Goal

to build adaptive capacity of the countries sharing the Amudarya basin to manage effectively their transboundary waters under climate change and other uncertainties.

Objective

to study in a holistic manner transboundary water management issues in the Amudarya basin for the long run under conditions of climatic and other changes along with national plans on irrigated agriculture and hydropower development.

Expected outputs

A comprehensive set of basin management scenarios & options in the form of assessments & recommendations for various stakeholders; database; methodological materials; regional workshop for key stakeholders, training materials, articles, web-site.

Specific objectives

- Assess possible changes in the hydrologic regime & future crop water requirements due to climate change;
- Study scenarios of long-term flow regulation by a system of large reservoirs on hydrology of rivers, available water supply for irrigated lands and for sustaining aquatic ecosystems in the basin;
- Evaluate future crop water requirements for irrigated lands of the basin's countries under an array of future climate change and river flow regulation based on national plans for irrigated agriculture & hydropower development with account of technological innovations and water conservation technologies;
- Elaborate possible tradeoff between national priorities and requirements at the basin level inter alia on the basis of legal and institutional analysis of transboundary water management in the Amudarya basin, with the focus on two Global Conventions -1997 UN Convention, 1992 UNECE Convention.

Scientific merit

- the modeling tool ASBmm that allows for assessment of climate change impacts in combination with various scenarios of water, socio-economic, agricultural, environmental, & energy development in the basin countries;
- approaches which aim at reducing water inputs in irrigated agriculture; to be enriched by the relevant US experience (WaterSmart software, etc);
- harvesting positive impacts of climate change in the basin by making use of shorter crop growing period, modeling of which will give lower figures of water requirements;
- numerical experiment allows for more flexible combination of irrigation, energy, and nature demands.



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