



INTERSECTORAL DIALOGUE: insights from CAREC

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CAREC: Focus areas and Role

- Regional Environmental Centre Central Asia (CAREC) focuses on 5 programmatic areas:
 - Environmental Management;
 - Education for Sustainable Development;
 - Water Initiatives Support;
 - Climate Change and Sustainable Energy;
 - Environment and Health
- CAREC is functioning as regional:
 - Facilitator of cooperation
 - Think-tank and knowledge centre
 - Social- entrepreneur and regional hub

The Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia



CAREC Offices in Central Asia



- Country office
- Head office

CAREC - platform for cooperation



Nexus project in Central Asia

- **Co-implementing partner:** IUCN
- **Regional partner:** IFAS
- **Budget:** 1.3 million Euros
- **Realization period:** December, 2016 - December, 2019
- **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.



Activities & results

1 National Level

Nexus priority issues identified and institutional capacities on Nexus are enhanced

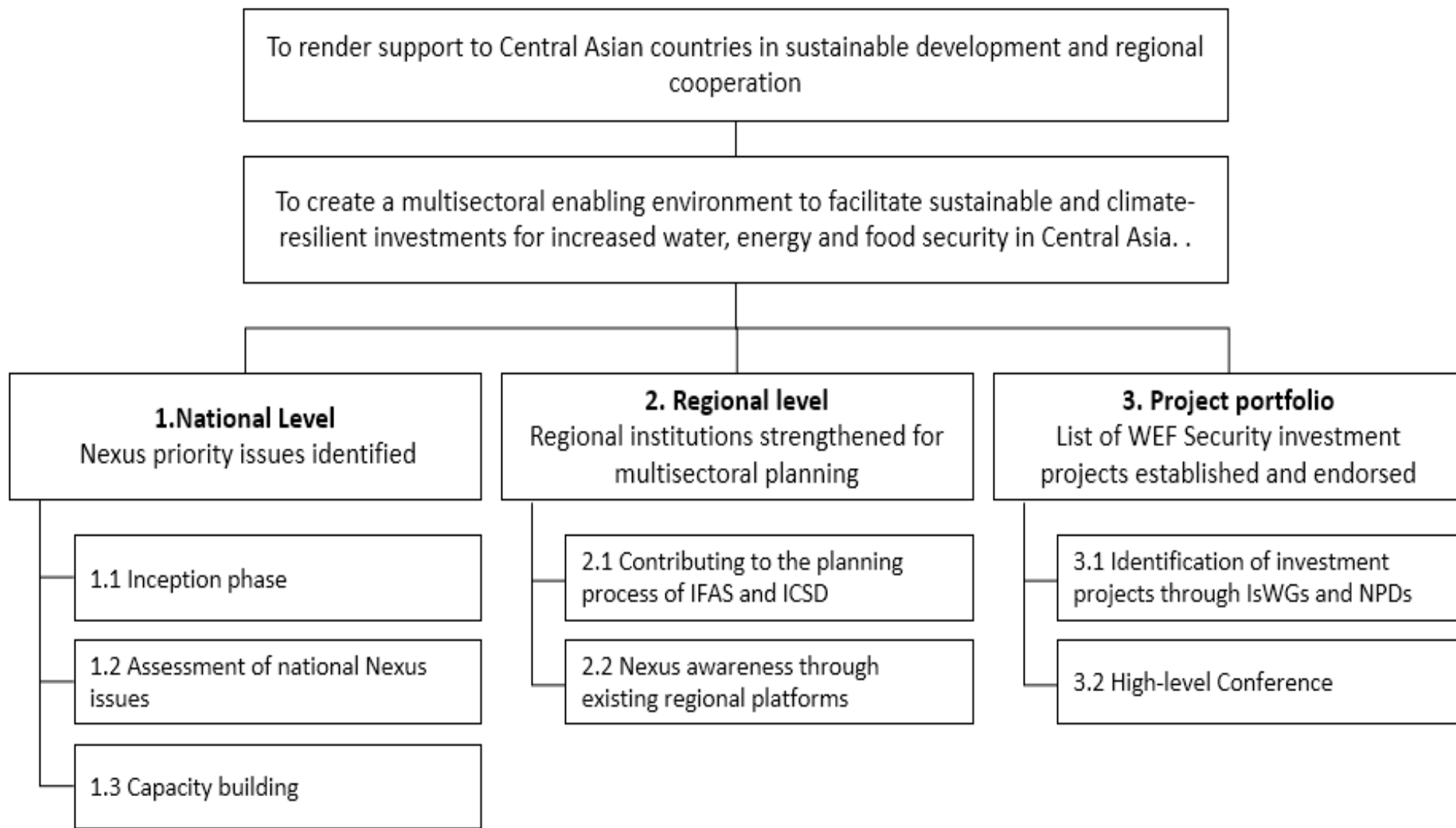
2 Regional Level

Regional institutions strengthened for multisectoral planning

3 Project Portfolio

List of WEF investment projects prepared and dialogue on financing started

Project structure



Project results so far

1 National Level



Activities in five CA countries started

- Consultations conducted
- Nexus priority issues identified
- Partners identified
- Platforms for ISWGs identified
- Project documents updated
- ISWGs established under:
 - Kz** –work in progress
 - Kg** – strategic planning division, Min Economy
 - Tj** – National commission of irrigation and drainage, Min Energy and WR
 - Trm** – EC IFAS
 - Uz** - work in progress



Partnerships established

- Agreements with key national partners reached
- ToRs for Intersectoral working groups developed



Communications and visibility

- Communication strategy
- Social networks: <https://www.facebook.com/nexusresourceplatform/> , <https://www.facebook.com/carececo/>
- Web-pages in Rus & Eng:
 - 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/>

2 Regional Level



Partnerships established

- MoUs & action plans with IFAS&ICSD
- Coordinator in EC IFAS
- Member of WGs for REAP and ESBP
- Coordination with UNECE, OECD
- Coordination with ADB, ADB-CAREC, EBRD, WB
- Regional steering committee in process



Awareness raising

- CAEIF-2017 in Ashgabat
- CACCC-2018 in Almaty
- SPECA WG in Almaty (21 Session)
- NPDs-2017 in Bishkek, Astana
- ICSD working meetings, Almaty, Ashgabat
- Meeting of Regional Organizations, Almaty
- others...

3 Project Portfolio



Process started

- Nexus based selection indicators – drafted
- Expert ToRs and announcements
- Expert in Tj support identification of projects from national investment programmes
- Selection methodology is testing



Knowledge base

- Stakeholder analysis
- Review of best Nexus practices (IUCN)
- Gap analysis and Needs assessment (IUCN)
- Nexus publication

Activities in 2018

Final Conference

- CAS – Investors
- Investment project Portfolio
- First agreements
- Joint with WECOOP?



2019

Investment projects (IP)

- Identification of first lists of IP
- Selection through Nexus based indicators



Awareness & Knowledge

- Expert works
- Knowledge products
- Knowledge sources
- training--seminars



Pilot projects

- Identification
- Elaboration
- Confirmation
- Start implementation



Intersectoral Working groups

- Five ISWGs
- Three working meetings in each CAS

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Lessons learned

- **Inter-sectoral planning:** emerging and requires strong support
- **Institutional platforms for Nexus planning:** differ and weak. Support and coordination
- **Advocacy of Nexus:** crucial and effective
- **Linkages:** Nexus project portfolio linked with national plans

Cooperation & Sinergy with WECCOOP



Joint seminars

- resource mobilization
- selection of investment projects
- work with investors



Attracting investors



Investor Guideline + Nexus based criteria



Joint regional dialogues and Nexus Advocacy

- Regional meeting, May 2017
- CAEIF – 8th WGECC, 4-6 June Tashkent
- CAEF 2019



**Thank you
for attention!**