



Gender and Water Network – The Potential for CAS

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**In Central Asia
poverty has a
woman's face**



Gender and Development in CA



- **Transition**
has made both men and women pay a price
- **In the water sector alone –**
a gender gap in access to water, land, credit and skills



Why Gender?

Why are gender issues important?

- Equity
- Social justice
- It makes good economic sense
- It is good development practice



Gender and Water Network



Proposal from SCI ICWC

- regional network for
- Information sharing
- Training
- Advocacy...etc



Gender and Water Alliance Experience

Global Network for Gender Mainstreaming in IWRM

- Voluntary membership
- 6 activities in program
- Members implement: one coordinator and other participating
- Central Secretariat
- Steering Committee



Central Asia

- ✦ Objectives
- ✦ Activities
- ✦ Roles
- ✦ Responsibilities
- ✦ Resource Sharing
- ✦ Kind of legal entity