

Workshop on “Gender Awareness & Networking on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) at Basin Level”

Workshop on “Gender Awareness & Networking on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) at Basin Level” was held at Shunamganj (Surma Area Water Partnership) on 28 November 2012 organized by Center for Environmental and Geographic Information Services (CEGIS), Bangladesh Women & Water Network (BWWN) and Bangladesh Water Partnership (BWP).



Participants in the workshop

Md. Abul Kalama Azad, Superintend Engineer, Bangladesh Water Development Board, Sylhet was the Chief Guest. The Special Guest was Md. Kamrul Alam, Additional District Commissioner, Shunamganj. Dr. Abdul Hamid, Director, Business Development, CEGIS chaired the workshop.

During technical session, Syeda Mohsina Muhit, Professional, Water Resources Division, CEGIS and Engr. K M Zeba Rahman, Executive Secretary, BWP jointly delivered a paper on “IWRM Concepts & its Application: Bangladesh Perspective”. Following features were outlined in the presentation.

- Definition & Concepts of IWRM
- Why IWRM?
- Integration of IWRM in Various Sector
- Chronological History of IWRM
- Principle of IWRM
- Driving Forces & Challenges of IWRM
- Water Management System in Bangladesh
- Future challenges, prospects & vision of IWRM
- Lessons learned



Engr. K M Zeba Rahman, Executive Secretary, BWP delivered paper

A paper on “Mainstreaming Gender on IWRM” was presented by Begum Shamsun Nahar, Coordinator, BWWN. She focused the following issue in her presentation:

- Gender Concept
- Gender & Development: Role of Government of Bangladesh
- Gender & Water: Government's Policy
- Concept of IWRM and application of Gender
- Women's employment for Economic Development
- Important issues to ensure women's active participation and development
- Gender, Water & Networking

A total of 63 participants from water user groups, water management cooperation association, local women organization, local NGOs working with water, local UP chairmen & members, local elites, teacher etc. participated in the workshop, where most of the participants were women.