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Report



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1. Introduction

The Governing Board is the most important decision-making constituent of the Regional Centre on Urban Water Management (RCUWM) at the highest level, which takes part in ordinary sessions once a year.

Ways and means of promoting and expanding mutual and multi-lateral cooperation among RCUWM member states and organizations was thoroughly discussed in the 2020 Governing Board Meeting (GBM 2020). Moreover, the progress of implementing proposals approved during the GBM 2019 was discussed.

2. Participants and Membership Notifications

A) Members at State Level: 18 Representatives of Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Egypt, Germany, India, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar, Sri Lanka, Syria, Tajikistan, Turkey and Uzbekistan.

B) International Organizations: UNESCO, UN Resident Coordinator (As representative of UN offices in Tehran including UNDP, FAO, UN-HABITAT), UNITAR, GWP, WMO, IWA and IsDB

C) Observers: Representatives of Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO), Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), and Oman Water Society (OWS)

The list of participants is presented in **annex 1**. Representatives of Lebanon, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka were not present during the GBM 2020.

3. Opening Remarks

H.E. Mr. Reza Ardakanian, Minister of Energy, Islamic Republic of Iran and Chairperson of Governing Board welcomed the participants to the 11th board meeting (GBM 2020) of RCUWM.

H.E. mentioned that the Governing Board Meeting in 2020 (GBM 2020) was supposed to be held in June in the beautiful city of Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan, but due to COVID 19 pandemic, it was decided to be postponed and held virtually as a video conference.

H.E addressed the participants on the history of RCUWM's establishment being launched in 2002. The Chair mentioned that today, RCUWM is at the third period of its activities (2019-2024) with representatives of 18 member states and several international/regional organizations. The Centre's activities are based on three main pillars of Training and Capacity Building, Joint Research/Technology Transfer, and Networking/Information Sharing.

H.E. Mr. Ardakanian mentioned that the Centre has so far benefited from its GB member states and organizations and has had fruitful cooperation with them in the region.

H.E. continued by briefly introducing 10 proposals which was approved during the last GBM. Some of these proposals were modified based on comments received from the member states between GBM2019 and GBM2020. The title and time line of these 10 projects are demonstrated in table 1.

Table 1: Proposals and Timeline

A. Completed proposals	
1	Promotion of Public Awareness on Climate Change and Water-related Disasters in the Region Outcome: Motion graphics in Arabic, English, Farsi and Urdu
2	Regional Training Workshop on “Advances in Remote Sensing Application in Water Resources Management in Asia” Outcome: Organized from 17 to 19 Feb 2020 with 60 participants (37% female) from 11 member states of RCUWM hosted by Sultanate of Oman
B. To be completed by the end of 2021	
3	Past, Present & Future of Urban Water Management Upcoming Event: Webinar on Charting New Normal for Urban Water & Wastewater Services on 14 October 2020
4	Improving Urban Water Management in the Region: from Capacity Building to Capacity Development Upcoming Activity: Toward Survey and Completion of Essential Water Data in West and central Asia with support of Global Water Data Centres and GTN-H (depending on easing restrictions for int. travel)
5	Developing a Regional Hub for Water-related Startups Upcoming Project: Water Entrepreneurship Support Programme in Iran 2020-21
C. To be completed by the end of 2022	
6	New Technologies in Water and Wastewater Treatment and Recycling Proposed Establishment: Regional Cooperation on Non-conventional Water Resources
7	Regional Drought Monitoring
8	Skill Improvement for Urban Water Practitioners and Technicians Proposed Event 1: Improving the Reliability of Water Transfer Lines and Supply Network (depending on easing restrictions for international travel) Proposed Event 2: New Technologies in Leak Detection and Non-Revenue Water and Regional Training Workshop (depending on easing restrictions for international travel)
D. To be completed by the end of 2024	
9	Water Scarcity Adaptation
10	Adaptation of Urban Water Systems to Climate Change

The Chair invited member states and organizations to cooperate in and contribute to the Centre’s activities.

4. Adopted Agenda

The tentative agenda was put to the floor and was unanimously adopted. The final agenda is presented in **annex 2**.

5. Rules of Procedure

The rules of procedure of the Governing Board Meeting was proposed by the GB Chair. All items of the proposed rules of procedure as in **annex 3** including two new changes in item “1: Geographical Domain” and item “3: GB Composition” were unanimously adopted.

6. UNESCO Statement

Mr. Abou Amani, Director of Division of Water Sciences and Secretary of Intergovernmental Hydrology Programme (IHP), delivered UNESCO Statement. Important notes of his speech are mentioned in **annex 5**.

7. RCUWM Director’s Work Plan and Statements

The Director’s work plan and statements were presented according to article 7.2 of the Agreement as in **annex 4** and approved anonymously by the GB Members.

8. Comments/ Commitments raised from RCUWM GB on approved proposals

The Member States and organizations representatives submitted their comments and contributions towards RCUWM activities. The highlights of their remarks are presented in **annex 5**.

9. Proposals for Cooperation

The Chair briefed the participants of the meeting on 10 proposals for which the members could be potentially involved. The project proposals were fully described and discussed during the meeting and Governing Board Members were invited to submit new proposals with respect to RCUWM Scope of Activities as described in Rules of Procedure (**annex 3**). All proposals are presented in **annex 6** of this report.

10. Concluding Remarks

H.E. Mr. Reza Ardakanian, the Minister of Energy and RCUWM GB Chair, deeply thanked the honorable participants for attending this important Board Meeting. As mentioned by H.E. the Centre will proceed wrapping up all descriptions related to the approved proposals and will approach the concerned parties through virtual meetings to follow up with the aim of meeting the deadlines defined and agreed upon during the board meeting (**annex 6**).

Annex 1: List of GBM 2020 Head of the Delegations

A) List of the GBM Member States

Minister of Energy of I. R. Iran	H.E. Mr. Reza Ardakanian (Chair)
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State	Affiliation	Head of the Delegation
Afghanistan	Technical Deputy, Director of National Water Affairs Regulation Authority	Mr. Ahmad Wais Basiri
Armenia	Deputy Minister of Territorial Administration and Infrastructure	H.E. Mr. Vache Terteryan
Azerbaijan	Chairman of Azersu (OJSC)	H.E. Mr. Gorkhmaz Huseynov
Bangladesh	Minister of Water Resources	H.E. Mr. Zaheed Farooque
Egypt	Head of Regional Training Sector for Water Resources and Irrigation	Mr. Mamdouh Antar
Germany	Director of the International Centre for Water Resources and Global Change	Mr. Harald Koethe
India	Executive Director, National Mission for Clean Ganga	Mr. D. P. Mathuria
Iran	Deputy of Supervising on the Operation, National Water & Wastewater Engineering Co.	Mr. Hamidreza Kashfi
Iraq	Minister of Water Resources	H.E. Mr. Mahdi Rashid Al Hamdani
Oman	Vice Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries Wealth and Water Resources	H.E. Mr. Ali Muhammad Al Abri
Qatar	Minister of State for Energy Affairs	H.E. Mr. Saad Sherida Al- Kaabi
Switzerland	SDC Special Envoy for Water to Central Asia	Mr. Guy Bonvin
Syria	Minister of Water Resources	H.E. Mr. Tammam Raad
Tajikistan	Minister of Energy and Water Resources	H.E. Mr. Usmonali Usmonzoda
Turkey	Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forestry	H.E. Mr. Akif Ozkaldi
Uzbekistan	Head of Water Resources Safety Department, Ministry of Housing and Communal Services	Mr. Saidov Alisher Narzullaevich

B) List of Organizations

Organization	Affiliation	Head of the Delegation
ECO	Deputy of Secretary General	Mr. Yahya Akhlaghi
GWP	GWP Senior Water and Climate Specialist	Ms. Danielle Gaillard-Picher
IsDB	Global Practice Manager, Social Infrastructure Division	Mr. Sami Faruqi
IWA	Chair of Water Security & Safety Management Group	Mr. Bruno Nguyen
OWS	Chairman of Oman Water Society	Mr. Ahmed Al-Maleki
UNITAR	Executive Director	Mr. Nikhil Seth
UNESCO	Director of UNESCO-IHP Secretariat	Mr. Abou Amani
UN-RC/WFP	United Nations Resident Coordinator in Iran	Ms. Negar Gerami
WMO	Director of Water, Snow and Ice and Chief of the Agriculture Meteorology Division	Mr. Johannes Cullmann and Mr. Robert Stefanski

Annex 2: Adopted Agenda

No.	Items	Time
1	Setting the Video Conference and Participants Show up	10 Min
2	Opening Remarks, H.E. Mr. Reza Ardakanian, <i>GB Chair and Minister of Energy, I.R. Iran</i>	15 Min
3	adoption of the Agenda and Rules of Procedure	5 Min
4	UNESCO Director General Representative, Mr. Abou Amani, <i>Director of Division of Water Sciences and Secretary of Intergovernmental Hydrology Program (IHP)</i>	10 Min
5	RCUWM Report, Mr. Ali Chavoshian	10 Min
6	GB Members Interventions and discussion on Proposals	15 Min
7	Closing Remarks	5 Min

Annex 3: Approved Rules of Procedure

1. GEOGRAPHICAL DOMAIN OF ACTIVITIES

Geographical Scopes: Regional priority scope of the Centre's activities is based on UNESCO regional definition as follows:

- Group I (Western Europe and North America)
- Group II (Eastern Europe)
- Group IV (Asia and the Pacific)
- Group Vb (Arab States)

Therefore, Group III (Latin America and the Caribbean) and Group Va (Africa) are out of regional priority scope of activities.

2. SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES

Water and wastewater management in human settlements have the high priority. Centre's scope of activities is all aspects of urban water management from technical to social and economic issues. Moreover, it is considering interaction with water use in other sectors such as agricultural and industrial sectors at the basin level in accordance with Integrated Water Resources Management concept.

3. GOVERNING BOARD COMPOSITION

Governing Board consists of three categories as follows:

- A) Members at State Level:** Representatives of Member States, from the Regions above which will be granted a six-year Governing Board membership period as well as right to equivalent vote. Member state representatives not attending the board meeting for a 3-year consecutive period will no longer be deemed as a member.
- B) Members at International Organization Level:** Representatives of UN Agencies and other international/ regional organizations, shall be granted a 3-year GB membership period and right to vote equivalent to other members. Membership continuation of them will be evaluated and decided by the end of the first three years.
- C) Observers:** Representatives of relevant national, regional and international entities with similar geographical domain and/or scope of activities, which will be invited as an observer without holding right to vote.

4. GOVERNING BOARD DECISIONS

Decisions will be made and approved based on the majority of votes.

5. LANGUAGE

English shall be the official language of the Governing Board Meeting. The Director may consider other UN languages as required.

6. DATE AND PLACE

According to the Agreement, the Governing Board shall meet in ordinary session once per year. It shall meet in an extraordinary session if convened by the Chairperson on his/her own initiative or at the request of the Director General of UNESCO or one-third plus one of its members. The venue of the Governing Board Meeting is primarily in Iran.

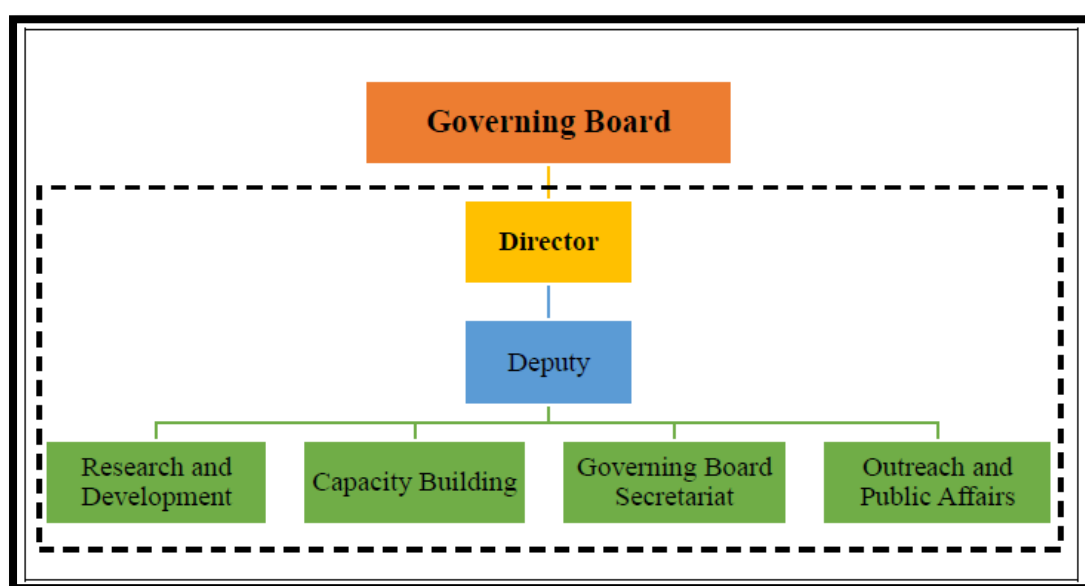
**Note: As underlined, two issues were included and approved in items 1 "geographical domain of activities" and 3A "governing board membership" respectively.*

Annex 4: RCUWM Director's Work Plan and Statements

Administrative status:

The Director of the Centre, Mr. Ali Chavoshian started his report by indicating the Governing Board Function according to the RCUWM agreement. He referred to the Compendium which has compiled and distributed amongst participant before the meeting and he mentioned that it's accessible through the RCUWM website.

He showed the Secretariat Organizational Chart which has no change from the last year.



Organizational Chart

As for the budget of 2018 to 2020, Mr. Chavoshian explained it in details. He stated that the budget for 2018, 2019 and 2020 has been 533,000 €, 551,000 € and 626,000 € respectively.

Annual Budget from 2018 to 2020 (Euro)

Fiscal Year	Direct Budget (€)	In-kind Contributions (€)	Total (€)
2018	339,280	193,568	532,848
2019	379,940	170,973	550,913
2020	430,120	195,640	625,760

Furthermore, the staffs working at the RCUWM were reported to be 19, six of whom are female. He mentioned that RCUWM Staff has a good diversity from education to years of experience as well as gender balance.

Contributions to UNESCO Programs

The director reported that the eighth phase of Intergovernmental Hydrological Program (Water Security), specifically theme 4 (Water and Human Settlements of the Future) is the mainstream contribution theme of the Centre to UNESCO annual plan. Then he referred to tables No.5 to No. 9 which included in the compendium regarding of RCUWM activities and contribution to UNESCO programs.

Annual Work Plan of the Centre

The work plan of Centre was described by Mr. Chavoshian. As mentioned it includes 10 proposals for the period of 2020-2024. Proposals' titles are listed in Annex 6.

He invited GB members to contribute and actively participate in discussions related to these proposals.

Annex 5: Comments/ Commitments raised from RCUWM GB

Proposal Title	Members Interventions	Comments/ Commitments
Past, Present & Future of Urban Water Management Online Training: Charting New Normal for Urban Water & Wastewater Services on 14 October 2020 (Completed)	UNESCO-IHP (Mr. Makarigakis)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNESCO Doha Cluster Office, UNESCO Headquarter, RCUWM and IWA intend to hold the online workshop on 14 October 2020.
	IWA (Mr. Nguyen)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IWA Special group of Water Security & Safety Management has invited lectures. They will be presented during this event from Australia, Switzerland, France, USA, etc. with the aim of submitting latest achievements and international experiences.
	Oman (H.E. Mr. Al Abri)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oman is prepared to collaborate with the Centre on nominating resource persons and participants.
	UNESCO (Mr. Amani)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNESCO has taken vast measures in concern with access to safe water for all during COVID-19 pandemic including investigating impacts of COVID-19 pandemic on water resources management in metropolitans for which RCUWM is also involved.
Improving Urban Water Management in the Region: from Capacity Building to Capacity Development Upcoming Activity: Toward Survey and Completion of Essential Water Data in West and central Asia with support of Global Water Data Centres and GTN-H (depending on easing restrictions for int. travel)	ICWRGC (Mr. Koethe)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The upcoming activity would be an online workshop for which its concept note will be compiled in due time. Creating UNESCO category II centers water networks basic data particularly for shared water basins, with the aim of improving water resources management in the region is necessary. Creating a common foundation of quality assured water data (water quantity + quality) in the region for a successful water resource management considering climate and socio-economic changes
	Iran, NWWEC (Mr. Kashfi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NWWEC is also ready to host an onsite workshop on this project after COVID-19 pandemic, reaching a better health situation.
	Oman (H.E. Mr. Al Abri)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oman will collaborate with the Centre on this project.
	India (Mr. Mathuria)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managing wastewater and non-point source pollution is important.

Proposal Title	Members Interventions	Comments/ Commitments
	Iraq (H.E.Mr. Al Hamdani)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Iraq is still facing challenges in regard to future sufficient water for drinking water, agriculture, energy generation and environment issues. The ministry would like to cooperate with RCUWM on this initiative and also activities to achieving SDG 6 on ensuring water and sanitation for all.
	Syria (H.E. Mr. Raad)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Syria plans to develop scientific research in the field of urban water management to improve institutional and technical capacity in the field of water safety, improving water quality and the distribution and reduction of waste.
	ECO (Mr. Akhlaghi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECO is committed to SDG (i.e. clean water and sanitation, food security, better harvesting our energy resources and diversify transportation means).
Developing a Regional Hub for Water-related Startups	SDC (Mr. Bonvin)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Switzerland has been supporting the blue peace initiative in the Middle East region with the aim of reducing water conflicts and providing opportunities for further cooperation among countries, sectors and communities. This initiative facilitates on best practices related to water efficiency in agriculture for Iraq, Iran, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey. Iran has been invited to join the regional platform of the technical committee of this initiative. SDC announced its full preparedness in contributing to water startups in close cooperation with the center and NWWEC. This activity includes workshops and online trainings.
New Technologies in Water and Wastewater Treatment and Recycling Proposed Activity: Regional Cooperation on Non-conventional Water Resources	UNESCO-IHP (Mr. Amani)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-conventional water is one of the most important issues in IHP. This issue is highlighted in IHP phase IX and it is also considered as a main ax. UNESCO supports activities related to this issue.
	Qatar (H.E. Mr. Al Kaabi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qatar is pleased to become RCUWM governing board member. Qatar is willing to support establishing this initiative (i.e. Regional Cooperation on Non-Conventional Water Resources). He has introduced president of KAHRMAA (who was in the meeting) for the follow-up to develop the proposal for contribution of the state of Qatar in this activity and other activities of RCUWM.

Proposal Title	Members Interventions	Comments/ Commitments
	Iran, NWWEC (Mr. Kashfi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NWWEC is also ready to cooperate with Qatar, Iraq, Oman, Turkey and Syria in this initiative under the umbrella of RCUWM. As region states put the use of non-conventional water on their agenda, technical, environmental and economic aspects of non-conventional water resources, there is a need for a hub for networking and exchange of information and experiences. The first step would be drafting proposal between RCUWM and KAHRAMAA of Qatar.
	Turkey (H.E. Mr. Ozkaldi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. welcomed the Project Proposals and announced interest in developing cooperation with RCUWM specifically on the Proposal titled “New Technologies in Water and Wastewater Treatment and Recycling”. Turkey is organizing training and capacity-building programs by means of the Turkish Water Institute (SUEN) under the Ministry and due to the coronavirus outbreak, such training programs continue via online platforms. They are eager to exchange ideas and share knowledge through capacity building programs and ready to cooperate with RCUWM in this field. New projects and studies to respond COVID-19 both surveillance of nationally and globally were defined on track and distribution of COVID-19 in wastewater. Turkey is ready to share its relevant experiences.
	IsDB (Mr. Faruqi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water and wastewater have been the biggest contributor in the urban sector IsDB look for proposals and communication with the Centre and its member states to identify common areas of cooperation.
	ECO (Mr. Akhlaghi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECO member states reiterate on the availability and sustainable management of water resources, technologies and innovative solutions are sought from the developing countries. Integrating water and sanitation to be included in governmental policies and plans throughout the region was highlighted.

Proposal Title	Members Interventions	Comments/ Commitments
Regional Drought Monitoring	UNESCO-IHP (Mr. Amani)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNESCO supports WMO for the operationalization of a center on drought monitoring in the region.
	Azerbaijan (H.E. Mr. Huseynov)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Azerbaijan has prepared and approved establishment of special commission and action plan between Iran and Azerbaijan for 2020-2024. Azerbaijan prefers cooperation on drought-related proposals.
	Oman (H.E. Mr. Al Abri)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oman is also keen to collaborate with the Centre on this project.
	WMO (Mr. Cullmann)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WMO has a timeline to setup an operational center on regional drought by the end of 2021.
	Egypt (Mr. Antar)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Egypt is also prepared to collaborate on any proposals related to the water sector in general and drought and water scarcity in particular.
Skill Improvement for Urban Water Practitioners and Technicians Proposed Event 1: Improving the Reliability of Water Transfer Lines and Supply Network Proposed Event 2: New Technologies in Leak Detection and Non-Revenue Water and Regional Training Workshop	Tajikistan (H.E. Mr. Usmonzoda)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water and energy saving and introducing new water and wastewater treatment technology is important. Strengthening cooperation with RCUWM and its member states to share best practices and lessons learned in this concern is their intention.
	Turkey (H.E. Mr. Ozkaldi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turkey would like to make a presentation and share their practices on reducing water loss and leakages in drinking water supply network in a workshop to be organized on “New Technologies in Leak Detection and Non-Revenue Water and Regional Training”.
	Bangladesh (H.E. Mr. Farooque)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bangladesh is establishing a Training and Research Institute for Water Governance with the aim of imparting training to their Engineers. At the same time, they are intending to hold seminars and discussions with international professionals in next few years.
	Syria (H.E. Mr. Raad)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Syria is interested to cooperate with RCUWM in the field of developing technologies and policies for urban water management to overcome severe pressure posed on its facilities and in the reconstruction phase.
	Iran, NWWEC (Mr. Kashfi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NWWEC is also would like to host a training workshop on proposed event 1.

Proposal Title	Members Interventions	Comments/ Commitments
Water Scarcity Adaptation	UN-RC (Ms. Gerami)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAO assists Iran to establish a robust water accounting system to increase water efficiency in farm activities.
	Oman (H.E. Mr. Al Abri)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sultanate of Oman faces severe water scarcity conditions and is therefore keen to collaborate with the Centre on the approved project.
	Iraq (H.E. Mr. Al Hamdani)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Euphrates and Tigris rivers and their tributaries fluctuate during the year, coming up with either floods or water scarcity conditions.
	ECO (Mr. Akhlaghi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECO is ready to enhance regional cooperation on effective water resources management, particularly elimination of risk of water scarcity.
	UNESCO (Mr. Amani)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All RCUWM member states and organizations were invited to contribute to IHP-IX particularly on: 1-scientific based governance with the aim of mitigating impacts, adaptation and resiliency.
	WMO (Mr. Cullmann)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WMO has a water and climate coalition to help member states in line with SDGs in order to improve and evaluate their water systems.
Adaptation of Urban Water Systems to Climate Change	Afghanistan (Mr. Wais Basiri)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main challenge regarding water management is the climate change and Afghanistan would like to collaborate with RCUWM and its members on this issue.
	UN-RC (WFP) (Ms. Gerami)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UN-Water international commitments on climate change, disaster risk reduction, and financing for development was described.

Annex 6: Approved and Recently Received Proposals

A. Completed Proposals

No	Proposal Title	RCUWM Counterpart(s)	Involved RCUWM Members	Project Type
1	Promotion of Public Awareness on Climate Change and Water-related Disasters in the Region Outcome: Motion graphics in Arabic, English, Farsi and Urdu	UNESCO Tehran Cluster Office	Arab Members, Iran and Pakistan	<input type="checkbox"/> Hands-on Workshop <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Web-based/Online <input type="checkbox"/> Onsite training <input type="checkbox"/> Research
2	Regional Training Workshop on “Advances in Remote Sensing Application in Water Resources Management in Asia” Outcome: Organized from 17 to 19 Feb 2020 with 60 participants (37% female) from 11 member states of RCUWM hosted by Sultanate of Oman	Oman, ICWRGC, ICHARM and UNESCO Offices in Doha, Islamabad and Tehran	Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Egypt, Germany, India, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Pakistan, Qatar and Turkey.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hands-on Workshop <input type="checkbox"/> Web-based/Online <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Onsite training <input type="checkbox"/> Research

B. To be completed by the end of 2021

No	Proposal Title	RCUWM Counterpart(s)	Involved RCUWM Members	Project Type
3	Past, Present & Future of Urban Water Management Upcoming Event: Webinar on Charting New Normal for Urban Water & Wastewater Services on 14 October 2020	UNESCO and IWA	Each member state should introduce three participants	<input type="checkbox"/> Hands-on Workshop <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Web-based/Online <input type="checkbox"/> Onsite training <input type="checkbox"/> Research
4	Improving Urban Water Management in the Region: from Capacity Building to Capacity Development Upcoming Activity: Toward Survey and Completion of Essential Water Data in West and central Asia with support of Global Water Data Centres and GTN-H (depending on easing restrictions for int. travel)	ICWRGC and NWVEC	Each member state should introduce two participants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hands-on Workshop <input type="checkbox"/> Web-based/Online <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Onsite training <input type="checkbox"/> Research
5	Developing a Regional Hub for Water-related Startups Upcoming Project: Water Entrepreneurship Support Program in Iran 2020-21	SDC, NWVEC and UTCO	Phase 1: Iran (To be extended to the other member states)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hands-on Workshop <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Web-based/Online <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Onsite training <input type="checkbox"/> Research

C. To be completed by the end of 2022

No	Proposal Title	RCUWM Counterpart(s)	Involved RCUWM Members	Project Type
6	New Technologies in Water and Wastewater Treatment and Recycling Proposed Establishment: Regional Cooperation on Non-conventional Water Resources	NWVEC and Other Member States (TBC)	TBD	<input type="checkbox"/> Hands-on Workshop <input type="checkbox"/> Web-based/Online <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Onsite training <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Research
7	Regional Drought Monitoring	WMO and UNESCO (TBC)	TBD	<input type="checkbox"/> Hands-on Workshop <input type="checkbox"/> Web-based/Online <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Onsite training <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Research
8	Skill Improvement for Urban Water Practitioners and Technicians Proposed Event 1: Improving the Reliability of Water Transfer Lines and Supply Network <i>depending on easing restrictions for international travel</i> Proposed Event 2: New Technologies in Leak Detection and Non-Revenue Water and Regional Training Workshop <i>(depending on easing restrictions for international travel)</i>	NWVEC, UNDP (UN-RC) and ECO	Each member state should introduce three participants	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hands-on Workshop <input type="checkbox"/> Web-based/Online <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Onsite training <input type="checkbox"/> Research

D. To be completed by the end of 2024

No	Proposal Title	RCUWM Counterpart(s)	Involved RCUWM Members	Project Type
9	Water Scarcity Adaptation	FAO (UN-RC)	TBD	<input type="checkbox"/> Hands-on Workshop <input type="checkbox"/> Web-based/Online <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Onsite training <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Research
10	Adaptation of Urban Water Systems to Climate Change	UN-HABITAT (UN-RC)	TBD	<input type="checkbox"/> Hands-on Workshop <input type="checkbox"/> Web-based/Online <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Onsite training <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Research

E. Recently proposed by the Member States (Armenia)

No	Proposal Title
1	Enhancing the efficiency of water systems energy-saving facilities
2	Financial mechanisms implementing wastewater treatment plant
3	The protection of settlements, areas of economic value and the property of the population from the risk of floods and mudflows

Annex7: Photos of Governing Board Meeting

