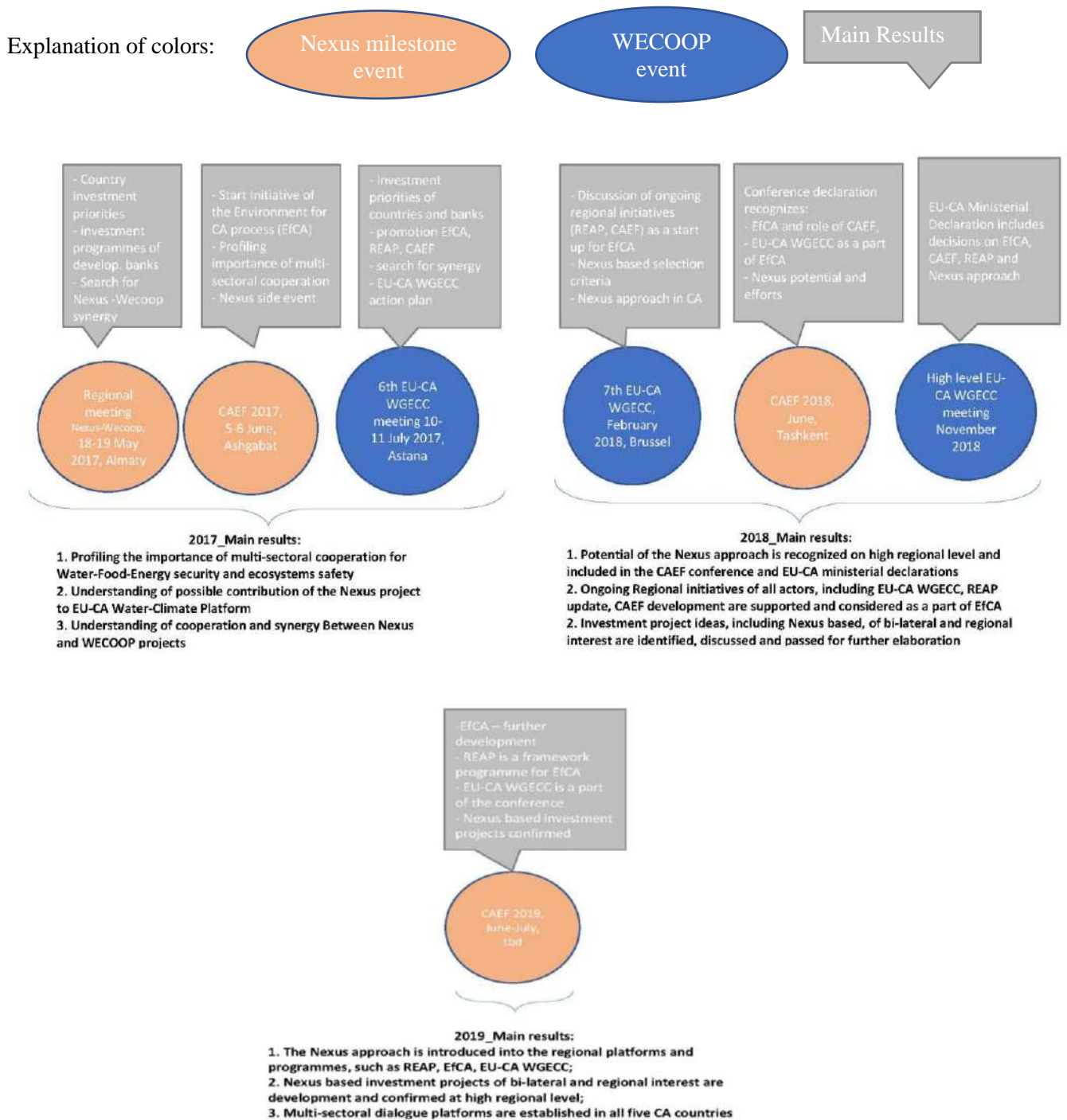
WECOOP 2 and Nexus Project have a good potential for cooperation on Priorities № 1, 3, 4 and 5. More specifically, such cooperation could entail the following:

- ✓ Contribution of Nexus Project to Priority #1 will be direct, as Nexus dialogues will take place at national and regional levels, on different existing platforms and they will be strongly focused and results-oriented events. The project target group includes stakeholders from national governments, international donors, international financial institutions, regional organizations and expert community.
- ✓ Contribution to Priority #2. Nexus and WECOOP2 Projects can certainly complement each other, but it is important to take into consideration the difference in focus, level and timeframe in order to ensure that both Projects will achieve their objectives. The Nexus team envisions the following cooperation: 1) Nexus Project will participate, report and facilitate relevant sessions at EU-CA WGECC meetings; 2) WECOOP2 findings, such as crosscutting policy issues (water tariffs, waste service financing) and capacity building needs will be used in Nexus activities, 3) Nexus will enrich the Investor Guide developed under the WECOOP with Nexus dimension, 4) Nexus will support WECOOP2 in finding useful information and relevant partners in CAS., etc.
- ✓ Contribution to Priority #4. In CAREC's view, this direction is the most promising, to support the ongoing initiatives and processes, which unite interstate organizations, countries and development partners, such as updating the Regional Environmental Action Plan (REAP), development of the Environment for Central Asia Process (EfCA), support to the Central Asian Environmental Forum (CAEF), etc. These processes will be used to mainstream the Nexus approach into policy planning at the regional level;

<p>Priority #4. Provides the most promising cooperation area between Nexus and WECOOP2 and contributes to development of ongoing regional initiatives such as REAP, <u>EfCA</u> and CAEF.</p>

- ✓ Contribution to Priority #5. Improved capacities of main stakeholders. Here the Nexus and WECOOP2 Projects can conduct joint training-seminars. They can be the following: project management cycle, development of project proposals, use of indicators.

Figure 2. Possible synergies between the EU-funded Nexus and WECCOOP2 Projects



➤ *The Global Nexus Secretariat (GNS)*

GNS coordinates implementation of all Nexus Dialogue Projects in five regions. The partnership with GNS was established in two directions: 1) Information distribution about Nexus activities in Central Asia through knowledge resource <https://www.water-energy-food.org/start/> and 2) coordination of project activities with GNS and other Nexus regions through the First coordination meeting in Bonn, monthly bilateral skype calls between GNS/GIZ and Nexus in CA team and bimonthly Nexus Jour Fix of all regional Nexus Dialogue Projects.

4 Visibility

During the reporting period the project team developed the basis for implementation of the communication and visibility activities. Namely:

- The info platform for project team <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/2/my-drive> . It includes general email, storage to share and exchange information, and joint work on project documents;
- The communication strategy (Annex 7) includes analysis of the target groups, main messages, visibility rules, methods and types of activities to achieve the communication goal;
- Project hashtag [#NexusCentralAsia](#);
- Project pages at web web-sites of CAREC and partners:
 - CAREC <http://carececo.org/en/projects/tsentralno-aziatskiy-dialog-po-ispolzovaniyu-vozmozhnostey-mnogosektoralnogo-finansirovaniya-putem-u/>
 - GNS/GIZ <https://www.water-energy-food.org/news/2017-06-23-regional-nexus-dialogue-central-asia-first-national-nexus-consultations-in-kazakhstan/>
 - IUCN <https://www.iucn.org/theme/water/our-work/nexus>
- Nexus leaflets in Rus and Eng on global and Central Asian programmes
- Nexus banners in Rus and Eng

Five news on Nexus events have been distributed through <http://carececo.org/en/news> and <https://www.water-energy-food.org/news/2017-06-23-regional-nexus-dialogue-central-asia-first-national-nexus-consultations-in-kazakhstan/> and social networks:

facebook <https://www.facebook.com/nexusresourceplatform/>

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In addition to the above, the Nexus Project was also promoted at the following events:

- 14.07.2017, Astana, Kazakhstan. The 21st Session of the SPECA Working Group (WG) on Water, Energy and Environment of the United Nations Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA). 44 participants form state agencies, international organizations and UN agencies;
- 10-11.07.2017, Astana, Kazakhstan. Six Meeting of the Working Group on Environment and Climate Change. About 100 participants from all five CA countries, EUD in Astana, international development banks and organizations;
- 07.06.2017, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. ICSD working meeting with 35 participants;
- 11.04.2017, Astana, Kazakhstan. CAREC Conference dedicated to the opening of CAREC's country office in Astana. 35 participants form state agencies and international organizations;
- 22-23.03.2017, Bonn, Germany, the First Coordination Meeting of Nexus Dialogues. 25 participants from five Nexus regions and international organizations;
- 15.03.2017, Almaty, Kazakhstan, the Round Table for revitalization of the Interstate Commission on Sustainable Development, arranged by UNECE, 10 participants;

- 6.03.2017, Almaty, Kazakhstan, Coordination meeting with USAID team, CAREC HQ. 8 participants.

CAREC has no objections to publicise the results of the Project.

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Kiktenko Lyudmila, Programme Manager



Signature:

Location: Almaty, Kazakhstan
Date report due: 31 October 2017
Date report sent: 31 October 2017

5 Annexes

5.1 Partnership agreements

1. Letter from MFA Tajikistan with nominated state partner, Tj., Rus.
2. Agreement with IUCN with detailed ToR

5.2 Deliverables

3. Updated Project proposal, Eng.
4. Updated Logframe, Eng.
5. Updated Budget, Eng.
6. Updated Work Plan, Eng.
7. Communication strategy
8. Interim financial report
9. Forecast budget for period 01.09.2017 – 31.08.2018

5.3 Figures and tables

Table 1: Project partners from national governments

Table 2: National and Regional platforms relevant for Nexus dialogues in CA

Table 3: National and Regional platforms relevant for Nexus dialogues in CA

Annex 5.3.1 Table 2: Project partners from national governments

Country	Main partner	Intersectoral cooperation	Investment policy	Other
Kazakhstan	Ministry of Energy	Ministry of National Economy	Ministry of Investments and Development	-Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Kyrgyzstan	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Melioration	Ministry of Economy	Ministry of Economy	- State Agency of Nature Protection and Forest, - State Committee of Industry, Energy and Subsoil Use - Ministry of Foreign Affairs -State Agency of Statistics
Tajikistan	Ministry of Energy and Water Resources	Ministry of Economic Development and Trade	State Committee on Investments and State Property	Ministry of Foreign Affairs Agency of Melioration and Irrigation State Environment Committee
Turkmenistan	Ministry of Economy and Development	Ministry of Economy and Development	TBD	- Ministry of Foreign Affairs -State Hydrometeorology - Committee -Ministry of Energy - Ministry of Agriculture and Water -Parliament
Uzbekistan	Ministry of Agriculture and Water	Ministry of Economy	State committee on Investments	-Ministry of Foreign Affairs -State Environment Committee

Annex 5.3.2 Table 3: National and Regional platforms relevant for Nexus dialogues in CA

National level				
Country	High-level body ¹		Expert body ²	
	Title	leading agency	Title	leading agency
Kazakhstan	Green Economy Council under Prime-Minister	Ministry of Energy	1. NPD KAZ 2. Intention to establish IsWG under the Green development Department	1. Ministry of agriculture 2. Ministry of Energy
Kyrgyzstan	Climate change Coordination Commission under Vice-Prime-Minister (Under reforming)	State Agency for Environment Protection and Forestry	1. NPD KG 2. Interest to establish IsWG under the Investment department	1. Ministry of Agriculture, food industry and melioration 2. Ministry of Economy
Tajikistan	National Commission on Irrigation and Drainage NPD Tj	Agency of Irrigation and Drainage	Interest to establish IsWG under tbc	1. Ministry of Energy and Water Resources
Turkmenistan	TBC		Interest to establish IsWG under the Ministry of Economy	1. Ministry of Economy
Uzbekistan	TBC		Interest to establish IsWG under the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources	Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources
Regional level				
ICSD Meetings		ICSD Secretariat	promotion of Nexus results in regional agenda (REAP, etc.)	
IFAS meetings		Executive Committee of IFAS	promotion of Nexus results in regional agenda (ASBP, etc.)	
EU-CA WG meetings		WECOOP2	1) Decision-making on nexus-based investment projects of regional interest 2) Agreements with IFIs, funds and potential investors	

¹ Project NFPs should participate in decision-making meetings

² Project NFPs should participate in experts meetings

Annex 5.3.3 Table 4: National WEF legislation and strategies and ranking in Central Asia

Country	WEF legislation and policy		Ranking (as per desk review and initial consultations) 1-most important, 2- important, 3-less important, 4- optional			
	Legislation	Policy	W	E	F	Eco
<i>Kazakhstan</i>	Constitution of the Republic of Kazakhstan (1995)	“Concept for conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity of the Republic of Kazakhstan until 2030”	1	3	2	4
	Civil Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan (1999)	Concept of State Forest Policy of Kazakhstan until 2030				
	Land Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan (2003)	Concept for transition of the Republic of Kazakhstan towards a green economy				
	Water Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan (2003)	“2050 Strategy” (2012)				
	Environmental Code (2007)	2020 Strategy (2010)				
	Law on Renewable Energy Sources (2009)	Strategy of Infrastructure Development “Nurly Zhol” 2015 - 2019				
	Law on Peasant Households (2012)	“100 concrete steps to implement the 5 institutional reforms” (2016)				
	Law on State Regulation on the Development of Agribusiness and Rural Areas” (2013)					
	Law on Specially Protected Areas (2015)					
Law on “green economy” amendments (2016)						

Kyrgyzstan	Law on farmer's household (economic unit) (1999)	National strategy of sustainable development of Kyrgyz Republic for 2013-2017	3	1	2	4
	Land Code of Kyrgyz Republic	National strategy of sustainable development of Kyrgyz Republic for 2017-2040 (under development)				
	Law on pastures (2009)	National strategy of sustainable development of Kyrgyz Republic for 2017-2022 (under development)				
	Law On protection of soil productivity on agricultural lands (2012)	Concept of development of the forestry for the period till 2025 (Order № 256 from 14.04.2004r.)				
	Forestry Code of Kyrgyz Republic (8/07/1999, No. 6)	Program and action plan on climate change adaptation of the sector "Forestry and biodiversity" for 2015-2017				
	Law on Environmental Protection (June 16, 1999 No. 53)	Priority directions of adaptation to climate change in Kyrgyz Republic till 2017				
	Water Code of KR (12/01/2005, Decree No. 8)	Concept of national security of Kyrgyz Republic				
		Program of food security and nutrition of Kyrgyz Republic for 2015-2017				
		Order "On approval of the national action plan for development of organic agriculture in Kyrgyz Republic" (to be approved)				
		National strategy of the integrated safety of the population and territories of Kyrgyz republic from emergencies				
National Strategy on Gender Equality to 2020 and National Action Plan on Gender Equality for 2013-2017						
	National Framework Programme on land planning (2006-2016)					
	National Action Plan for implementation of UNCCD provisions in Kyrgyz Republic (2015-2020)					

<i>Tajikistan</i>	Land Code (1996)	National programme to combat desertification in Tajikistan (2000)	2	1	3	4
	Water Code (2000)	National strategy and action plan on conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity (2003)				
	Forest Code (2011)	National plan of action on climate change mitigation and adaptation (2003)				
	Law “On food security” (2010)	State Programme to Ensure Equal Rights and Opportunities for Men and Women in the Republic of Tajikistan for 2001-2010				
	Law “On pastures” (2013)	Program of the food security of Republic of Tajikistan for the period till 2015				
	Law “On environmental protection” (2011)	Programme of reforming the agricultural sector of Tajikistan for 2012 – 2020				
	Law “On biological production” (2013)	Programme of reforming the water sector of Tajikistan for 2016 – 2025 (2015)				
	Law “On SPAs” (2011)	National SD Strategy -2030 (2016)				
	Law “On drinking water and drinking water supply” (2010)	State Environment Programme 2009-2019 (2009)				
	Law “On environmental monitoring” (2011)	Programme on access to safe drinking water, 2008-				
	Law “On environmental information” (2011)	State Programme on glaciers, 2010-2030 (2010)				
	Law “On environmental expertise” (2012)	Programme on Pastures development for 2016-2020 (2015)				
	Law “On environmental education” (2010)					
	Law “On wastes from production and consumption” (2011)					
	Law “On soil protection” (2009)					

<i>Turkmenistan</i>	Constitution of Turkmenistan (26/09/2008)	National program of social economic development till 2030	1	3	2	4
	Land Code (2004)					
	Water Code (2004)					
	Forest Code	National strategy of Turkmenistan on Climate Change (2012)				
	Law of farmer's associations	National forestry program for 2013-2020 (2012)				
	Law on waste management (2015)	National Programme on economic, political and cultural development till 2020				
	Law on drinking water (2010)	National Strategy and Action Plan on biodiversity conservation for 2016-2025				
	Law on SPA (2012)					
<i>Uzbekistan</i>	Law on Water and water use №837-XII from 6/05/1993	Strategy on five priority development areas for 2017-2021 (2017)	1	3	2	4
	Land code of Republic of Uzbekistan (1998)	Programme on development of agricultural sector for 2015-2019 (2015)				
	Law on State Land Cadaster (№666-I from August 28, 1998)	Complex Programme on mitigation measures of the Aral catastrophe for 2015-2018 (2015)				
	Law on Rational Use of Energy	State program to improve of ameliorative conditions of irrigated land and rational use of water resources for the period of 2013-2017 (2013)				
	Law on Agricultural Cooperative (Shirkat) № 600-I (April 30, 1998)	Uzbekistan on the way to 2030: Main directions of the transfer to the resource-effective model (2015)				
	Law on Wastes management	State Programme on development of Aral Sea region for 2017-2021 (2017)				
Total scoring			8	11	11	20

Head of the Executive Office of the President of the Republic of Tajikistan

First Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan Davlatoli Said and Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Tajikistan Azim Ibrokhim should be acquainted

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (invitation),

Ministries of Energy and Water Resources, Agriculture, Economic Development and Trade, State Committees of National Security of Investments, Investment and State Property Management, Committees of Environmental Protection, Emergency Situations and Civil Defense, Agency for Hydrometeorology, Land Reclamation and Irrigation.

For information and further work in accordance with the established procedure.

Rahmon Ozoda Emomali

**From: The Government
of the Republic of Tajikistan**

Subject: Kick-off meeting of the “Central Asia Nexus Dialogue Project: Fostering water, energy and food security Nexus dialogue and multi-sector investment in Central Asia”.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tajikistan with great honor address this letter of the Tajik branch of the Regional environmental centre for Central Asia on the working consultation of the project "Central Asia Nexus Dialogue Project: Fostering Water, Energy and Food Security Nexus Dialogue and Multi-Sector Investment in Central Asia", which is expected to be held on August 3 of current year in Dushanbe.

This meeting aimed at identifying the country's need for investment projects and determining the main focus of promoting climate-sustainable investments in the field of water, energy, food and environmental safety.

Expressed desire, for the participation of candidates, in the above-mentioned event from The Ministry of foreign affairs, Ministry of Energy and Water Resources, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, Committee for Environmental Protection, Committee for Emergency Situations and Civil Defense, Agency for Hydrometeorology and Agency for Land Reclamation and Irrigation of the Republic of Tajikistan.

Please give your guidance to sectoral structure of the country.

The application: in 11 pages

Minister

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AGREEMENT

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The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC), a non-governmental, non-political, international organization established in 2001 by the governments of five Central Asian states, the EU and UNDP with headquarters in 1-Orbita, 40, Almaty, Kazakhstan, A15D5B3 and country offices at five Central Asian states Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan (hereinafter "CAREC" or "Coordinator")

and

IUCN Bureau de représentation auprès de l'Union européenne, an international non-profit association established in Boulevard Louis Schmidt 64, Bruxelles 1040, Belgium (hereinafter "IUCN AISBL" or « the Co-Beneficiary »),

CAREC and IUCN AISBL shall be referred to herein as a "Party" and together as the "Parties".

PREAMBLE

CAREC and IUCN AISBL have signed the Grant Contract ENV/2016/379-904 with the European Union (the "Contracting Authority") (hereinafter the "Grant Contract" attached hereto as Appendix A), whereby the Contracting Authority has granted funds (the "Grant") for the implementation of the action entitled: "Central Asia Nexus Dialogue Project: Fostering Water, Energy and Food security Nexus Dialogue and Multi-sector Investments in Central Asia" (hereinafter "PROJECT")

The **PROJECT** activity is a part of the Nexus Regional Dialogue Programme launched by the European Commission's Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development in cooperation with the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany at the beginning of 2016 with the aim to further strengthen the political processes at regional and national level that are needed in order to meet the increasing demand for water, energy and food in a sustainable way. The Nexus Regional Dialogues Programme assists regional stakeholders in developing concrete policy recommendations and action plans for future investments with a specific focus on multi-sector infrastructure and correspondent capacity development activities.

Herewith CAREC and IUCN AISBL are members of the **PROJECT** implementation team, where:

CAREC is a Beneficiary and the Coordinator as defined under Annex II of the Contract, and IUCN AISBL is a Beneficiary as defined under Annex II of the Contract.

CAREC is an organization established by Central Asian countries in 2001. CAREC cooperates with all stakeholders in project's focus countries including government bodies, international and non-governmental organizations and expert community through memoranda. CAREC has constructive working relations, intergovernmental organizations and particularly with the Interstate Fund for saving the Ara sea (IFAS). More information at <http://carececo.org/en/>.

CAREC will coordinate all project activities and implement them through its six offices: the headquarters in Almaty and five country offices in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. CAREC will have overall responsibility for the implementation of the contract (coordination, supplying documents to the EC, full financial responsibility etc.) as explained in Article 1 of the General Conditions.

IUCN AISBL aims at assisting with the conservation of nature's integrity and biodiversity, and fostering a fair and sustainable use of natural resources.

IUCN AISBL will implement the following role in the project:

- Providing international expertise, tools and methodologies for sound project implementation;
- Implementation of expert reviews/assessments, needed for supporting the promotion and application of the Nexus approach in Central Asia;
- Contribute to preparation and implementation of training-seminars to support development of an enabling political and technical environment for sustainable multi-sectoral investments;
- Development of knowledge products and their distribution through <http://www.water-energy-food.org> and www.carececo.org;
- Support multi-sectoral dialogues with policy decision makers at the national and regional level;
- identify the Nexus issues and recommendations for each country
- etc.

Now therefore the Parties agree as follows

1. OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this Agreement is to settle the role and tasks of IUCN AISBL for sound implementation of the **PROJECT**.

The Nexus Dialogue **PROJECT** in Central Asia is for a period of 36 months starting from December 2016. It will assist in creation of multi-sectoral enabling environment to facilitate sustainable and climate-resilient investments for increased water, energy, food security and ecosystems in five Central Asian countries (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) via:

- Strengthening inter-sectoral collaboration and capacities for multi-sectoral planning in each project country;
- Attracting international expertise and organization of study tours to learn available solutions and best practices on water, energy, food security and ecosystems linkages;
- Promotion of identified investment projects for consideration of financial institutions and to the regional plans and programmes;
- Supporting national and regional dialogue platforms;
- Implementation of a pilot project in Central Asia.

The overall **PROJECT** objective is to render support to Central Asian countries on sustainable development and regional cooperation

Specific objective: To create a multi-sectoral enabling environment to facilitate sustainable and climate-resilient investments for increased water, energy, food security and ecosystems in Central Asia.

Expected results:

Result 1: Nexus priority issues and possible responses and solutions at national and regional levels are identified and prioritized;

Result 2: List of investment projects, which contribute to national development priorities and link water, energy, food security and ecosystems, and contribute to the regional cooperation is developed;

Result 3: Capacities of national and regional partners and platforms for multi-sectoral planning are strengthened.

The **PROJECT** will work with:

The International Fund for saving the Aral Sea (IFAS) and the Interstate Commission for Sustainable Development (ICSD) in order to promote the Nexus approach and projects into the regional development programmes – the Regional Environmental Action Plan (REAP) and the Aral Sea Basin Plan.

National level governmental structures composed of respective line ministries such as Energy, Water, Agriculture, Environmental Protection, Economy, Investments and legislative bodies - Parliaments.

Other relevant ministries and agencies, namely the Ministry of Housing and Utility Services (water supply and sanitation and urban storm water), Ministry of Emergency Situations (flood protection), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (trans-boundary water bodies), National Statistics Agency, to be invited to National Policy Dialogues on Nexus.

Investment Facilities in Central Asia: EU Investment Facility for Central Asia, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, World Bank, German State Bank (KfW), DAMU Green programme in Kazakhstan, Kazagro Climate Loan for SMEs, Sustainable Energy Efficiency Financing Facility in Kyrgyzstan, etc., which provide grants and investments to CAS to be studied and cooperated with in order to ensure implementation of investment projects identified within the Nexus project in CA.

Expert community from Central Asia: academia network, prominent non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and thematic experts

2. TERM

2.1 This Agreement is deemed to be effective on 5 December 2016.

2.2 This Agreement will remain in full force and effect until the last payment by the Contracting Authority and, in any event, at the latest 18 months after the end of the implementation period which is 36 months (the "Expiration Date"), unless terminated or extended in accordance with Sections 6 or 14.4 below, respectively.

3. OBLIGATIONS OF THE PARTIES

3.1 It is understood and agreed by the Parties that this Agreement shall be read and interpreted in accordance with the Grant Contract including all its Annexes and in particular the Special and General Conditions (altogether attached to this Agreement as Annex IV).

3.2 CAREC shall make available and pay to IUCN AISBL its share of the contribution from the EU necessary for the implementation of the Project in accordance with Section 4 below.

3.3 IUCN AISBL shall implement the Project activities as defined by the Parties under **Annex II** ("Terms of Reference").

3.4 IUCN AISBL shall provide CAREC with progress and financial reports as per the conditions set forth under Section 5.

3.5 IUCN AISBL is entitled to delegate part of the Project Terms of Reference to its staff members or consultants, without restriction, but the final responsibilities for quality and timely deliverables and ethic approach, IUCN AISBL keeps. IUCN AISBL is entitled to choose the staff or the employee of its choice for the execution of this Agreement.

3.6 CAREC has rights to withhold payments if the services Terms of Reference are delayed, not full or required improvements upon their successful completion.

4. PAYMENT TERMS

4.1 CAREC shall pay IUCN AISBL a maximum amount of **EUR 206 207** [EUR two hundred six thousand two hundred seven) ("Grant Share") in three instalments in accordance with the following payment schedule:

4.1.1 An initial pre-financing payment of 21 133 EUR [twenty one thousand one hundred thirty three EUR] upon signature of this Agreement by both Parties (the "First Instalment") for Project activities during the inception period (minus the amount of 1'471.79 EUR representing the costs already covered for IUCN AISBL involvement into Nexus project);

4.1.2 A Second Instalment of EUR 164 474 [EUR one hundred sixty four thousand four hundred seventy four] for providing expertise till the end of the Project (approx. - December 2019), upon accepting by EU Delegation in Astana, Kazakhstan the Inception report and proceeding the second instalment to CAREC. IUCN AISBL expertise with expected deliverables are clarified in the ToR attached to this Agreement.

4.1.3 A Final instalment (balance of final amount of the grant) of EUR 20 600 [EUR twenty thousand six hundred], upon accepting by the EU Delegation in Astana, Kazakhstan the final report and proceeding the final instalment to CAREC. IUCN AISBL expertise with expected deliverables are clarified in the ToR attached to this Agreement.

4.2 Payment request

IUCN AISBL participates in preparation of the payment request by CAREC using the model recommended by EU (Annex V to the Grant Contract). Accordingly, IUCN AISBL provides its contribution to the development of the documents demanded for payment request:

- a narrative and financial reports for the reporting period
- a forecast budget for the next reporting period

- 4.3 The Project Budget is attached to this Agreement as **Annex III**.
- 4.4 Payments made under this Agreement follows General Conditions applicable to European Union-financed grant contracts for External Actions (Annex II to the Contract Agreement with EU).

5. REPORTING

5.1 All correspondence in connection with the implementation of this Agreement (excluding notices as per article 7 below) must be directed as follows:

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5.2 Each Party shall promptly inform the other Party of any event or matter of which it becomes aware that, in its opinion, is likely to materially affect or interfere with or seriously hinder or impair its ability to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement. All deliveries and reports are deemed to be accepted and IUCN AISBL will incur no liability if CAREC does not promptly send a notice of default to IUCN AISBL. In the absence of prompt notice of default, CAREC is precluded from claiming any indemnity or damages.

5.3 FINANCIAL REPORTING

5.3.1 IUCN AISBL provides CAREC with financial reports every six months, which includes: procurement documents, certificate of executed works and invoice for the total amount.

5.3.2. All expenditures must be easily identifiable and verifiable, be accurate, appropriately accounted through double entry book-keeping system, follow EU policies and rules (PRAG) and CAREC policies and rules.

5.3.3 All costs incurred in the currencies other than EURO are to be recalculated at the rate of the EU, which is available on the European website INFOEURO <http://ec.europa.eu/budget/infoeuro/index.cfm?fuseaction=countries&Language=>

5.3.4 CAREC may request IUCN AISBL to provide additional **PROJECT** related financial information at any time during the project implementation and during seven years after its completion. During seven years after the project completion, EU can initiate an audit of the project. Accordingly all financial documents must be kept in IUCN AISBL for at least 7 years after the project completion.

5.3.5 It shall be noted, that IUCN AISBL debts and provisions for losses or debts, interest owed, items financed by another framework, purchases of land or buildings, currency exchange losses, taxes, including recoverable VAT, credits to third parties, contributions in kind, equipment, works or services purchased without "respect of the European procurement rules- **are Ineligible costs** which will be not covered by the **PROJECT**.

5.3.6 All narrative and financial reports shall be submitted by IUCN AISBL to CAREC one month after the closure of the reporting period.

All financial communication shall be conducted with the following representatives of the Parties:

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5.4 TECHNICAL REPORTING

IUCN AISBL's technical reporting obligations are as follows:

- 5.4.1. IUCN AISBL contributes to preparation of the narrative reports every six months, including the inception report, by providing analytical review of implemented tasks (ToR), achieved results and their contribution to the overall project goal.
- 5.4.2. The reports shall follow standard narrative report format (Annex VI to the Contract Agreement with EU).

6. SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION

6.1 CAREC shall have the right to suspend or terminate this Agreement in duly justified cases including but not limited to the conditions set forth under articles 11 and 12 of the General Conditions.

6.2 In the event of termination, IUCN AISBL, shall take the measures set forth under article 12.7 of the General Conditions.

6.3 It is understood and agreed that, in case of termination as provided in section 6 hereunder, all expenditures incurred by IUCN AISBL, all equipment and material and non-material assets acquired in the performance of tasks, which have been implemented in due time with due quality and accepted by other part, up to and including the effective date of termination, shall be fully paid or reimbursed by CAREC or out of the Project Budget already paid by CAREC under Section 4 of this Agreement.

7. NOTICES

All notices under this Agreement shall be sent to the following representatives of the Parties:

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8. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

8.1 The products, manuals, business methods and practices developed for implementation of the **PROJECT** are eligible for distribution through <http://www.water-energy-food.org>.

www.carececo.org and other resources as they have been paid by EU grant. The only request – proper reference on the donor, project and partners.

8.2 The copyright for all products produced within the project framework shall belong to both CAREC and IUCN AISBL with proper reference to the Party who contributed to development of those products.

9. EQUIPMENT AND MATERIAL ASSETS ACQUIRED

CAREC is entitled to acquire all necessary methodologies, tools and materials for the performance of this Agreement out of IUCN AISBL and in conformity with the ToR and Project Budget.

IUCN shall be the owner, with immediate effect, of all equipment and material and non-material assets acquired in the performance of this Project using the Project Budget.

10. LIABILITY

10.1 Either Party will indemnify and hold the other Party (including its officers, directors, employees and representatives) harmless from and against any and all claims, actions, damages, liabilities costs and expenses (including reasonable legal fees) brought or sustained by third-parties as a result of the other Party's performance of the Agreement it being understood that IUCN's liability shall be limited to the amount of the Grant Share,

10.2 Neither Party shall be liable to the other in contract, tort or otherwise, whatever the cause thereof, for any loss of profit, business or goodwill or any indirect, special, consequential, incidental or punitive cost, damages or expense of any kind, howsoever arising under or in connection with this Agreement.

11. GOVERNING LAW AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

11.1 This Agreement shall be governed by the laws applicable to the Grant Contract.

11.2 The Parties to this Agreement shall make every effort to resolve through dialogue any disputes arising from the execution, interpretation and implementation of this Agreement.

11.3 Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or in relation to this Agreement, including the validity, invalidity, breach or termination thereof which cannot be settled amicably by the Parties, shall be resolved in accordance with the terms of article 13 of the General Conditions.

12. NO PARTNERSHIP

12.1 Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as constituting a partnership or joint venture between the Parties.

12.2 Each Party is operating, and will continue to operate, for its own account and nothing in this Agreement is intended or shall be construed to authorize either Party to create or assume any liability or indebtedness of any kind in the name of or on behalf of the other Party or to act for or be responsible for the performance of the other Party in any manner whatsoever.

13. GENERAL PROVISIONS

13.1 This Agreement contains the entire understanding between the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements and understandings between the Parties concerning said subject matter.

13.2 If any part, term, or provision of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable under any law applicable to this Agreement, the remaining parts, terms and provisions of the Agreement shall not be affected thereby and shall be given full force and effect under the law.

13.3 The headings of Sections are for convenience only, and neither shall they be used to interpret nor shall they otherwise affect the provisions of this Agreement.

13.4 This Agreement shall only be amended by a written agreement signed by the authorized representatives of both Parties.

13.5 The Parties' rights and obligations hereunder shall not be assigned and transferred without prior written consent of the other Party.

13.6 A Party's failure to exercise or delay in exercising any right, power or privilege under this Agreement shall not operate as a waiver; nor shall any single or partial exercise of any right, power or privilege preclude any other or further exercise thereof.

13.7 Each of the Parties warrants that it has the power to enter into this Agreement and has obtained all necessary approvals to do so. CAREC has obtained all consents, approvals, authorizations and authorities (public or private) necessary for the utilization of the Project Budget and the implementation of the Project. CAREC knows of no reason, nor any facts or circumstances which (with or without the giving of notice or lapse of time) would be likely to give rise to any reason why such consents, approvals, authorizations and authorities should be suspended, cancelled, revoked or not renewed.

13.8 The following provisions shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement: 6, 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13.

14 ANNEXES

14.1 Each Annex to which reference is made herein and which is attached hereto shall be deemed to be incorporated into this Agreement as an integral part thereof.

14.2 If there are any conflicts between this Agreement and its Annexes I, II and III, this Agreement shall be primarily applied and after that the Annexes.

In witness whereof, the undersigned, being duly authorized to do so, have executed this Agreement in the English language in two (2) originals.

**UICN Bureau de représentation auprès
de l'Union européenne aisbl**

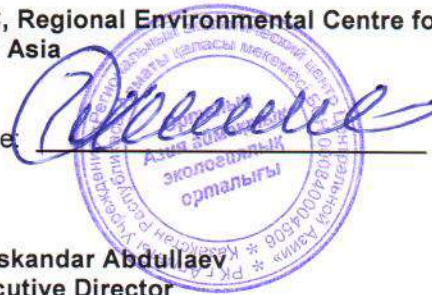
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ANNEXES

Annex I Project proposal as of 11.11.2016

Annex II Terms of Reference

Annex III Project Budget as of 11.11.2016

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Contracting Authority: European Commission

Full application form

Central Asia Nexus Dialogue Project

Fostering Water, Energy and Food Security Nexus Dialogue and
Multi-sector Investment in Central Asia



CRIS Reference: 2016 / 377-006

Budget line: ENV – Environment

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Abbreviations

ASBP	- Aral Sea Basin Programme
ASBP-4	- Aral Sea Basin Programme – 4 th edition
CA	- Central Asia
CAEWDP	- Central Asia Energy-Water Development Program
CAREC	- Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia Asia
CAS	- Central Asian State(s)
CAWa	- Central Asian Waters
CAWaRM	- Central Asia Water Resource Management Program
CAWECOOP	- Central Asia Water Environment Cooperation Programme
CAMP4ASB	- Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Programme for Aral Sea Basin
DKU	- German Kazakh University
EC	- European Commission
EC IFAS	- Executive Committee of the International Fund for saving the Aral Sea
ELD	- Economics of Land Degradation
EU	- European Union
EUWI	- EU Water Initiative
FAO	- Food Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
GIZ	- German Society for International Cooperation (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit)
GWI	- German Water Initiative
ICSD	- Interstate Commission for Sustainable Development
ICWC	- Interstate Committee for Water Cooperation
IFAS	- International Fund for saving the Aral Sea
IFCA	- Investment facility for Central Asia
IsWG	- Inter-sectoral working group
IUCN	- International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
IWRM	- Integrated Water Resources Management
MPWI	- Multi-purpose water infrastructure
NGO	- Non-governmental organization
NPDs	- National Policy Dialogue
OECD	- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
SIC ICWC	- Scientific Information Centre of the Interstate Commission for Water Cooperation
RSC	- Regional Steering Committee
REAP	- Regional Environmental Action Plan
UN	- United Nations
UNRCCA	- UN Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia
UNDP	- United Nations Development Programme
UNECE	- UN Economic Cooperation for Europe
WEF	- water, energy and food nexus
WSS	- Water Supply and Sanitation

FULL APPLICATION FORM

1 General information

Reference of the call for proposals	<i>CRIS Reference: 2016 / 379-904</i>
Name of the lead applicant	<i>The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC)</i>
Title of the action	<i>Central Asia Nexus Dialogue Project: Fostering Water, Energy and Food Security Nexus Dialogue and Multi-sector Investment in Central Asia</i>
Location of the action	<i>Central Asia region: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan</i>
Duration of the action	<i>36 months, 2016-2019</i>

3 The action

3.1 Description of the action

3.1.1 Description

The ultimate goal of the project is to prepare **the ground for investments** within the EU Nexus Dialogues Programme (Phase II). In this regard, the project will contribute to the development of an enabling political and technical environment for sustainable multi-sectoral investments aiming at increasing water, energy and food security in Central Asia while protecting the ecosystems. The project will offer an innovative approach and implementation structure in order to find the owners and champions at the national, basin and regional levels.

The World Bank (2015) predicts 25-30% water, 28-35% food and 27-35% of energy deficiencies in Central Asian countries by 2050. At the same time, Central Asian countries are among demographically positive growth areas of the world, having predicted 90 million (50% increase) population by 2050. However, the region is still in the process of slow disintegration from the Soviet past and the five States are building their national institutions and economies. There are no binding economic ties left from the Soviet period. The water, food and energy (WEF) links between CAS are disturbed to a point of no return, new initiatives of CAS governments have rather a dividing effect. *Therefore, we propose a WEF Security Nexus approach that for now does not focus on current trade and markets existing in the region.* This is not high on the agenda of the Central Asian political elites. Emerging trade among the countries remains low and countries see each other as competitors for wider markets outside the region. *Therefore, an appropriate Nexus approach should be built on areas of mutual risk rather than direct economic cooperation. This includes climate change, disaster risk reduction, ecosystem services, possible common infrastructure, etc. that benefits countries nationally and regionally.*

Development Cooperation taking into account the WEF Security Nexus could bring economic benefits to the Central Asian countries by contributing to reduce costs for production of food and reduce energy deficiency. Often development activities are built to seek solutions in reforms, create new structures, platforms and institutions for achieving objectives, and regrettably the results of those efforts disappear after the project completion.

The Nexus Dialogue in CA therefore will use the existing platforms and institutions in CA to discuss, test and promote WEF security, thus contributing to the development of those platforms and actors and ensuring better sustainability of the expected project outcomes.

Currently, CAS are following highly self-sufficiency policies, which increasingly demand for more and more resources, which are already limited. There are already increasing tensions around water resources and energy deficits in some countries especially in the winter time. There is a lack of inter-state development cooperation in the region. Even bilateral trade links of CAS with countries outside the region, such as Russia, Turkey, Germany, are more active than with each other. The only regional policy platform for cooperation – IFAS- is under an institutional crisis (In 2016 Kyrgyzstan has frozen its membership in IFAS and all its institutions and does not participate in their meetings). It is a great challenge for countries to start regional discussions of common development and resources. *The project will provide a non-political platform for dialogues which helps countries to find new strategy(ies) for cooperation and development. The project will unite the knowledge, expertise and skills of its implementing partners for properly designing the national and regional processes to meet expectations of national partners. In addition, the project will support IFAS in its efforts to become a stronger regional institute and inspire the inclusion of the WEF Nexus concept and projects into the fourth edition of the Aral Sea Basin Programme (ASBP-4) aligning activities with the priorities of national partners/beneficiaries.*

All countries of Central Asia suffer from a long lasted economic crisis and deficit of financial resources in implementing their governmental plans and development strategies. Governments make efforts to

optimize/cut their expenses, structures and activities. Nevertheless, agencies typically perform the policymaking, planning, funding and oversight of their fields of activities separately. There is a lack of cooperation, coordination and consultation in planning among ministries and in mobilizing skills to make joint efforts. *The project will invite different sectors to share their actual development and infrastructure plans, to discuss the potential benefits of those projects across sectors and possible opportunities for other sectors to participate (to contribute to costs, make them more acceptable, broaden the set of beneficiaries, reduce negative externalities etc.). Joint development of pilot project(s) for their further investment (Phase II of the Nexus Dialogues Programme) will help to establish working inter-sectoral working relations and cooperation mechanism in each CAS.*

The WEF Security Nexus concept is perceived as a vague concept for decision-makers and specialists in Central Asia despite the historical experience of respective countries (former republics) operating under the single Soviet centralized economic umbrella — with a common energy system, water infrastructure, agriculture and shared economic policies (World Bank 2004). The impact of risks related to the WEF nexus affects all sectors and actors, the governments, business and society (Table 1) and must be realized especially by people and especially by those involved into the policy and decision making. *The project will support awareness raising and mobilize the skills of involved stakeholders to apply the Nexus concept through building inter-sector working groups, supporting and facilitating their joint work for selection and elaboration of investment projects for the benefit of several sectors and countries. The project partners will receive supporting materials and methodologies to use the Nexus approach and instruments after the project completion. Besides, all materials will be made available on the websites of project partners and beneficiaries.*

Table 1. Impacts of risks related to water-energy-food nexus.

	Direct impacts	Indirect impacts
Impact on governments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stagnation in economic development • Political unrest • Cost of emergency food relief • Significantly reduced agricultural yields • Threats to energy security 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased social costs linked to employment and income loss as agriculture is negatively effected • National security risks/conflict over natural resources
Impact on society/populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased levels of hunger and poverty • Increased environmental degradation • Severe food and water shortages • Social unrest • Food price spikes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migration pressures • Irreparably damaged water sources • Loss of livelihoods
Impact on business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Export constraints • Increased resource prices • Commodity price volatility as shortages ripple through global markets • Energy and water restrictions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lost investment opportunities

Source: World Economic Forum (2011).

The environmental issues that are often excluded in current Nexus deliberations in Central Asia will be introduced in order to ensure stability, economic and social development. The project will assess and prioritize WEF Nexus issues, needs, problems and possible strategies to solve those problems.

The region has no platform for regular and structured dialogues on environment and sustainable development issues, including water, energy and environmental linkages. There is no interstate institution which has facilities and capacities to build such a process in Central Asia, to conceptualize, organize and facilitate such dialogues annually. CAREC is the only regional organization with the mandate from all five CAS, which annually conducts a Central Asia Environmental Forum on diverse issues of environment and development. This platform, was already endorsed by the five CAS in CAREC’s international conference in June 2016. It can be further elaborated and maintained on a continuous basis for Nexus dialogues in the region. *The project will support the development of this platform for regular debates on sustainable development and Nexus issues aiming to build more implementing mechanism in Central Asia for regional cooperation.*

Other Nexus issues in Central Asia, developed on the consultation meeting held on 7th July, 2016 in Gland, Switzerland, can be found in **box.1**.

There are no generally accepted definitions or indicators of water, energy and food security. Even those used by the UN have some caveats. UN Nexus definitions in **box.2**.

CA region has no defined WEF Nexus linkages.

During the dialogues, countries will come to a better understanding of the WEF Nexus definitions that reflect priorities of the countries and the region. Eventually, this understanding will help to define WEF Nexus linkages either to reflect synergies or compensation of trade-offs.

Box.1. Other Nexus issues in Central Asia

Developed at the consultation meeting held on 7th July, 2016 in Gland, Switzerland

<p>Real life issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of food security in terms of affordability of a balanced food basket for household from 2-3 low quintiles • Lack of energy security in terms of a significant imbalance between the peak demand for electricity in winter time in upstream countries and existing generation capacity • Lack of water security in terms of: (a) the lack of irrigation water over vegetation period in some areas, (b) low coverage of rural population by centralized (piped) and reliable potable water supply; and (c) the lack of protection of human life and economic assets from water-related disasters (e.g. floods, mudflows and landslides); • The issues are exacerbated by such factors as: (i) fast demographic growth in CA; (ii) increased climate variability and change; and (iii) increased risks of external shocks (e.g. volatility of prices for food and energy commodities on the world markets) and macro-economic risks (public budget deficit, reduced remittances etc.) 	<p>Policy and governance related issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of incentives for improving resource (water, land, energy) use efficiency • Low policy coherence • Lack of preparedness to political decisions • Lack of cooperation, coordination and consultation for planning between ministries • Lack of cooperation on operation level • Lack of financing for investment projects on multi-purpose water use • Implementation of investment projects • Lack of recognition of ecosystem services • Lack of institutional mechanisms for implementation of Nexus approach on national, basin and regional levels • Lack of coordination of donors
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Box.2. Nexus definitions

The UN definition on water security: a universal equitable access to safe drinking water and appropriate sanitation. The OECD offers a broader definition covering also the risk of water-related hazards.

UN definition on energy security: “access to clean, reliable and affordable energy services for cooking and heating, lighting, communications and productive uses”.

FAO definition on food security: “availability and access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food to meet the dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life”. This definition does not contain an explicit reference to the affordability of food.

By food and energy security some EECCA countries understand achieving first and foremost certain high level of self-sufficiency in terms of minimal levels of domestic production as per cent of consumption by the country (for food, typically between 75% and 95%), assuming that the balance could be imported

Overall objective

To render support to Central Asian countries in sustainable development and regional cooperation.

Specific objective

To create a multi-sectoral enabling environment to facilitate sustainable and climate-resilient investments for increased water, energy and food security in Central Asia.

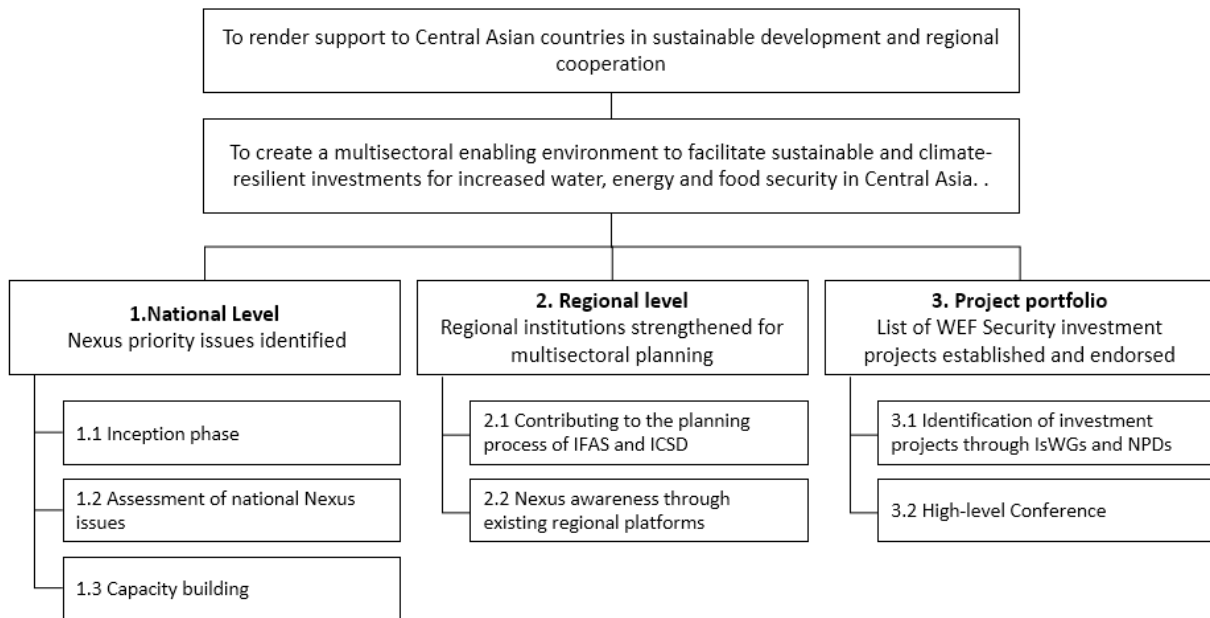
Expected results are:

Result (Outcome) 1: Nexus priority issues and possible responses and solutions at national and regional level are identified and prioritized

Result (Outcome) 2: Regional institutions and capacities for multi-sectoral planning are strengthened

Result (Outcome) 3: A list of WEF Security investment projects is established within a Nexus policy framework

Figure 1. Project structure



Description of the activities by expected results:

Result (Outcome) 1. National level: Nexus priority issues identified

Activity 1.1.: Inception phase

An inception phase is essential to ensure the acceptance and ownership of the CA Nexus Dialogues Project by the national and regional bodies and thus to reach the overall and specific project objectives. This phase will approximately last 6 to 9 months. The project team will conduct consultation meetings with key national partners from water, agriculture and land management and energy, economic and environmental sectors (nominated participants of National Policy Dialogues) as well as ministry of foreign affairs, IFAS, ICSD

and others in the five countries to obtain feedback and reflect priority needs of each country in terms of project activities.

On this basis, the project document will be fine-tuned. Registration of the project activities in all five CAS is an obligatory activity in each CAS for any internationally funded interventions that will be achieved during this phase. Focal points will be nominated by line ministries of each five country for the inter-sectoral working group at national level and for the regional steering committee.

Expected output: Project countries and partners accept project activities and ready to contribute

Herewith the following targets are set:

- MoUs or Letters of support to Nexus Dialogue Project in CA from each CAS and EC IFAS;
- An updated CA Nexus Dialogue Project document reflects the interests of the countries and the project is legally validated for implementation in five countries;
- Members of national Inter-sectoral working groups (IsWGs) and the Regional Steering Committee (RSC) are nominated by each country.

Activity 1.2. Assessment of national Nexus issues

For building effective and evident-based dialogues to promote the application of a Nexus approach in CAS and the region, the project will use the expert knowledge of the co-applicants as well as the results of their previous relevant assessments.

In addition, a new assessment will be conducted to understand the experiences of the different sectors participating in the various planning processes (e.g. of agriculture and energy sectors in water management), the current inter-sectoral planning, along with the consultation processes in place. This activity, achieved in the scope of the NPDs (Activity 1.2), will be implemented or led by the co-applicants on the basis of their respective expertise.

The lead applicant, CAREC, believes that the composition of the project team allows to decrease the number of external consultants and use the project team and partners in the region for conducting these expert reviews. Such approach helps to develop skills and knowledge in partner organizations and sustain its use. For example, UNECE's nexus assessment methodology will be the relying tool to guide partners to apply it in practice for a pilot project, if needed.

Expected outputs: Studies/assessments on specific accompanying measures, which are needed for supporting the promotion and application of the Nexus approach in Central Asia assessed. 20% of them are conducted by women.

Herewith the following targets are set:

- Institutional gap analysis and capacity needs assessments;
- Description of five-ten best Nexus practices applicable for CA;
- Additional expert assessments by request of IsWGs;
- Six Policy briefs
- At least 20% of women involved in expert works

Activity 1.3.: Capacity building

The capacity building component will consist of a series of actions which help to build theoretical understanding of Nexus approach, practical testing of its benefits, observing best Nexus practices existed in

other regions and demonstrating the progress in CA. The knowledge resources and products developed within the project will ensure the longer term impact in CA.

1.3.1 Training seminars

Capacity building programme will be based on the results of the regional capacity needs assessment (Activity 1.2) implemented under IUCN leadership, use relevant information from Europe and Germany and follow the approach of the Nexus Training Concept developed by the Global Nexus Secretariat (GNS).

Training seminars will be arranged back-to back with national and regional project events. Seminars will offer approaches, solutions, tools and instruments useful for practical Nexus application. They can include: strategic and multi-sectoral planning, project development and measure Nexus benefit, economic instruments for better coherence between sectoral policies, computer-based models for economic assessment of multi-purpose water infrastructure, hydro-economic models, scenario building, development of nexus indicators, etc.

The Nexus Training Concept with different modules and Nexus examples from Europe and Germany, developed by the Global Nexus Secretariat (GNS) will be properly considered for integration of some modules into seminars in CA.

The seminars will be developed and conducted by applicants with relevant expertise. For example, if seminar to be on different approaches and solutions to integrating nexus considerations into policy, instruments for inter-sectoral coordination, or measuring transboundary effects, it will be developed by IUCN. International partners, such as UNECE and OECD will be also informed about meetings and their programmes, as they have very strong expertise and their contribution will be very needed.

CAREC can offer seminars on project development, budgeting, implementation and management, facilitation of multi-stakeholder planning process, building sustainable multi-stakeholder cooperation schemes on local level. IUCN can transfer knowledge on international standards on climate change adaptation, community resilience (incl. gender), disaster risk reduction and ecosystem services and share experience from similar nexus dialogues from around the world. If trainings demand specific knowledge, which can not be provided by any of the implementing partner, short term contracts with relevant organizations will be signed.

1.3.2 Study tours to best Nexus practice spots of institutional or technical, local or transboundary character.

Participants of study tour will be representatives of IFAS/ICSD and key national partners.

Identification of cases for study tours to be made through consultation with project beneficiaries. The project team will collect cases known to the implementing team and the Global Nexus Secretariat (GNS) inform about them at national and regional meetings, but decision to be made by partners.

There are two options of such tours: within and outside Central Asia. Both have strengths and weaknesses. For example, cases in Central Asia can be more relevant because of quite similar conditions, legal and institutional frameworks, technical and human capacities (**Box 3**). The pilot project (activity 2.3) or other transboundary river basins where CAREC with partners support basin management can also be considered for study tours.

While study tours outside Central Asia can be either to Germany, or to China, or Nepal, Senegal, or even to the Niger River Basin in order to see the real life nexus issues, or to have exchange and mutual learning among the five regional Nexus dialogues.

1.3.3 Inter-sectoral forums

For soliciting agreement from the countries to complement the Nexus dialogues in CA and building political support outside the environment protection (i.e. in the economic sectors) to the identified nexus issues and solutions, the project will support the participation of key partners at seminars, and inter-sectoral forums, e.g. the SPECA Thematic Working Group on Water, Energy and Environment and the Green Action Programme Task Force. The following seminars will be considered: the global stock-taking workshop on assessments and applying a nexus approach in resource management in December 2016 (Geneva), the Eight CoP Water Convention, October 2018 Astana, Kazakhstan, International Nexus conferences.

The project will also support organization of a joint side event on results of Nexus Projects in order to exchange of experience and conduct focused discussion.

1.3.4.: Pilot project

Implementation of pilot projects intends to demonstrate the potential of Nexus approach.

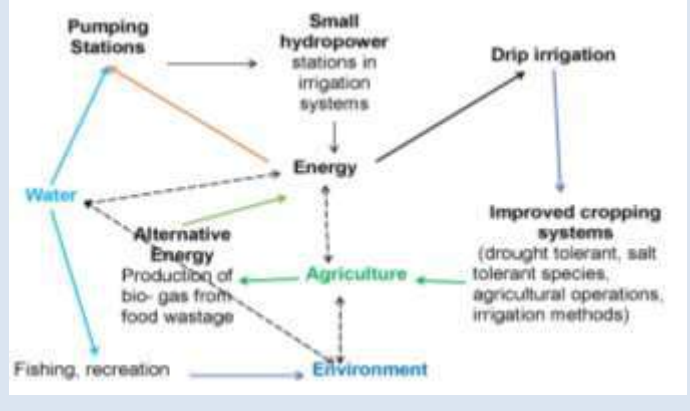
The selection of a pilot project will come out from the consultations with national and regional partners, assessment studies and recommendations of development partners. It is foreseen to have five pilot projects.

CAREC offers to consider small transboundary basins in CA region, with established basin management framework for testing the Nexus approach. IWRM based planning and management on small transboundary watersheds has already proved its feasibility to attract not only “water people”, but all groups of local stakeholders, to be integrated into the local governance mechanisms and to be at least partly funded from

Box 3. Existing case in Central Asia with Nexus elements – for consideration for study tour

Location: a remote place in Uzbekistan with limited water resources, alternatives for economic activities and saline soils, which has been developed because of understanding of interdependence of water-energy and food and building proper interconnectedness.

Development of the territory started with installation of small hydropower stations in the irrigation systems, which used limited water resources for generation of limited volume of energy for modest opportunities to have drip irrigation. This situation forced practicing of improved cropping systems and thinking about additional energy source. Finally, through self-made system (?), farmer use all food wastage for alternative energy generation. It helped to reduce the water withdrawal and leave it for the environment and not harm the fishing opportunities. Thus local residents ensured themselves with economic activities, water, energy and food without affecting the environment.



state budgets. The entry point here to be sustainable development of basin territory, with equal consideration of water, energy, food and environment challenges with development of possible scenarios. This way the project will support modification and optimization of operational rules and agreements according to the Nexus Perspective.

Pilots can be also on preliminary evaluation of some selected Nexus solutions or investments, or policy measures identified at the national level process. IUCN has tools to facilitate Nexus dialogues in order to reach agreements. The representatives of local communities: initiative groups/NGOs, farmers, women, council of elders, private companies on those territory(ies) will be invited into Nexus discussions, capacity building and practical implementation.

The pilot project progress, challenges and issues will be discussed at meetings of IsWG and RSC. A study tour to the pilot area at the end of the project can also help all countries and sectors to be involved in a more “hands-on” way.

Expected outputs: Capacities of target groups in five CA countries to apply Nexus approach in practice is built

Herewith the following targets are set:

- At least 10 seminars to support multi-sectoral planning developed;
- Study tour on best Nexus practices or solutions in Central Asia or abroad;
- Central Asia participate on Nexus forums and present results achieved in CA;
- Five pilot projects in CAS for testing the potential of Nexus approach;
- Nexus training module for Central Asia.
- At least 20% of women participate in capacity building events

Result (Outcome) 2. Regional level: Regional institutions strengthened for multi-sectoral planning

Activity 2.1.: Contributing to the planning process of IFAS and ICSD

The project will cooperate with two intergovernmental organizations responsible for promoting sustainable development in CA: the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (IFAS) and the Interstate Commission for Sustainable Development (ICSD).

Turkmenistan is taking over the chairmanship of the Executive Committee of IFAS. In August 2016 the first round table for all interested partners was conducted in Ashgabad in order to discuss the concept of the IFAS development during the next years. The concept includes five main directions, among which is the development of two regional programmes: the Aral Sea Basin Programme and the Regional Environment Action Programme and institutional development of IFAS. The Nexus Dialogue Project in CA will contribute to those three priority directions.

The project will provide opportunity for members of IFAS national branches to work as members in IsWGs. It will also contribute to ASBP-4 development process. Representative(s) of EC IFAS / ICSD secretariat will be members of RSC, participate in inter-sectoral forums, capacity building events implementation of pilot projects and selection of investment projects. EC IFAS/ICSD will also participate in Nexus working meetings of the Global Nexus Secretariat and other relevant events. Details about inter-sectoral forums in the Activity 1.3.3.

This involvement will help decision makers from EC IFAS and ICSD to understand WEF linkages and mechanisms, tools and benefits. They will be prepared to consider Nexus projects for including them into regional programmes ASBP-4 and REAP.

In turn, the project team will participate in the conceptualization of ASBP-4 and development of projects, it helps to collect and structure proposals from expert's points of view.

Support to EC IFAS will be provided in close coordination and cooperation with international partners who closely works with EC IFAS for many years: GIZ, UNECE and UNEP.

Expected outputs: The planning process of IFAS and ICSD is enriched with Nexus approach and projects

Herewith the following targets are set:

- Three meetings of EC IFAS/ICSD secretariat, on development of ASBP-4 participated;
- IFAS/ICSD staff understand, support and apply the WEF Nexus concept;
- Nexus related description and List of projects proposed to ASBP-4 and REAP.

Activity 2.2.: Nexus awareness through existing regional platforms

As it has already been mentioned above, Central Asia needs development of the own regular dialogue platforms on environment and development in Central Asia in order to have the Process of cooperation. Non-political regional platforms facilitated by CAREC have proved their appropriateness and attractiveness for diverse groups of stakeholders from all five CA countries. For Nexus popularization and promotion CAREC offers to use its most advanced regional platforms. Besides the project will establish specific regional group for Nexus project.

2.2.1.: Regional dialogue on Nexus issues of common interest - will be steered by a Regional Steering Committee (RSC) which aims at setting directions for nexus discussions in CA and for developing a list of national and trans-boundary nexus-related investment projects for the Nexus Dialogues Programme Phase II. The regional Nexus dialogue will be based on the results of the Nexus dialogues at national level (activity 1.2) in order to expand them on the regional level. Participants will decide on the approaches, priorities and criteria for the selection of nexus-related investment projects (of interest for two and more CAS), on the mechanisms for their implementation and on opportunities to incorporate them into the fourth edition of the Aral Sea Basin Plan (ASBP-4).

The proposed participants are: National delegations supposed to include 7-8 representatives of MFA, water, energy, environment, planning and development ministries/committees, regional partners (IFAS, ICSD), international partners, thematic experts and NGOs totaling around 50 participants.

The regional dialogue will be supported by expert reviews/assessments which have been already developed by co-applicants and by an assessment on (a) specific topic(s) needed for Nexus promotion and application in Central Asia. Topic(s) of common interest, highlighted during the national dialogues will be considered for the regional study. More details on this are provided under Activity 3.2.

As much as possible, Regional dialogue will be incorporated in the events of regional importance, such as Central Asian Environmental Forum in order to increase the cover of stakeholders. The dialogue will be accompanied by seminars to support the definition of WEF linkages and its indicators, conceptualization of investment projects of regional scale. Seminars will offer approaches, tools and instruments useful for the application of a Nexus approach in CAS. More details on seminars in Activity 2.4.

2.2.2. Annual Central Asia Environmental Forum – the platform is recognized by partners involved into water, energy, climate change and environment issues, by foreign and Central Asian diplomats and parliamentarians, as well as by development banks and local communities. CAREC has already a guaranteed

funding to conduct the regional forums till 2020 (with EU-CAWECOOP, WB-CAMP4ASB and USAID-Smart Waters projects). With the Nexus Dialogue Project in CA, this platform will be enlarged with new partners from the economic sector and with new sessions targeting Nexus issues.

2.2.3. Central Asia Leadership Programme for Sustainable Development (CALP) is the unique multi-partner programme in Central Asia led by CAREC. Annually it invites (through a strict competition process) representatives of governmental specialists, expert community and business organizations from five CAS and Afghanistan to a nine days intensive programme on Environment and Sustainable Development. In 2016, the programme has two modules: the Expert module for decision makers (from ministries), policy makers (from MFA) and parliamentarians with the involvement of internationally recognized thematic experts, and the general module for middle level specialists.

With the Nexus Dialogue Project, the CALP module will have a one day session on the Nexus approach and tools, benefits and case studies. IUCN will be considered as lectors/speakers at thematic sessions.

2.3.4. Coordination platform for regional organization

CAREC with GIZ, EC and USAID supports coordination meetings of regional organizations since 2014. It is the only platform where decision makers from key regional organizations (IFAS, ICSD, ICWC and five other centers) from Central Asia regularly meet, exchange their news, ideas and plans. During the second day, they meet with international organizations with the same purpose.

In 2016, IFAS invited CAREC and partners to conduct those coordination meetings under the umbrella of IFAS in order to support institutional development of IFAS and sustain the results of the meetings. CAREC will continue to support the organization of meetings from content, facilitation and logistic points of view.

This platform should be certainly used for Nexus promotion in regional programmes. The project will support a one day Nexus dialogue with heads of regional organizations in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Expected outputs: Increased understanding of Nexus approach contribution to WEF Security in CA among relevant stakeholders

Herewith the following targets are set:

- The Regional Steering Committee (RSC) is convened
- Nexus sessions on Central-Asian International Environmental Forums in 2017 and 2018;
- Nexus dialogues at the meetings of regional organizations in 2017, 2018 and 2019;
- Nexus sessions on CALPs in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Result (Outcome) 3. Project portfolio: List of WEF Security investment projects is established within a Nexus policy framework

Activity 3.1.: Identification of investment projects through IsWGs and NPDs

Identification of pilot investment projects for demonstration of Nexus solutions in practice will be achieved through the inter-sector working group (IsWG) established in each country.

Investment projects will be selected from the planning streams of sectoral ministries in order to accelerate more sustainable national development towards and more coherent policies that will have positive impact on regional or bilateral cooperation.

Members of IsWGs and other relevant sectors will be invited in order to share their investment plans and prepare concepts (possibly to explore alternatives and re-enforce multisectorality).

Criteria for selecting investment projects will be developed in consultation with potential financiers: ministry of finance and domestic development institutions, IFCA, IFIs and bilateral donors. Project implementers will take care about the inclusion of environmental criteria, such as: contribution to climate adaptation, saving ecosystem services, safeguard against climate change impacts and related disasters, etc.

The working meetings will be accompanied by seminars to support the selection process and multisectoral planning on available investment facilities and instruments to measure the Nexus impact, etc.. More details on these seminars are provided in Activity 1.3.1. The needs and demands received from IsWGs will be discussed within the WEF Consultation Group consisting of experts of the implementing partners, in order to identify the most effective support.

The existing National Policy Dialogues (NPDs) on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and Water Supply and Sanitation (WSS), which are the main operational instruments of the EUWI in the EECCA region facilitated by the OECD and UNECE will be used for confirmation of investment projects and for understanding existing policy frameworks and obstacles for inter-sectoral policy-making. NPDs are conducted in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. In Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan platforms for NPS will be identified additionally.

Expected outputs: List of Nexus projects, which promote WEF Security in CA are developed

Herewith the following targets:

- Established five Intersectoral working groups in CA countries;
- The role of NPDs for Nexus project is clarified;
- 20 meetings of IsWG and NPDs (four in each country) are conducted;
- At least 20 investment projects are selected, briefly described and endorsed in project countries;
- Indicators for selecting WEF Nexus investment projects are developed

Activity 3.2. High-level conference

CAREC offers to conduct a high-level meeting /final conference of the Nexus Dialogue Project in CA at the platform of the Annual Central Asia Environmental Forum. Using this platform will contribute to building a structured and regular dialogue process in Central Asia rather than conducting separate project-based events.

The event will entirely focus on the WEF Security Nexus with the final aim to confirm Nexus responses and pilot projects.

Expected outputs: Investment projects are endorsed at regional level

3.1.3 Methodology

Based on the lessons learned of the lead and co-applicants, the project will use the following intervention logic in order to ensure a “demand-driven” Nexus Dialogues Project in Central Asia and prepare the ground for investments within Phase II of the EU Nexus Dialogues Programme:

- The project will be a country driven process, when partners in the region decide on project topics and activities. Implementing partners will provide support and expert knowledge;
- The project will bring a multi-sectoral (or Nexus) dimension support in existing processes avoiding duplication;
- Bottom-up nexus approach focusing on local level and existing dialogue platforms in Central Asia with Nexus elements in order to have practical discussions highlighting the benefits of a Nexus approach;
- Partnership with international organizations having a strong expertise in the region.

The intervention logic is described hereafter for each expected result:

For achieving result (outcome) 1: Nexus priority issues and possible responses and solutions at national and regional level are identified and prioritized

The present project document will be fine-tuned through consultations with national and regional partners during the inception phase. This helps to ensure the acceptance and ownership of the CA Nexus Dialogues Project by the national and regional bodies.

Prior to organizing Nexus dialogues at the regional level, the project will conduct national level dialogues in order to prepare the countries, pre-identify Nexus issues and solutions in which CAS are interested and for which they are ready to discuss at the regional level. The issues and solutions will be pre-selected at national level, picking up those that are in the interests of more than one country to discuss at the regional level in order to select the most appropriate ones for applying on regional or bilateral levels. Then, the issues and solutions confirmed at the regional level will be discussed at national level in order to understand the opportunities to incorporate them into existing action plans and receive needed support. This approach helps the project to promote the consideration of targeted group of Nexus issues and solutions with regional or bilateral benefits at national levels.

The work at the national level will be arranged through, the inter-sectoral working groups consisting of representatives of line ministers and other stakeholders relevant to Nexus issues of national priority. Being a political platform at senior level, NPDs will be used for getting political feedback or for seeking inter-ministerial decisions on specific issues.

The Pilot Project will be identified at the consultations with national and regional partners, assessment studies and recommendations of development partners. It is foreseen to have either one major pilot or various rather small pilots, which would ideally enter into the Action Plan/List for Phase II.

Capacity building activities – the crosscutting activity will focus mostly on members of IsWGs and regional organizations in order to help the officials from different sectors with different background to understand the Nexus concept, practices, understand global tendencies and policies, and exercise collective actions, including on global platforms. It is also proposed to implement research activities with expert support from national and regional partners in order to increase the feeling of the ownership, to build skills and capacities in the regional and safe EU funds.

Information about the project and knowledge products produced will be disseminated through existing online platforms of all project partners, including IFAS.

For achieving result (outcome) 2: Regional institutions and capacities for multi-sectoral planning are strengthened

The project will contribute to strengthening the planning processes of political regional platforms IFAS and ICSD, in order Nexus approach to be reflected in ASBP-4 and REAP.

The work at the regional level will be arranged through the Regional Steering Committee (RSC) established by representatives of line ministers nominated for CA Nexus Dialogues Project. Outreach to the different sectors is facilitated by encouraging discussion about nexus issues also on other complementary platforms.

The project will contribute to further development of the Central Asia Environmental Forum conducted annually by CAREC and partners into the platform for debates on sustainable development and Nexus issues. CAREC already has agreements to conduct regional forums on water and climate till 2020. With the Nexus Dialogue Project, the forum will be enriched with food, energy and economic sectors. And vice-versa, through the Annual Central Asia Environmental Forum, high level Nexus dialogues will be conducted not once at the end of the project period, but every year, thus having a process instead of a project-based event.

For achieving result (outcome) 3: A list of WEF Security investment projects is established within a Nexus policy framework

The investment projects will be selected from the sector ministries planning streams. They will thus already have the concept description and impact evaluations. The decision on the number and size of (pilot) projects and selection criteria will depend on funds available for investment activities under the Phase II of the Nexus Dialogues Programme. The project team will support the development of a “blend” of pilot projects, so that not all of them would focus on infrastructure, but also on the governance and institutional frameworks. Cooperation with Investment banks will strengthen the economic dimension.

The endorsement of investment projects will be promoted through IsWGs, RSC and EC IFAS with the decision on the Final High-level conference in 2019.

Gender dimension – the crosscutting activity will be included in project activities through special sessions in seminars, special analytical parts in project reports, as M&E indicator and ongoing analysis of their achievement

Coordination with other regional dialogues projects of the Nexus Dialogues Program (Phase I)

In January 2016, the EU and BMZ launched the Nexus Dialogues Programme (Phase I) to strategically steer on-going and newly established demand-driven Nexus policy-dialogue approaches in five regions: (1) Africa (Nile Basin, Niger Basin, Senegal and SADC region); (2) Latin America; (3) Asia (Mekong Basin); (4) Central Asia (Aral Sea Region) and (5) Neighbourhood (with particular focus on the MENA region) with a view to achieving substantial outcomes, namely, Nexus policy recommendations and concrete endorsed Nexus action plans and investment projects that can benefit from Phase II when further funds would be mobilised for leveraging investment in larger-projects.

The CA Nexus Dialogues Project will be one of the regional projects funded by the EU in the framework of the Nexus Dialogues Programme (Phase I).

GIZ provides technical backstopping to Regional Nexus Dialogues of the Nexus Dialogues Program (Phase I). It operates the Global Nexus Secretariat (GNS) located at GIZ Headquarters in Eschborn, ensuring coordination and coherence between the different Regional Dialogue's components, as well as implementation of horizontal tasks including the development of the Nexus Resource Platform (NRP) and specific Human Capacity Building (HCB) activities for selected regional experts. Activities of GNS also include the organization of three Executive Committee meetings of the Program, one global Nexus policy and implementation forum (Bonn), drafting reports and minutes, and monitoring overall program operation. Furthermore, the GNS stimulates exchange and mutual learning across the regional dialogues. The project will ensure regular communication and feedback to the GNS, which will incorporate the progress reports prepared by the different implementing partners. GNS is responsible for preparing the consolidated

reporting of activities of the Nexus Dialogues Programme (Phase I), the original reports of the different partners will also be included as annexes to the consolidated document.

Synergies with other initiatives

Environment for Europe process - UN-led process: UNECE hosts the Committee for Environmental Policy; while the OECD hosts the EAP Task Force (recently renamed into GREEN Action Programme Task Force). All CAS have been members of the CEP and the EAP TF since the beginning of the process. All EECCA RECs, incl. CAREC, have been members of the EAP TF for the last decade.

EU Water Initiative (EUWI) supports National Policy Dialogues (NPDs) on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and Water Supply and Sanitation (WSS) in the EECCA region. NPDs are facilitated by the OECD and UNECE. The project will conduct national Nexus Dialogues through NPDs. While NPDs provide a good start for Nexus Dialogue in Central Asian countries, the project will also drive NPDs to reinforce multi-stakeholder discussions and involve economic sectors.

Water Programme under the GAP TF (former EAP TF) supports: developing national definitions and indicators of water security, food and energy security, improving the use of economic instruments impacting the water sector and the use of compensation mechanisms, developing specific tools to support making and implementing decisions on nexus and nexus-related SDGs, including a computer-based model on multi-purpose water infrastructure (MPWI).

Water Cooperation (CAWECOOP) project - stimulates transboundary trust and high-level, trans-national political involvement in the CA water nexus. The Nexus Dialogue Project in CA will use dialogue events to raise awareness on Nexus concept and project outcomes. It can partly use members of the Regional steering committee established for CAWECOOP project, which includes water related decision makers, diplomats and parliamentarians from all five CAS. The projects will join sources and efforts of partners when necessary.

EU Regional Environmental Programme for Central Asia (EURECA II), when started to be properly studied to ensure synergy with its activities.

UN Special Programme for the Economies of Central Asia (SPECA) - SPECA's Thematic Working Group on Water, Energy and Environment can serve as preparatory steps for seeking agreement ahead of the regional dialogues in CA in order to strengthen the engagement of other sectors and to seek agreement between the countries about the nexus issues and solutions.

German Water Initiatives: Transboundary Water Management (GIZ) and Central Asian Waters (CAWa): Annually it supports high-level meeting in Berlin where all five CAS participate. Focus of such meetings is political commitment from CAS for water cooperation. Products developed with the use of geographic information system (GIS) or remote sensing (RS) within GWI can be used for Nexus dialogues.

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH - Economics of Land Degradation (ELD) Initiative: ELD methodology developed by the United Nations University - Institute for Water, Environment, and Health (UNU-INWEH) to be considered as a tool useful for promoting Nexus thinking.

Swiss Water Initiative (SWI): The occasion could be used for linking major Water events in Central Asia. Swiss ambassadors can support the promotion of Nexus issues on high political level in CAS. Nexus Dialogues Project in CA will focus on inter-state exchange and dissemination of best practices.

World Bank: Climate Adaptation and Mitigation Programme for Aral Sea Basin (CAMP4ASB): To be started in September 2016 under the auspices of IFAS. CAREC to be a secretariat for implementing the regional component. There is a real opportunity to unite efforts and conduct a joint high level event in the region. The methodology for assessing Climate Investments to be developed under the project, can be considered for assessing investment projects for the Nexus Dialogues Programme (phase II).

World Bank: Central Asia Energy-Water Development Program (CAEWDP): If the WB supports the meeting of Deputy Premier Ministers of CAS on Water- Energy Issues in 2017, CAREC will offer a session on Nexus issues. The outcomes of CAEWDP to be studied in order to understand the lessons and opportunities for Nexus Dialogues in CA. WB project sites can be considered for study on Nexus benefits. Smart and easy to apply information systems to be considered as available tools for data management.

Investment Facilities: The EU's INOGATE programme provides funding for energy cooperation for each of the four priorities of the Baku Initiative. The EU Investment Facility for Central Asia provides funding for investment in key infrastructures in the energy and environment sectors. The project will involve those programmes in dialogues of investment projects.

CAREC initiative - Central Asia Environmental Forum: Since 2013 CAREC has been promoting the idea to conduct annual Central Asia Environmental Forum as a platform for systematic dialogue on environment and sustainable development to coordinate efforts of national and international development actors.

Smart Waters project, CAREC-USAID: Five year programme active till the end of 2020. It addresses the knowledge dis-lock in the region in water sector, build trust and working relations among water managers and specialists and covers CAS and Afghanistan. The Nexus Dialogues Project in CA can use target groups members, which includes water related decision makers, diplomats and parliamentarians from all five CAS to involve in the steering committee. The Nexus consideration to be included into the agenda of relevant events of Smart Waters. The academic network and the annual competition for research works of students to be used for promotion Nexus consideration among researchers. Recommendations from gender analysis of water sector in all five CAS and Afghanistan, especially those on women's capacity building needs, will add a value to Nexus Dialogue Project in CA.

The target groups

International Fund for saving the Aral Sea (IFAS) – is a strategic partner of the project in order to promote the Nexus approach and projects into the only regional development programme – the Aral Sea Basin Plan. IFAS is a political platform for supporting cooperation on the ecological and socio-economic situation in the Aral Sea Basin, development of mutually acceptable mechanisms for integrated use of water resources and environmental protection in Central Asia. IFAS also includes two regional commissions: the Inter-State Commission for Water Coordination (ICWC) and the Inter-State Commission on Sustainable Development (ICSD) including their sub-ordinate units and other regional organizations, such as the Regional Hydrometeorological Centre, the Regional Mountain Centre, etc.

National level governmental structures composed of respective line ministries such as Energy, Water, Agriculture, Environmental Protection, Economy, Finance and legislative bodies - Parliaments.

Other relevant ministries and agencies, namely the Ministry of Housing and Utility Services (water supply and sanitation and urban storm water), Ministry of Emergency Situations (flood protection), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (trans-boundary water bodies), National Statistics Agency, to be invited to National Policy Dialogues on Nexus.

Except the governmental bodies, the project will involve *major users of "nexus resources"*, such as the associations or big entities of water users, of farmers, mining industry, etc. to the degree possible.

Investment Facilities in Central Asia: EU Investment Facility for Central Asia, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, World Bank, German State Bank (KfW), DAMU Green programme in Kazakhstan, Kazagro Climate Loan for SMEs, Sustainable Energy Efficiency Financing Facility in Kyrgyzstan, etc., which provide grants and investments to CAS to be studied and cooperated with in order to ensure implementation of investment projects identified within the Nexus project in CA.

Small and medium size businesses (SMEs) as well as local authorities and communities will be involved through pilot project(s).

Expert community from Central Asia: academia network, prominent non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and thematic experts

Local communities from pilot territory: farmers, nature users and their associations

Co-applicants and their respective roles

The project will be implemented through a consortia presented by:

CAREC – lead partner. CAREC is an organization established by CAS, which has proved its professionalism and dedication through 15 years of its operation in the region <http://carececo.org/en/>. CAREC has memoranda and constructive working relations with all leading regional organizations, including IFAS, and with line ministers and agencies involved in the project. Its dialogue platforms are neutral and well known by most of the target groups, including diplomats in all five CAS. Its skills to facilitate the national and regional stakeholders for environment and sustainable development in Central Asia are well accepted.

CAREC will have overall responsibility for the implementation of the contract (coordination, supplying documents to the EC, full financial responsibility etc.) as explained in Article 1 of the General Conditions.

CAREC will provide its facilities – country offices, in all five CAS to support implementation of project activities on national level. CAREC will also provide its thematic expertise in water resources management, adaptation to climate change and building sustainable energy systems, developing supporting tools, facilitation and moderating multi-partner, -state and –sector dialogues.

CAREC will participate in thematic reviews/assessments conducted by co-applicants as more as possible, in order to raise capacities and skills of staff.

IUCN - co-applicant. IUCN is a global authority on environmental issues and leads dialogue on nature-based solutions to environmental challenges, including interdependency between natural resources governance and water and food security. IUCN's value proposition is based on its governance structure (Global Programmes, Regional Offices, State and CSO Members) as well as its trusted and credible knowledge stemming from the experience of more than 16,000 experts gathered around one of the six IUCN expert Commissions, the largest global network of environmental experts. With that in mind, and given IUCN's years-long global experience in facilitating governance dialogues on a neutral broker basis in various regions, including Asia, we propose the following role for IUCN in the Central Asia nexus dialogue project:

- support national and regional multi-sector dialogue platforms and ensure that proposed solutions are environmentally sound;
- provide input to the development of governance Nexus studies and assessments with respect to environmental security, e.g. to integrate the concept of natural capital and ecosystem services;
- facilitate capacity development of national and regional experts on the environmental aspects of Nexus dialogue and integrate IUCN knowledge products and international standards on climate change adaptation, community resilience (incl. gender), disaster risk reduction and ecosystem services
- transfer knowledge and experience from similar nexus dialogues from around the world, e.g. Asia, Africa, South America, and share lessons learned with decision-makers and experts in Central Asia;
- contribute to the selection of practices and identification of case studies to inform countries and interested target groups on Nexus solutions in Central Asia;
- define criteria and develop climate change and disaster risk indicators for the selection of Nexus investment projects;

The organizational structure and the team (by function)

CAREC will host *the Project Management Unit (PMU)* for the Nexus Dialogues Project in Central Asia. CAREC headquarters is based in Almaty, Kazakhstan with country offices in all five Central Asian states. The PMU will comprise a Project Manager (67% of working time) in HQ, supported by the CAREC specialists in all project countries.

IUCN will be co-applicants who provide international expertise to support project activities.

A Project Management Committee will be established to oversee the implementation of the project by the PMU. The PMC will comprise the CAREC Executive director, nominated representatives of European Union Delegations (EUD), a representative of the GNS and CAREC's Group of advisers. The PMC will provide oversight to the implementation of the project, discuss the work plan prepared by the PMU and provide guidance thorough interactions and scheduled planning meetings; provide support and technical guidance in the implementation of some initiatives in the programme, and track the implementation of project in order to ensure smooth delivery.

A Consultation Group (WEF-CG) will comprise: (1) project co-applicant IUCN, which has expertise and tools for promotion Water, Energy and Food Nexus dialogues in Central Asia, (2) GNS and (3) associated partners: Swiss Development Cooperation, USAID, World Bank, Geneva Water Hub, GIZ TWRM Programme and other interested in project deliverables partners. The Consultation Group will support project implementation with their knowledge and available resources. Meetings of WEF-CG to be organized back to back with regional events of the project.

Inter-sectoral working group (IsWG) to be established in each CAS from representatives of line ministers relevant to Nexus issues of national priority. IsWGs will support identification of investment projects, from sectoral investment plans, prepare concepts (possibly to re-enforce multisectorality) and formulate expected support. They will suggest on WEF Nexus definitions and indicators, observe effect from pilot project(s) and promote recommendations on policy level. They will also participate in researches.

Regional Steering Committee (RSC) will be established to provide political oversight to the process leading up to the preparation of the ground for investments within the Nexus Dialogues Programme (Phase II). It will comprise of representatives of line ministers and regional organizations, IFAS and ICSD. RSC will meet once a year or as and when required in order to ensure that the political processes are smooth and continuously engaged.

The main means for the implementation of the action

The project to be implemented through CAREC facilities in all Central Asian countries: Regional (Head) Office in Almaty will host the Project Management Unit (PMU). CAREC Country Offices in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan.

The attitudes of all stakeholders towards the action in general and the activities in particular

In spite of initial Nexus-related initiatives being implemented in the region, the Nexus concept is not clear and not yet recognized as a useful concept. Results of the Nexus assessment in the Syr Daria basin were not accepted by Uzbekistan, including the Scientific Information Centre of the Interstate Commission for Water Cooperation (ICWC). Attempts to involve policy and decision-makers in informed trans-boundary policy dialogue on Nexus in Central Asia so far have not been successful. Moreover, worst of all is a stable discourse of Nexus perception in all Central Asian states – hydropower versus irrigation. Both upstream and downstream countries consider regional Nexus as a potential threat to their national priorities or use this concept as a potential discourse to drive their national interests.

Other lessons from the region: Central Asian states and EC IFAS demand the decision-making voice in all development activities to ensure their contribution to national interests and implementation of ASBP-3. While project results have to conform national priorities and interests, the challenge and task of the project

is not to compromise on its regional scope, goals and results. It is about finding the right balance between ensuring compliance with national priorities and maintaining general acceptance by participating countries. A wide scope of development activities in the region causes numerous uncoordinated activities, which leads sometimes to competition for involving key decision makers in activities.

Meanwhile, the IWRM concept is progressing, the pilot projects of CAREC and partners on small watersheds demonstrate feasibility of multi-sectoral and multi-purpose cooperation on transboundary basins. The basin councils present existing multi-stakeholder platforms, which can be used for introducing the Nexus approach and assessing its benefits.

Communication and visibility

The CA Nexus Dialogue project will produce the following products:

- Table of Nexus issues and solutions appropriate for Central Asia
- Map of Nexus practices in Central Asia
- Policy brief on appropriate Nexus solutions with recommendations for each country
- Action plan for integration of identified investment projects to policy documents for each country
- Action plan for integration of identified investment projects to ASBP-4
- Guidelines on development of Nexus indicators identified for Central Asia
- Tailored learning toolkit on WEF nexus for Central Asia

The Regional Dialogue Project in CA will have its subsection on the online Nexus Resource Platform (<http://www.water-energy-food.org>,.) which will include the information and knowledge products created by the project. Taking into consideration that the project has a regional nature and Russian is used as the language of regional communication, most of the documents will be in Russian. If national and regional partners will develop Nexus related documents in national languages, they will be also uploaded on the website. The Regional Dialogue Project will also be described on the Programme Website (www.nexus-dialogues-programme.eu).

The CAREC Knowledge portal (www.carececo.org) will be also enriched with a Nexus section.

Thematic portals of IFAS (<http://ec-ifas.org/en/>) and ICSD will also reflect some Nexus events and relevant Nexus documents.

Besides, Nexus training session to be included in capacity building programmes, such as the Central Asian Leadership Programme on Sustainable Development.

In addition, the Nexus issues will be promoted through other regional events arranged by CAREC and development partners: regional events under CAWECOOP (EU-CAREC), regional events under Smart Waters (USAID- CAREC), etc.

For the visibility, the project will use official WEF Nexus Logo of the EU – German cofounded Nexus Dialogues and logos of CAREC and UICN.

All communication and visibility activities will comply with the Communication and Visibility Plan developed for the Nexus Regional Dialogues.

3.1.5 Work plan

The Work plan for the entire project period attached as Annex 6.

3.1.6 Sustainability of the action

Expected impact of the action

Cooperation on the WEF Security Nexus will bring economic benefits to Central Asian countries by contributing to reduce costs for food production and by reducing energy deficiency. The project will contribute to the development of an enabling environment for sustainable multi-sectoral investments aiming at increasing water, energy and food security in Central Asia while protecting the ecosystems.

The project will demonstrate the value of a Nexus approach and thus trigger the development of inter-sectoral and inter-state cooperation, policy recommendations and action plans for future investments.

The project will strengthen regional institutions (including IFAS), mechanisms and existing platforms in Central Asia for regular and structured debates on sustainable development and the linkages between water, energy and food security. Being involved in selection and conceptualization of investment projects, regional and national partners to be strengthened for multi-sectoral planning.

Using the neutral dialogue platforms – the National Policy Dialogues (NPDs) and the Annual Central Asian Environmental Forum and offering practical investment opportunities, the project will mitigate the influence of tensions and catalyze appearance of new cooperation schemes and strategies in CA.

Supporting EC IFAS in developing ASBP-4, the project will help it to overcome the institutional crisis, to become a stronger regional institute and inspire the inclusion of Nexus concept and projects into ASBP-4.

Dissemination and replication

Projects included into ASBP-4 have much more chances to be funded and implemented than isolated projects.

The pilot project(s) will demonstrate the feasibility and benefit of Nexus approach, thus creating motivation for their replication and extension.

If the pilot(s) will be implemented at the basin level, it will help to upscale the basin management at transboundary level and upgrade practices for Nexus consideration.

Supporting development of inter-sectoral working groups and facilitating their joint work for selection and elaboration of investment projects for the benefit of their agencies and nations, the project builds new cooperation mechanisms that hopefully stay operational after the project completion.

Awareness raising and capacities building, information and educational materials, which will be developed and disseminated widely through all project period, always contribute to the creation of a critical mass of informed and capable professionals. For information and knowledge products dissemination the project will use existing platforms in order to ensure the access to them which will be available after the project completion as well.

Dissemination channels will be: Nexus platform in Engl <http://www.water-energy-food.org>, Nexus section in Rus and Engl on CAREC's knowledge platform www.carececo.org, some info and publications to be distributed through IFAS' website <http://ec-ifas.org/en/>, Nexus issue to be included in the training programme of the Leadership Programme <http://carececo.org/en/projects/tsentralno-aziatskaya-programma-liderstva-po-okruzhayushchey-srede-dlya-ustoychivogo-razvitiya-tsapl/>. Additional chapter or more precise

consideration of Nexus issues in training module and the Hand Book on basin planning
<http://www.riverbp.net/education/trainings/detail.php?ID=81>

Risks and assumptions

Risks	Risk level (H/M/L)	Mitigating measures
The design and outputs of the action are not of interest to the national and regional organizations nor to the wider target group.	LOW	<p>Project activities and Nexus components to be identified through a consultation process with each Central Asian state. Only issues and activities of common interest to all five CAS to be included in the final project proposal</p> <p>Project implementation will follow the same approach, when national consultations to be arranged first and then regional dialogues on subjects of common interests.</p> <p>Investment projects to be selected within this area of common interest of two, three, four or all five CAS</p>
Nexus dialogues in CA to remain in theoretical discussions	LOW	<p>Building dialogues around existed Nexus cases in CAS will help to discuss nexus solutions and benefits at the technical level.</p> <p>Mediation expertise of co-implementing partners and the Global Nexus Secretariat to be considered for supporting dialogues.</p> <p>Each dialogue will be supported by analysis of potential problems and strategy to solve them</p>
Implementation of the nexus perspective at national and sub-national level depends on the willingness of sector ministries to cooperate and to ensure coordination at policy and operational levels	MEDIUM	<p>The regional policy dialogues, which are at the heart of the action, dialogues are important to set the framework of action and reinforce a political momentum for more cross-sectorial, inter-ministerial collaboration.</p> <p>Inter-ministerial collaboration to be supported on two levels: a) on national level through work of national Inter-sectoral working groups; b) on regional level through work of the Regional steering committee. Joint efforts to identify investment projects and develop them will be a practical collaboration exercise.</p> <p>Strengthening National Policy dialogues (NDPs) on water could help to improve national level nexus dialogue and efforts</p>
The challenge for efficient resource management in Central Asia requires a "transformation" of existing approaches. Question is whether the action is dynamic enough in its own right to contribute towards this transformation.	MEDIUM	<p>The project unites efforts and experience of international development partners, involve mandated regional organizations, build national and regional working groups and implement pilot project to demonstrate benefits of the nexus approach.</p>

The Nexus Dialogues fail to produce policy recommendations and action plans and/or policy recommendations and actions fail to be endorsed at regional and country levels.	LOW	<p>Very important that process of Nexus implementation finds its owners and champions at the national, basin and regional level. In order to achieve this, the project activities, tools and instruments to be agreed with national and regional partners in order to ensure their ownership and complicity.</p> <p>National policy dialogues will be used for endorsing policy recommendations and action plans at national levels, thus preparing a common ground for endorsing recommendations on regional level</p> <p>CAREC and project partners will build the process and consult with the Global Nexus Secretariat.</p>
The Pilot project on river basin can revert to type – and become an IWRM basin planning project	LOW	<p>The entry point for Nexus based planning process to be – sustainable development of basin territory, with include social, economic, energy, water and environment issues. To allow all countries and sectors to be involved in a more “hands-on” way, the project progress and challenges to be discussed on meetings of IsWGs and RSC, and a study tour to the pilot to be arranged at the project end if interest from partners. Awareness of no “water actors” about the basin territory and management to be raised.</p> <p>The implementing partners will secure the pilot project from any miss driving.</p> <p>Besides, national partners can offer an another pilot project</p>
The lead project implementer has not enough expertise and capacities to ensure all expected deliverables	LOW	Project implementation to be supported by leading international organizations with expertise in all expected deliverables
Assumptions		
The proposed action is designed around a fundamental premise: existing nexus ownership and leadership by national and regional organizations.		

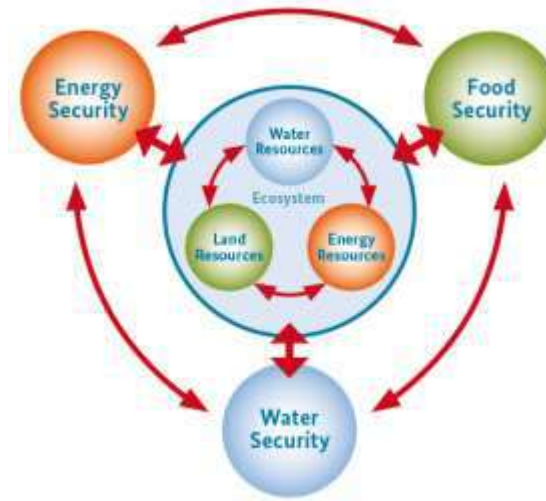
Sustainability after completion

The project will be demand driven by national and regional partners. Moreover it will be implemented through existing institutions and platforms: IFAS, ASBP, NPDs, CAREC, Central Asian Environmental Forum, etc., Thus it may be expected that the institutional and financial sustainability of those mechanisms and platforms and follow up activities will be ensured. For example, through its project portfolio, CAREC has already a guaranteed funding to conduct annual regional forums till 2020 (with EU-CAWECOOP, WB-CAMP4ASB and USAID-Smart Waters projects). Accordingly, the Nexus sessions to be conducted on those forums till 2020.

The project will produce policy recommendations for improving existing frameworks for Nexus consideration and promote them through the confirmation process. It will help to introduce them to the governance systems in CAS.

As the investment projects will be selected from the sector ministries planning streams, they will be confirmed for implementation. Their selection for investment under the Phase II will demand certain elaboration, but not the full endorsement process.

The “environment” is embedded in the WEF Nexus concept as shown in the graph below. Besides, all projects for investment will undergo an Environmental Impact Assessment.



3.1.7 Logical Framework

Please fill in Annex C to the guidelines for applicants.

3.1.8 Budget

The total amount of the project is 1 522 385 € of which the EU contribution is 1 299 955 € and co-financing is 222 430 €.

	EU contribution (EUR)	Indicative third party contribution (EUR)
Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia, <i>CAREC</i>	1 141 114	222 430
International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, <i>IUCN</i>	206 207	

3.2 Experience

(i) Experience in similar actions in the past 3 years: Lead applicant: The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia

<u>Name of the organisation: The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia</u>					
<u>Lead applicant</u>					
<u>Project title:</u> C1070 Promoting dialogue for conflict prevention related to water and energy issues in CA Central Asia Water - Energy Cooperation (CAWECOOP)			Sector (in PADOR): 14000; 15000; 23000; 88070; 88080		
<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost of the action (EUR)</u>	<u>Role: Coordinator, co-beneficiary, affiliated entity</u>	<u>Donors to the action (name)</u>	<u>Amount contributed (by donor)</u>	<u>Dates (from..to) dd/mm/yyyy</u>
Central Asia countries	€ 1 299 187,45	<u>Coordinator</u>	The European Union, represented by the Delegation of the European Union to the Kyrgyz Republic	€ 1 299 187,45	02/12/2015-02/06/2017
<u>Objectives and results of the action</u>		<p><i>Overall objective:</i> To stimulate transboundary trust and high-level, trans-national political involvement in the CA water nexus through the following specific objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building national and regional networks around the water nexus • Promoting the tools contributing to better regional water management, such as remote sensing and modelling. • Supporting exchange of experience within Central Asia on topics related to water, land use and energy efficiency; • Providing capacity-building for target groups with focus on middle, operational level specialists ; <p><i>Target groups:</i> Water and energy sector practitioners, policy makers, parliamentarians, staff of regional water- energy organizations in the Central Asian states</p> <p><i>Estimated results:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stronger multi-stakeholder cooperation platform on water nexus in Central Asia is provided • Technologies, tools and skills for data management, water- energy and land efficiencies are available for both practitioners, users and policy makers • National level “good practices” on water sector reforms are shared • Ongoing analysis of water sector issues in Central Asian states • Regional meetings of parliamentarians and diplomats involved in water, agriculture and environment issues in five Central Asian states 			

<u>Name of the organisation: The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia</u>					
<u>Lead applicant</u>					
<u>Project title:</u> Stakeholder`s partnership in collaborative policymaking: Fostering Tranboundary cooperation on small watersheds in Central Asia			Sectors (in PADOR): 14000; 15000; 23000; 88070; 88080		
<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost of the action (EUR)</u>	<u>Role: Coordinator, co-beneficiary, affiliated entity</u>	<u>Donors to the action (name)⁶</u>	<u>Amount contributed (by donor)</u>	<u>Dates</u> (from..to) dd/mm/yyyy
Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan	\$ 1,721,346	Coordinator	USAID		16/04/2012- 30/06/2016
<u>Objectives and results of the action</u>	<p>The overall objective: Introduction of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) practices in three small transboundary watersheds and their dissemination in Central Asia.</p> <p>The specific objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved transboundary cooperation based on the introduction of IWRM principles in three selected small transboundary rivers, thus providing a model for cooperation, governance and adaptation to climate change to demonstrate the benefits of shared watershed management for larger watersheds • Strengthened community involvement into the development and management of the three selected watersheds; • Improved institutional capacities and strengthened existing water management bodies thus contributing to preparation of new generation of respective water managers and technicians to promote basin principles and related water sector reforms <p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The model cases for Central Asia – New transboundary administrative bodies established on IWRM principles are appeared in the pilot basins • Facilitated participatory process of development of IWRM based action plans • Facilitated efforts of the administrative bodies to mobilize funds and implement some activities from the basin management plans • Build capacities of target groups on: IWRM principles, basin management process, basin planning and budgeting, mobilization of resources, ecosystem services and cooperation schemes based on payment for ecosystem services, valuation of ecosystem services, economic models and tools for decision making, etc. • River Basin Planning portal http://www.riverbp.net/ supports capacity development in Central Asia through: relevant news, analytical materials, basin management methodologies, useful tools, on-line trainings, expert-blogs, etc. 				

<u>Name of the organisation: The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia</u>					
<u>Lead applicant</u>					
<u>Project title:</u> Integrated Approaches for the Development of Low Carbon Development Strategies in Central Asia			<u>Sector (in PADOR):</u> 23000; 88070; 88080; 92000; 99820		
<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost of the action (EUR)</u>	<u>Role: Coordinator, co-beneficiary, affiliated entity</u>	<u>Donors to the action (name)⁶</u>	<u>Amount contributed (by donor)</u>	<u>Dates (from..to) dd/mm/yyyy</u>
Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan	€ 2,875,000	Co-beneficiary	BMU-German Federal Ministry for Environment	€ 2,875,000	01/01/2012-01/05/2014
<u>Objectives and results of the action</u>		<p>The overall objective of the project was to support Central Asian countries in developing a comprehensive policy framework for mitigating climate change and moving towards a low carbon climate friendly development path, promoting regional interests while supporting emerging new green economy initiatives and refocussing existing national development strategies towards a more sustainable development pattern.</p> <p>The task: To develop sectoral national strategies (Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions (NAMAs)) based on the introduction of energy efficiency technologies and the wider use of renewable energy sources in cooperation with selected ministries and national experts and provision of respective advice to governments.</p> <p>Results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of the composition of energy resources and the emissions of greenhouse gases in selected sectors; • Analysis of national-and sectoral programmes and plans in order to identify the saving potential on energy resources and emissions of greenhouse gases; • Elaboration of blueprints and facilitation of development of Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions in the Central Asian states; • Introduction of the NAMAs to the target audience as well as to potential donors in coordination with DIW econ; • The web-platform on low carbon development in Central Asia www.led-ca.net is developed and provide info analitical materials, info about new technologies, involved actors and business opportunities • Capacity building of government officials and experts in elaboration of sectoral mitigation plans focussing on energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies. 			

- **The co-applicant:** International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)

<u>Name of the organization:</u> International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, <i>IUCN</i>					
<u>Co-applicant</u>					
<u>Project title: Assessing the role of protected areas in Central Asia in combating desertification, conserving water resources and enhancing livelihoods</u>				<u>Sector (ref. list of sectors in Sectorial experience in PADOR): Bio-diversity</u>	
<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost of the action (EUR)</u>	<u>Role: Coordinator, co-beneficiary, affiliated entity</u>	<u>Donors to the action (name)⁶</u>	<u>Amount contributed (by donor)</u>	<u>Dates</u> (from..to) dd/mm/yyyy
Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia	863,940	Coordinator	European Commission (LIFE-III), SDC	601,210	1/1/2007-31/12/2009
<u>Objectives and results of the action</u>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of the management effectiveness and status of selected protected areas in Central Asia • Regional study on the extent and state of protected areas in five Central Asian countries • Establish a network of protected area experts through the World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) http://www.iucnca.net/public/publication.pdf			

<u>Name of the organization:</u> International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, <i>IUCN</i>					
<u>Co-applicant</u>					
<u>Project title: Nexus Dialogue on Water Infrastructure Solutions</u>			<u>Sector (ref. list of sectors in Sectorial experience in PADOR): Water Resources Policy</u>		
<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost of the action (EUR)</u>	<u>Role: Coordinator, co-beneficiary, affiliated entity</u>	<u>Donors to the action (name)⁶</u>	<u>Amount contributed (by donor)</u>	<u>Dates (from..to) dd/mm/yyyy</u>
Africa, Asia, Central America	450,000	Coordinator	US State Department and East-West Centre	450,000	1/1/2012-31/12/2015
<u>Objectives and results of the action</u>		<p>The objective was to identify best practices and connections between the multi-sectoral components of the water governance nexus and produce respective synthesis papers. The case studies are designed to be stand-alone examples, but also relate to each other as key thematic areas in the nexus that have been identified from stakeholder discussions during the Nexus Dialogue on Water Infrastructure Solutions between 2012 and 2015. The aim of the synthesis papers is to bring together sectoral best practices, and to make connections between the multi-sectoral components of the nexus. The papers identify and analyse the main drivers for joint solutions, and the opposing factors that limit working together across sectors.</p> <p>1. http://www.waternexussolutions.org/1x8/home.html</p>			

<u>Name of the organization:</u> International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, <i>IUCN</i>					
<u>Co-applicant</u>					
<u>Project title: Water Infrastructure Solutions from Ecosystem Services Underpinning Climate Resilient Policies and Programmes (WISE-UP to Climate)</u>			Sector (ref. list of sectors in Sectorial experience in PADOR): Water Resources Policy, Water Resources Management		
<u>Location</u>	<u>Cost of the action (EUR)</u>	<u>Role: Coordinator, co-beneficiary, affiliated entity</u>	<u>Donors to the action (name)⁶</u>	<u>Amount contributed (by donor)</u>	<u>Dates (from..to) dd/mm/yyyy</u>
Volta Basin (Ghana/Burkina Faso) and Tana Basin (Kenya)	5,313,272	Coordinator	Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation Building and Nuclear Safety	5,313,272	31/8/2013-31/7/2017
<u>Objectives and results of the action</u>		<p>Adaptive capacity increased through recognition and inclusion of ecosystem services provided by natural infrastructure in investment strategies for climate change adaptation and through optimisation with built infrastructure planning and development.</p> <p>Component 1: Project coordination and river basin demonstrations</p> <p>Workpackage 1.1 – Project management and coordination</p> <p>Workpackage 1.2 – Volta Basin Demonstration</p> <p>Workpackage 1.3 – Tana Basin Demonstration</p> <p>Component 2: Data and innovation of tools</p> <p>Workpackage 2.1 – Eco-hydrological functions of built and natural infrastructure as sustainable adaptation solutions</p> <p>Workpackage 2.2 – Economic valuation and benefits</p> <p>Workpackage 2.3 – Multi-objective optimisation and system simulation</p> <p>Component 3: Political economy</p> <p>Workpackage 3 - Political economy of water infrastructure decisions and governance</p> <p>Component 4: Action learning</p>			

4 Administrative data

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA	
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5 Declarations

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Declaration by the lead applicant

The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC), represented by Iskandar Abdullaev, Executive Director of CAREC, being the authorized signatory of the applicant and representing co-applicants: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, *UNECE* and International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, *IUCN*, in the context of the present application hereby declares that:

1. the lead applicant has the sources of financing specified in section 2 of the Guidelines for Applicants;
2. the lead applicant has sufficient financial capacity to carry out the proposed action or work programme;
3. the lead applicant certifies the legal statutes of the lead applicant and of the co-applicants as reported in part 3 and 4 of this application;
4. the lead applicant and the co-applicants have the professional competences and qualifications specified in section 2 of the Guidelines for Applicants;
5. the lead applicant undertakes to comply with the principles of good partnership practice;
6. the lead applicant is directly responsible for the preparation, management and implementation of the action with the co-applicants, and is not acting as an intermediary;
7. if the requested amount is above EUR 60.000 the lead applicant and the co-applicants are not in any of the situations excluding them from participating in contracts which are listed in section 2.3.3 of the Practical Guide (available from the following Internet address:<http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/prag/document.do?locale=en>). Furthermore, it is recognised and accepted that if the lead applicant and co-applicants in spite of being in any of these situations, they may be excluded from other procedures in accordance with section 2.3.4 of the Practical Guide;
8. the lead applicant and each co-applicant is in a position to deliver immediately, upon request, the supporting documents stipulated under section 2.4 of the guidelines for applicants.
9. the lead applicant and each co-applicant are eligible in accordance with the criteria set out under sections 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 of the guidelines for applicants;
10. if recommended to be awarded a grant, the lead applicant and co-applicants accept the contractual conditions as laid down in the standard grant contract annexed to the guidelines for applicants (annex G) (or the PA Grant Agreement, where applicable);

These are no any other sources and amounts of Union funding received or applied for the action or part of the action which are proposed for funding in this project proposal. All co-funding and in-kind contributions are properly indicated in the budget.

The lead applicant is fully aware of the obligation to inform without delay the Contracting Authority to which this application is submitted if the same application for funding made to other European Commission departments or European Union institutions has been approved by them after the submission of this grant application.

We acknowledge that if we participate in spite of being in any of the situations listed in Section 2.3.3.1 of the Practical Guide or if the declarations or information provided prove to be false we may be subject to rejection from this procedure and to administrative sanctions in the form of exclusion and financial penalties representing 2 % to 10 % of the total estimated value of the grant being awarded and that this information may be published on the Commission website in accordance with the conditions set in Section 2.3.4 of the Practical Guide. We are aware that, for the purposes of safeguarding the EU's financial interests, our personal data may be transferred to internal audit services, to the Early Detection and Exclusion System, to the European Court of Auditors, to the Financial Irregularities Panel or to the European Anti-Fraud Office.

Signed on behalf of the lead applicant

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6 Annexes

Annex 1. Nexus related documents, materials developed by project team:

- Setting up the agenda for water reforms in Central Asia: Does the nexus approach help? https://www.researchgate.net/publication/302595792_Setting_up_the_agenda_for_water_reforms_in_Central_Asia_Does_the_nexus_approach_help
- Water-Energy-Agriculture and Environment Nexus in Central Asia. Current state and Future. http://programme.worldwaterweek.org/sites/default/files/water-energy-food_and_environmental_nexus_in_central_asia.pdf
- Nexus trade-offs and strategies for addressing the water, agriculture and energy security nexus in Africa http://www.iwa-network.org/downloads/1450107971-Nexus%20Trade-off%20and%20Strategies_%20ICA%20Report_%20Dec%202015_2.pdf
- BRIDGE: Building river dialogue and governance. Greater cooperation through water diplomacy and transboundary water management. <http://www.iucnworldconservationcongress.org/news/20160322/building-bridge-transboundary-water-management>
- Triggering Cooperation Across the Food-Water-Energy Nexus in Central Asia. <http://www.iwa-network.org/downloads/1426255625-Food-Water-Energy%20Nexus%20in%20Central%20Asia%20%281%29.pdf>
- The synthesis report that contains the methodology developed plus the basin case studies, including the Syr Darya_Engl. <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=41427>
- The Syr Darya summary assessment_Rus. <http://www.unece.org/index.php?id=42929>
- Developing Nexus related capacity in Central Asia. Project concept note prepared by OECD.

Appendix 4 – Updated Logframe Matrix

	Results chain	Indicators	Baseline (2016)	Current value (August 2017)	Targets (2019)	Sources and means of verification	Assumptions
Overall objective: Impact	Support to Central Asian countries (CAS) in economic development and regional cooperation transformation required to meet increasing water, energy and food (WEF) security demands through the WEF Nexus approach rendered	<p>Evolution of commitments to apply the WEF Nexus approach in CAS</p> <p>Number of stakeholders understanding and supporting the WEF Nexus approach for regional multisectoral planning</p>	<p>No understanding of the WEF Nexus approach in CAS</p> <p>The WEF Nexus concept/approach is unknown and unwelcome in CAS</p> <p>No participation of WEF sectors in intersectoral Nexus discussion</p> <p>No defined WEF Nexus linkages</p>	All 5 CAS, IFAS, ICSD confirmed their interest to test the WEF Nexus approach potential in order to increase WEF Security in the region	<p>The WEF Nexus approach is introduced in ASBP-4 and REAP</p> <p>At least 70% of stakeholders understand and support the WEF Nexus approach for regional multisectoral planning</p>	<p>Documents/reports from national and regional Nexus dialogue events</p> <p>Project progress reports</p> <p>Baseline and follow-up assessments</p>	<p>National and regional understanding and commitment to the WEF Nexus agenda</p> <p>Political will at Ministerial level</p>

<p>cific objective(s): Outcome(s)</p>	<p>The multi-sectoral enabling environment to facilitate sustainable and climate-resilient investments for increased water, energy, and food security in Central Asia is created</p>	<p>Inter-sectoral working groups (IsWGs) established and operate in each CAS</p> <p>Number of discussions on Nexus approach, related issues and priorities conducted at regional dialogue platforms, including IFAS and ICSD meetings</p> <p>Number of women appointed by CAS as members of IsWG</p>	<p>No experience in multisectoral planning and no platforms in CAS</p> <p>National bodies do not practice multisectoral planning</p> <p>Regional programmes (ASBP and REAP) do not include WEF Security consideration</p>	<p>All 5 CAS, confirmed their interest to establish IsWGs to include representatives of the relevant line ministries</p> <p>MoUs with IFAS, ICSD to cooperate under the Nexus Project agreed, to be signed soon</p>	<p>5 IsWGs operate in five CAS</p> <p>At least 10 discussions on Nexus approach, related issues and priorities conducted at regional dialogue platforms, including IFAS and ICSD meetings</p> <p>National IsWGs include at least 1-2 women</p>	<p>IsWG documents (composition, meeting minutes)</p> <p>MoUs with IFAS, ICSD</p> <p>Agendas, minutes of IFAS, ICSD meetings</p>	<p>National and regional partners consider Nexus project as an opportunity to contribute to their own plans and strategies</p> <p>Supportive environment in CAS and regional organizations involved in the Nexus Project implementation</p>
<p>Result (Outcome) 1. National Level</p>	<p>Nexus priority issues and possible responses and solutions at national level are identified and prioritized</p>	<p>Number of support documents for the Nexus Project received from CAS</p> <p>Number of expert studies/assessments on WEF Nexus approach and its potential in CAS</p>	<p>No understanding of the WEF Nexus approach in CAS</p> <p>None of the ongoing projects is based on Nexus approach</p> <p>Nexus issues are not studied at national level</p>	<p>1 support letter received from Tajikistan</p> <p>ToR for expert studies/assessments developed</p>	<p>5 support documents for the Nexus Project from CAS (1 per country)</p> <p>At least 3 expert studies/assessments on WEF Nexus approach and its potential in CAS</p>	<p>Support letters</p> <p>Reports on experts studies/assessments</p> <p>Training modules</p> <p>LoPs from capacity-building activities</p>	<p>CAS consider Nexus project as an opportunity to contribute to their own plans and strategies</p> <p>Nexus issues to be selected from areas of mutual benefits</p>

		<p>Number of training modules on Nexus concept/approach/criteria developed for CAS</p> <p>% of women involved in expert studies/assessments and capacity-building activities</p>	<p>No specialists in CA understand how inter-sectoral policy making and investment planning can be implemented</p> <p>Very limited number of Nexus related materials and knowledge resources (in Russian) exist</p>		<p>At least 2 training modules on Nexus concept/approach/criteria developed for CAS</p> <p>At least 20% of experts involved in studies/assessments and capacity-building activities are women</p>		
Result (Outcome) 2. Regional level	<p>Regional institutions and capacities are strengthened on Nexus approach to enhancing multi-sectoral planning</p>	<p>Number of regional discussions on Nexus approach, related issues and priorities conducted at IFAS, ICSD and other regional meetings</p> <p>Nexus concept is developed and integrated in ASBP-4 and REAP</p> <p>Number of Nexus projects developed and integrated in ASBP-4</p> <p>% of women participating in in the WEF Nexus regional events</p>	<p>The planning process of IFAS and ICSD are based on traditional sectoral approach</p> <p>WEF Security approach is not considered in ASBP and REAP</p> <p>Investment projects in ASBP-3 have only sectoral focus</p> <p>Potential of Nexus approach not discussed at regional fora</p>	<p>MoUs with IFAS, ICSD to cooperate under the Nexus Project agreed, to be signed soon</p>	<p>At least 10 Nexus sessions at IFAS, ICSD, annual CAEF and CALP</p> <p>Uniform Nexus concept integrated in ASBP-4 and REAP</p> <p>At least 3 Nexus projects developed and integrated in ASBP-4</p> <p>At least 20% of participants in the WEF Nexus regional events are women</p>	<p>Reports, minutes, LoP from regional events</p> <p>ASBP-4 and REAP documents</p>	<p>No external factors prevents IFAS and ICSD from participating in the Nexus Project implementation and follow-up</p>

Result (Outcome) 3. Project portfolio	List of WEF Security investment projects established and endorsed	Number of Nexus projects developed for investment within the EU Nexus Dialogues Programme (Phase II) Number of investment projects endorsed at the CA High-Level Conference in 2019	No Nexus based investment projects developed or identified in CA	No Nexus based investment projects developed or identified in CA	20 WEF Nexus investment projects, including at least 3 of regional or trans-boundary interest, are selected, briefly described and endorsed in project countries At least 5 WEF Nexus investment projects endorsed at the CA High-level conference	List of WEF Nexus based investment project proposals developed and submitted for inclusion in ASBP-4 and REAP Resolution of the CA High-level conference	National and regional partners consider Nexus project as their opportunity to contribute to achievement of their plans and strategies										
	<i>What are the key activities to be carried out, to produce the outputs?</i>		Means: <i>What are the means required to implement these activities, e. g. staff, equipment, training, studies, supplies, operational facilities, etc.</i>		Costs: <i>What are the action costs? How are they classified? (Breakdown in the Budget for the Action)</i>												
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PROJECT COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

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BACKGROUND

This Communication Strategy is for the Project “*Central Asia Nexus Dialogue Project: Fostering Water, Energy and Food (WEF) Security Nexus Dialogue and Multi-sector Investment in Central Asia*” which aims to support the creation of an enabling multi-sectoral environment to facilitate sustainable and climate-resilient investments for increased water, energy, food security and ecosystems in Central Asia. The main project outcome will be a portfolio of WEF-based investment projects for the second phase of Nexus project.

STRATEGY OBJECTIVES

This Communication Strategy's aim is twofold: 1) to promote general understanding of why Nexus approach is needed and how inter-sectoral investment planning is possible in CA, and 2) to inform target groups and general public about the project activities.

The Strategy pursues the following objectives:

1. Advocate the potential of Nexus approach for WEF Security in the region;
2. Inform about practical opportunities to make policy-making and investment planning more inter-sectoral in CA countries;
3. Information support to project activities.

TARGET GROUPS

The main target groups are the following:

1. Regional Intergovernmental bodies: International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (IFAS), Interstate Commission for Sustainable Development (ICSD) and other regional organizations under the IFAS umbrella
2. National bodies: ministries and government agencies responsible for economic development, water, land and energy resources management and environment protection.
3. Investment Facilities: EU Investment Facility for Central Asia (IFCA), Green Climate Fund
4. International Financial Institutions: European Investment Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), Asian Development Bank (ADB), World Bank (WB), national development funds.
5. International community: international development organizations which contribute to achievement of WEF Security in Central Asia: EU/WECCOOP2, GIZ, UNECE, OECD, UNEP, etc.
6. Expert community: national experts, environmental NGOs, educators

Description of target groups, communication methods and instruments are presented in Annex 1.

KEY MESSAGES

- ➔ Interdependence between Water, Energy and Food security policies must be taken into consideration in policy-making and investment planning;
- ➔ Lack of cooperation between the Water, Energy and Food sectors is a barrier towards WEF Security;
- ➔ Nexus approach is key for strengthening inter-sectoral cooperation in policy-making and investment planning;
- ➔ Multi-sectoral projects are more attractive for investors than narrow sectoral proposals.

PROJECT VISIBILITY

The approved project title in English and Russian to be used in all communication and visibility materials is shown in Table 1 below:

Language	Project Title
English	Central Asia Nexus Dialogue project: Fostering Water, Energy and Food Security Nexus Dialogue and Multi-Sector Investment
Russian	Центрально-Азиатский Диалог по использованию возможностей многосекторального финансирования путем усиления взаимосвязи «вода-энергия-продовольствие»

While developing and designing booklets, banners, folders, USB-carriers, project information sheets and other printed products, it is mandatory to use the following logotypes: European Union (EC), Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC) and International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), NEXUS.

Logos disposition:

- Use and location of the logo of the European Union must comply with the current EU rules: the location at the far-left upper corner, goes before all other logos, there is a disclaimer placed under the logo in corresponding language: «Проект финансируется Европейским Союзом» (Russian version), «This project is funded by the European Union» (English version).
- CAREC's and IUCN's logos should be used in the following priority order: first, the logo of CAREC (after the EU logo) and then the logo of IUCN. One general disclaimer for both logos goes under in corresponding language: «Проект реализуется РЭЦА в сотрудничестве с МСОП» (Russian version), «Project is implemented by CAREC in cooperation with IUCN» (English version).
- EU, CAREC, IUCN logos should be aligned along a single line (example, Annex 2);
- NEXUS logo goes after all previously mentioned logos with the same size.

NEXUS and IUCN logos are available at the following link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/OB5rt110uqyybcHJzbjltSk1YQzA>

METHODS AND INSTRUMENTS

The Communication will be conducted mostly at the following dialogue platforms:

1. Nexus project events;
2. Existing regional dialogue platforms of CAREC and partners: CAEF, CALP, meeting of regional organizations, etc.;
3. Relevant events of IFAS and ICSD: working meetings on ASBP-4, REAP;
4. Relevant events of development partners, such as: WECOOP, UNEP, GIZ, UNECE, OECD, etc.;
5. Relevant events of other CAREC projects: CAWECOOP, Smart Waters, CAMP4ASB, etc.

The Communication will be supported and promoted through the following information sources

- Information resources:
 - <https://www.water-energy-food.org/start/> (Rus)
 - <https://www.water-energy-food.org/start/> (Eng) Contact person: maarit.thiem@giz.de
 - <http://carececo.org/projects/tsentralno-aziatskiy-dialog-po-ispolzovaniyu-vozmozhnostey-mnogosektoralnogo-finansirovaniya-putem-u/> (Rus, Eng) Contact person bzhumagazina@carececo.org
 - <https://www.iucn.org/theme/water/our-work/nexus>
 - CAREC's regular newsletters: monthly and quarter
[http://carececo.org/upload/Newsletter_8_ENG%20\(2\).pdf](http://carececo.org/upload/Newsletter_8_ENG%20(2).pdf)
- Social networks
 - Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/nexusresourceplatform/>
 - <https://www.facebook.com/carececo/>
 - Twitter @recca_carec #CAREC#CAREC_news (Project hashtag #NexusCentralAsia)
- Paper materials
 - booklets, leaflets, flash drives, banners, etc.
 - knowledge products

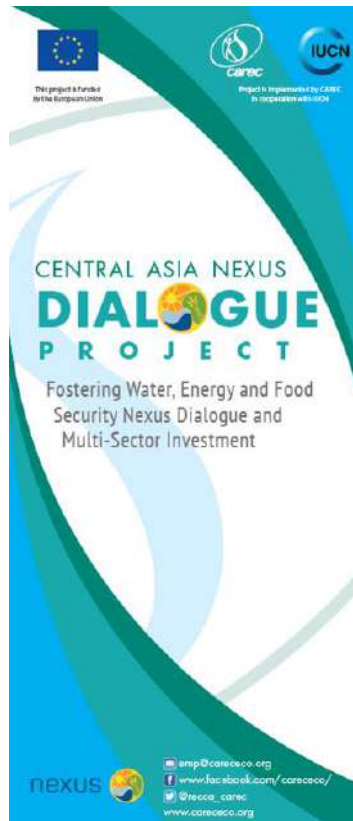
More detailed information on the methods used, depending on the target group in Appendix 1.

ANNEX 1 PROPOSED METHODS AND INSTRUMENTS

Target Group	Specifics	What is necessary	Methods and instruments
Regional organizations: EC IFAS/ ICSD Secretariat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - intergovernmental political structures (hosted by Turkmenistan) - highly bureaucratic processes: even the meeting with EC IFAS demands confirmation from MFA. - traditional format of work: formal meetings, paper materials, agreement process through MFAs in all five CA countries, etc. - limited communication facilities: access to internet, Skype. - no effective communication and cooperation between regional and national bodies - no Kyrgyzstan at IFAS/ICSD events - lack of strong staff, skills and funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - introduce Nexus approach and projects to planning process of IFAS and ICSD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MoUs with both organizations include cooperation details with Nexus project - Identification of a “Nexus friend” and close work with this friend - technical support and expert contribution to ASBP, REAP updating - membership in Intersectoral working group (IsWGs) and regional steering committee - invitation to all Nexus events - targeted information letters, policy brief - paper materials in Rus - on-line information in Rus
National bodies responsible for economic development, water, land and energy resources management and environmental protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - dependence on decisions from national MFAs - interest in grant funds - loan decisions are taken by ministries of finance - ministries of finance prefer do not participate in donor-funded projects - traditional format of work and communication: requests via MFA, formal meetings, paper materials, receptions, etc. - lack or poor knowledge of English - lack or poor understanding of how Nexus approach could be practically used for investment planning - lack of time and human resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - build understanding of Nexus potential for WEF security - establish IsWGs and ensure their regular meetings - identify investment projects from national or sectoral investment plans - ensure that the investment projects identified through the Nexus Projects are included in the national parts of ASBP-4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MoUs with key partners from line ministries - Close work, regular communication and expert support to members of IsWGs - technical and expert support to IsWGs establishment, its work and regular meetings - targeted capacity building seminars - targeted policy briefs - hard copy materials (booklets, brochures, leaflets, etc.) in Rus - on-line information in Rus
International Financial Institutions (EIB,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IFIs distribute loans, while three CA countries already have a hard loan burden and two have 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - raise interest about the project activities and its results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - invitation to participate in the development of selection criteria - ongoing bilateral consultations

EBRD, ADB, , WB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> strict policies against taking loans with state guaranty - cooperation is based on bilateral relations with national government structures - interest in profitable projects - selection criteria do not include indicators on WEF Nexus and regional benefit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - find cooperation modality for Nexus Phase II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - invitation to the project events
Development funds (Investment Facility for CA, Green Climate Fund, GEF)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - lengthy process of proposals' development and endorsement - WEF Nexus is not part of the selection criteria 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - raise interest to project activities and its results - find a viable cooperation modality for Nexus Phase II 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - invitation to participate in the development of selection criteria - ongoing bilateral consultations - invitation to the project events
International community (EU/WECOOP2, GIZ, UNECE, OECD, UNEP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - interest to cooperate and join efforts: 1) testing Nexus approach (UNECE, OECD) 2) development NPDs (UNECE, OECD) 3) work with IFAS and ICSD (UNEP, GIZ, UNECE, WECOOP2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - coordinate activities - find synergies - attract international expertise and additional resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - use relevant events of partners to discuss project findings - propose UNECE&OECD methodologies for testing through pilot projects - use NPDs in Kz and Kz for Nexus dialogues. Clarify this opportunity in Tj - invite to project events, whenever possible
Expert community (national experts, NGOs, educators)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no understanding of Nexus approach and how to apply it in CA countries - interest to provide fee-based consultations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - build skills and capacities to support/facilitate multi-sectoral investment planning in CA countries and to carry out Nexus related assessments - provide expert support to IsWGs in order to obtain project results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - identify experts in all five CA countries - engage experts under short-term contracts to carry out expert work requested by IsWGs - involve national experts into the development of policy briefs and other materials, including open info resources
Mass media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no understanding of Nexus approach and its contribution to WEF security 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - build awareness on Nexus approach 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - invitation to project events and seminars, whenever possible - open info resources

ANNEX 2 USE OF LOGOS



ANNEX 3 LIST OF MASS MEDIA BY COUNTRIES

KAZAKHSTAN			
NAME	CONTACT AND CONTACT PERSON	EMAIL	WEBSITE
TV and radio broadcasting			
Телеканал "Хабар"/ "Khabar" tv channel	Новости канала «Хабар»: 8 (7172) 553 540, 8 (7272) 700 122 (г.Алматы) Канал «24kz»: 8 (7172) 553 445 Канал «Kazakh TV»: 8 (7172) 553 451, 8 (7172) 553 468 (г.Астана), Тел редакции: 8(7172) 553 545, Жанар 8 701 3 887 404	astananews@khabar.kz, zhanar_khabar@mail.ru	http://khabar.kz/ru/
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