

# Transboundary Water Management in Central Asia

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#### German Water Initiative

Five points of a German Water Initiative announced by Foreign Minister Steinmeier on 1 April 2008

- Transboundary Water Management (based upon proposals from the region)
- Transfer of know-how regarding sustainable water management
- New course on sustainable water management at the Kazakh-German University, Almaty
- Networking among water experts from Germany, the EU and Central Asia
- Support for activities in Central Asia undertaken by Germany's water industry, a world leader





### Steps to develop a CA-German programme on Transboundary Water Management

- 01 April 08: announcement water initiative, Berlin
- June-July 08: Expert mission to all countries
- National planning workshops
- Follow-up conference on Berlin water initiative, 17-18 November, Almaty
- Start of programme: beginning 2009
- Duration: until 2011/2012, possible extension





### **Expert Mission**

#### Date:

16 June 2008 – 1 August 2008

#### Countries:

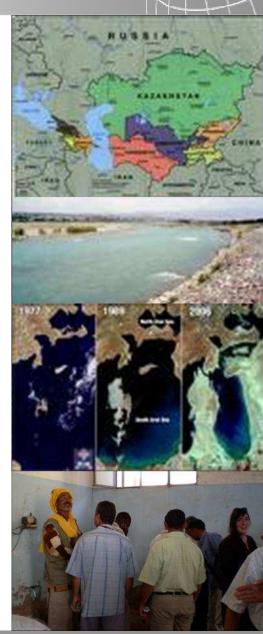
Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan

#### Institutions:

- Ministries (Foreign Affairs, Water, Energy, Environment)
- regional institutions (IFAS, SIC ICWC, SDIC, BVO)
- national institutes and organisations
- donor agencies



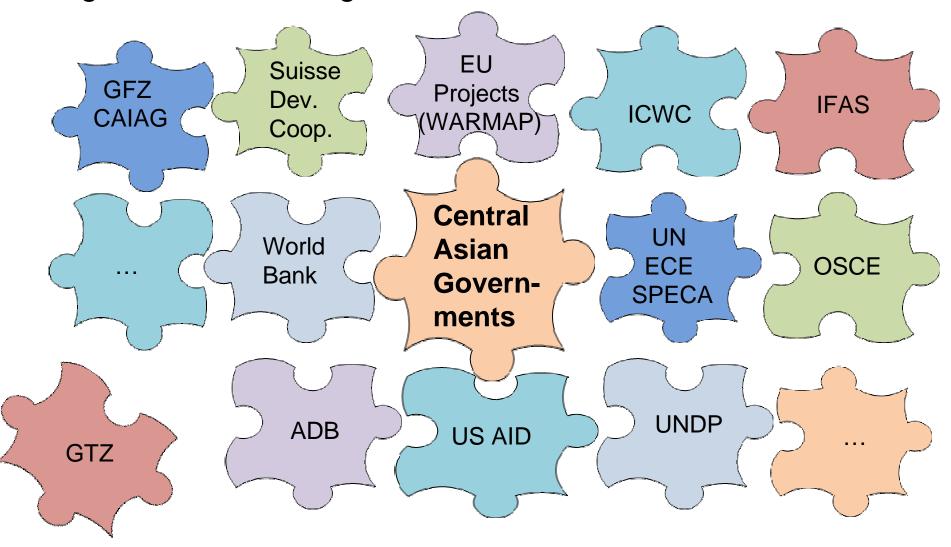
# Programmatic Approach







#### Integration into existing activities







#### Proposal for a programmatic approach: 3 Components

Regional Dialogue and Cooperation on Water **Resources Management** Implementation of Best Practices of River Basin Approach for **Transboundary Rivers** National Pilot Projects for Improved Water Management





# C1: Regional Dialogue and Cooperation for Water Resources Management

- Regional Institutions on Water Cooperation
- Regional Framework for Water Management
   (→ UN ECE Convention)
- Regional and Bilateral Agreements
- Regional Guidelines for Water Monitoring and Data Exchange





# C2: River Basin Approach for Smaller Transboundary Rivers (1)

- Basin Assessment and Monitoring
  - Administrative Structures
- Determination of River Basin Objectives
- Development of River Basin Management Plans (Long-term)
- Financing concepts for River Basin Infrastructure
- Transboundary Environmental and Social Impact Assessment
- Safety of Hydrotechnical Facilities and Dams





# C2: River Basin Approach for Smaller Transboundary Rivers (2)

#### Proposed Rivers:

- Isfara and Chadzhabarkan (Tjk- Kyrg)
- Murghab Basin (Turk- Afgh)
- Serafshan (Uzb- Tjk)
- Aral-Syrdarya basin (Kaz-Uzb)





# C3: National pilot projects for improved water management (1)

- Institutional development of competence for Water, Climate Change and Energy (-> national competence centres?)
- Vulnerability analysis and adaptation strategies for Climate Change
- Development of criteria for hydropower utilisation
- Water reuse and sanitation
- Efficient use of water for irrigation dissemination of good practices to selected river basins





# C3: National pilot projects for improved water management (2)

#### National proposals

- Support to solutions and action plans for Garauti irrigation area (Tjk)
- Support to increased safety and improvement of hydrotechnical facilities and dams (Kyrg)
- Support to solutions and action plans for safe use and reuse of water; improvement of water quality – Murghab river (Turk)





## Next steps

- Narrowing down of topics:
  - Complete national feed-backs
  - Regional workshop for next planning steps?
- Start of programme beginning 2009



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