

wings over wetlands

The UNEP-GEF African-Eurasian Flyways Project



**Report on the First Regional Training Board Meeting of
Central Asia, the Southern Caucasus and Russia**



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Biodiversity of Kazakhstan)**



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1. Introduction

The First Regional Training Board Meeting for Central Asia, the Southern Caucasus and Russia was held in Almaty, Kazakhstan between the 8th and 10th of April 2008 to establish the 4th Sub-regional Training Board within the framework of the Wings over Wetlands (WOW) Project.

The meeting was attended by 20 participants from 10 countries.

The meeting was organized and hosted by the Association for the Conservation of the Biodiversity of Kazakhstan (ACBK) which functions as the Sub-Regional Centre for the Wings over Wetlands project for Central Asia, the Southern Caucasus and Russia (CASCR). ACBK hosts the Capacity Development Officer (CDO) for this Sub-region.

The venue of the meeting was in the hotel Altyn Kargaly. The workshop language was Russian with translation for non-Russian speaking participants.

2. Participants

14 participants originally were invited to attend the meeting and to become Training Board members representing Ministries, international conservations projects (GEF/UNDP), multilateral agreements (AEWA and Ramsar) and other institutions. 12 participants confirmed their participation and attended the meeting. Unfortunately, the invited Ramsar Standing Committee member for the Caucasian region, Anna Rukhadze couldn't attend. However, later on, the AEWA focal point for the Caucasus, Irina Lomashvili, was interested to become TB member and contribute to the implementing of the project. Please find the list of participants below as Annex 2

3. Approach and Agenda

The main goal of the meeting was to establish and launch the Training Board

The expected aims and outcomes of the meeting were to achieve the following:

- To enhance the participants knowledge and understanding of the WOW Project and the flyway scale conservation approaches
- To understand the invited organization's profile, capacity and potential for the implementation of the Training and Awareness Raising Programme in the sub-region
- Setting the ground for establishing the Training Board in the CASCR Region
- To develop an action plan for the implementation of the Training and Awareness Raising Programme
- To develop the roles and responsibilities of the Training Board, formally set up the Board and elect a chairman/chairwoman and deputies

Please find the workshop agenda as Annex 1

4. Summary of Key Discussions during the meeting:

4.1. CASCR Training Board Terms of References

During workshop day 2 the Training Board Members discussed and defined their Terms of Reference (ToR):

- Monitoring of the implementation of WoW Training and Awareness Raising Programme
- Review and confirm the annual action plan for the Training Board
- Support for the CDO in implementing the WoW Training and Awareness Raising Programme
- Support in fundraising for the implementation of the project
- Assistance in defining regional trainers for implementing training modules in regions
- Support in regional adaptation of the training modules
- Act potentially as training program implementers
- To assist in communication with national and international stakeholders, organizations and projects
- To promote WoW project on national and international level in frames of official meetings To define the existing initiatives for implementing trainings

Photo 1: *The workshop participants*



4.2. The Training Board composition

During the second day the members elected the chairman /chairwoman and his / her deputies. Elected were:

- Eldar Rustamov (chairman)
- Alexander Solokha (Deputy chairman)
- Mayer Edith (Deputy chairwoman)
- Luba Baljan (Deputy chairwoman)

Photo 2: *Eldar Rustamov, the elected chairman of the Training Board*



In Annex 3 you find a full list of Training Board members with their full titles and contact information.

4.3. CASCR TB Work plan

The following workplan for the Training Board and the CDO has been discussed and approved:

Main outcomes	Activities	Responsible / co-implementing
<i>1 The training modules are adapted to region</i>	1.1 2 experts from CASCR region will go to Amman for Modules Adaptation Workshop in June.	Capacity Development Officer (CDO) M Koshkina
	1.2 Review of modules and regional adaptation	CDO; Solokha A.,

		Mayer E., Baljan L.
	1.3 Agree on the time frames for complete regional module adaptation (after Amman)	Chair of TB Rustamov E, CDO
	1.4 Meeting of experts and potential trainers for modules fine-tuning	CDO
	1.5 Different training programmes for different target groups	TB+ potential trainers
	1.6 To present modules for potential trainers and institutes in each of 7 countries of CASCR sub-region	TB
	1.7 Translate modules into national languages	Solokha A, CDO
	1.8 Development and publishing of generic manual (in brief) for trainers and trainees	TB, CDO
	1.9 To define trainers (compile trainer list) – to define trainers skills	TB, CDO
	1.10 To develop a long termed program for modules implementation in the whole sub-region for all 3 modules	TB,CDO
<i>2 Sufficient funds will be available to implement component 2 in the subregion</i>	2.1 To develop a draft fundraising strategy as a recommendation for TB`s endorsement towards implementation	CDO
	2.2 Create donor`s list and make a service list/forum for them	CDO. + TB
	2.3 To organize workshop/training “How to write grant proposals”	CDO, GEF/UNDP “Khazhar project” (Wetlands project) in Turkmenistan Guchgeldiev Oleg, ACBK
	2.4 To develop application for big project to finance long-termed programme (module financing)	TB
<i>3 Information and awareness in the subregion on flyway scale conservation issues is widespread/increased</i>	3.1 Set up a regular Newsletter- what is going in the region in WoW project	CDO

	3.2 Update the project web-site + necessary links	ACBK, CDO + TB
	3.3 Translated WoW booklet into Russian	CDO, Solokha A.
	3.4 Produce template press-release	CDO
	3.5 Produce template posters showing migration (similar to AEWA flyway posters)	CDO. and deputies
	3.6 Produce promotion materials (mugs, cups, hats etc)	CDO, Edith Mayer, ACBK

Annex 1



FIRST REGIONAL TRAINING BOARD MEETING FOR CENTRAL ASIA, THE CAUCASUS AND RUSSIA

8 - 10 APRIL, 2008

Almaty, Kazakhstan

Venue: Conference room of the Central Asian Regional Environmental Centre (CAREC),

PROGRAMME

Tuesday, 8 April

09.00-16.00		Excursion to Bolshoye Almatinskoye Lake
15.00		Visit of Falcon Breeding Center outside Almaty

Wednesday, 9 April

09.00 – 09.20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Indira Kozhasova (ACBK),	Registration
09.20 – 10.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Vitaliy Gromov, Director (ACBK)▪ Edoardo Zandri, WoW Project Chief Technical Adviser (UNOPS)▪ Sergey Dereliev, Technical Officer UNEP/AEWA Secretariat ▪ Marina Koshkina, WoW project Capacity Development Officer (ACBK)	Official opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome remarks

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> organizational/logistic issues
10.00 – 11.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edoardo Zandri (UNOPS) 	'The WOW Project' - a general introduction (followed by 20 Min. discussion)
11.00-11.20	Coffee Break	
11.20 – 11.45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sergey Dereliev (AEWA) 	What is flyway scale conservation and why is it important? (followed by 10 Min. discussion)
11.45 – 13.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tunde Ojei, WoW Project Global Capacity Building Coordinator (Wetlands International) / Marina Koshkina 	Component 2 of the WoW project: The "Training and Awareness Raising Programme"- and introduction (followed by 20 Min. discussion)
13.00-14.00	Lunch Break	
14.00-15.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tunde Ojei 	An introduction to the Training and Awareness Raising Framework and the training modules (followed by 20 Min. discussion)
15.15-16.15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants 	ppt presentations from the participants on their work in relation to the Training and Awareness Programme (please see separate instructions sent by Marina Koshkina), 10 minutes per presentation
16.15 – 16.35	Coffee Break	
16.35 – 18.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All participants 	Continuation of presentations

		from the participants
19.00	Dinner	
Thursday, 10 April		
09.00– 10.00	Michael Brombacher, IBA Project Coordinator for Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan (ACBK) and Marina Koshkina (all sessions	<u>Break out and planning session 1:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a work programme for the implementation of the “Training and Awareness Raising Programme” in Central Asia
10.00-11.30		<u>Break out and planning session 2:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How can the participating projects and organisations be linked/ how can they contribute to the implementation of the . “Training and Awareness Raising Programme”
11.30-11.45	Coffee break	
11.45 – 13.00		<u>Break out and planning session 3:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop the roles and responsibilities and structures of the Training Board
13.00-14.00	Lunch Break	
14.00-15.00		<u>Break out and planning session 3:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuation of developing the roles and responsibilities of the

		Training Board
14.00-16.00		<u>Break out and planning session 4:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • next steps and actions for all participating partners and organizations
16.00- 16.20	Coffee Break	
16.20 – 17.30		Plenary discussion : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we communicate the WoW project in our region?
17.30 – 18.00		Meeting Closing
19.00		Formal evening dinner
Friday, 10 April		
		Participants leaving



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Almaty, Kazakhstan

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