



UNESCO-IHE
Institute for Water Education

UNESCO-IHE Tailor-made Training on Preventive Diplomacy for Transboundary Water Management with a Focus on Central Asia

A tailor-made training was held at UNESCO-IHE in Delft, The Netherlands, from 22 September to 3 October 2014 on the topic of preventive diplomacy for transboundary water management with a focus on Central Asia. Rotary International sponsored this event.

The overall objective of this initiative was to provide support to the peaceful management of water resources in the region by:

- Improving the competences in preventive diplomacy for transboundary water management of mid or high-level civil servants from each country involved in advising decision or policy makers on transboundary water issues; and
- Enhancing the competences in preventive diplomacy for transboundary water management of young professionals active in civil society in the water sector, particularly in relation with transboundary issues.

A call for nominations was issued through different channels for participants to join from Afghanistan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kirgizstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Eleven participants travelled to Delft to take part in the course.

Amongst those participants were four members of the Groundwater Resources Governance in Transboundary Aquifers project, namely Ms Valentina Salybekova and Mr. Serik Bekmaganbetov from Kazakhstan; and Ms. Natalya Shulgina and Mr. Sherzod Asadov from Uzbekistan.

A range of distinguished guest lecturers from UNESCO-IHE, UNESCO-PCCP, The Clingendael Institute and Oregon State University were invited to participate in the course. They are all specialists in their respective areas and shared with the participants their knowledge and experience.

In brief, the programme offered an introduction to the principles of integrated water management with a focus on issues related to transboundary issues; to regional issues in Central Asia; and to groundwater. There was also an overview of the various types of dispute resolution methods and fundamental skills for negotiations and training in negotiation techniques. This was followed by conflict resolution processes and the development of various future scenarios for the region using a model developed for the region. The full programme, with the topics covered and names of presenters, is available on the next page.



Table with topics covered in the training, and presenters:

Day		Topic	Presenter
Monday 22.9	Morning	Welcome and Introduction	Zaki Shubber, UNESCO-IHE
		Introduction to IWRM	Eelco van Beek, UNESCO-IHE
	Afternoon	Water in Central Asia	Joop de Schutter (JdS), UNESCO-IHE
		Groundwater	Neno Kukuric, IGRAC
Tuesday 23.9	All day	Negotiations	Tim Masselink (TM), Clingendael
Wednesday 24.9	All day	Negotiations	TM
Thursday 25.9	All day	Alternative dispute resolution	Lena Salame (LS), PCCP UNESCO
Friday 26.9	Morning	Introduction to international water law	ZS
		Alternative dispute resolution	LS
	Afternoon	Alternative dispute resolution	
Monday 29.9	All day	Conflict management and transformation	Aaron Wolf (AW), Oregon State University
Tuesday 30.9	All day	Conflict management and transformation	AW
Wednesday 1.10	All day	Conflict management and transformation	AW
Thursday 2.10	All day	Future scenarios building	JdS, Shreedhar Maskey, UNESCO-IHE
Friday 3.10	Morning	The experience of the International Commission for the Protection of the Rhine	Jan Leentvar
		Wrap-up	ZS