



## DNIPRO Basin Environment Programme launches new website built on IW:LEARN website toolkit



*Lesia Dronova is the projects coordinator for the DNIPRO Basin Environment Programme. She has been involved in the development of the new site from it's initial stage. Now that project is launching their new bilingual*

*website built on IW:LEARN website Toolkit, Lesia shares her experiences with IW project community on the new toolkit.*

The project has worked on a new website that is built upon IW:LEARN website toolkit. This new site is fully bilingual in English and Russian languages.

**Q: How did you learn about the IW:LEARN toolkit?**

A: The Dnipro Programme is part of the UNDP-GEF International Waters section. Having had problems with our web-site modification we applied to IW:LEARN (Dann Sklarew) with a request for assistance and bringing it up to existing standards for all IW project web-sites. As a result, we were connected to UNEP information technology specialists who created the design, completed the English part of the web-site and familiarized us with features of the IW:LEARN toolkit for its further use.

**Q: How long have you used the IW:LEARN toolkit?**

A: Since January 2006.

**Q: How have you benefited from using it?**

A: The toolkit provides us direct access to our web-site with the options of making changes and additions ourselves in the easiest way.

**Q: Are there any features that you were particularly impressed with?**

A: The IW:LEARN toolkit is very user friendly. We can make modifications and add new information without being programmers or website specialists.

Also I would like to give credit and thanks to IW:LEARN – UNEP application designers for their exceptional attention and assistance to our website requirements.



### Anonymous users view of the Dnipro website

The main features of the website includes fully functional bilingual contents, live search facility, breadcrumb, online reports repository, easily manageable variety of web contents and lots more.. URL: <http://dnipro.iwlearn.org>

### Overview

The Dnipro Basin Environment Programme is a self-standing UNDP-GEF regional project designed to develop a programme of measures and their implementation mechanisms aimed to sustainably protect the transboundary Dnipro River on the territory of Belarus, Russia and Ukraine.



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IW:LEARN aims to strengthen International Waters Management (IWM) by facilitating structured learning and information sharing among stakeholders.

For more information:

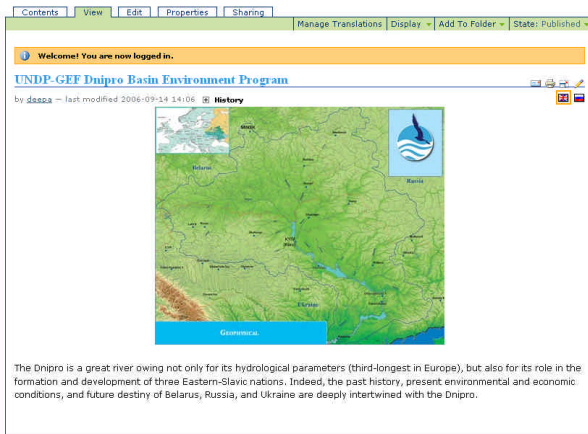
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### DNIPRO website view for site administrator

Upon login into the site, depending on the user rights they are presented with various options/ utilities for working with contents. The above is the site administrator's view of the website homepage. There are very easy to use menus to allow users to add, modify, upload, delete, cut or paste various contents. The smiley icon points some key areas; You will find some images next to show functions of these key features.

**Q: What challenges (if any) did you encounter while using the toolkit?**

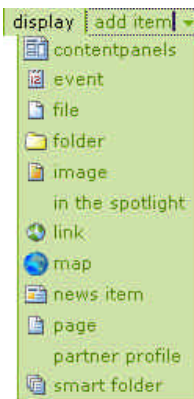
A: The Dnipro Program website is focused on and for the beneficiary countries - Belarus, Russia and Ukraine. Russian has been chosen as the common language for the Program. That's why the website needs to function in two languages – Russian and English; moreover, the Russian language is the dominant one.

One of the challenges was that although the website toolkit supports over 50 international languages, the IW:LEARN team can only work with the English content due to lack of knowledge of Russian language. Hence we had to contract a Ukrainian firm to translate and fill out the Russian version of the Dnipro site.

**Q: What would you say is the most outstanding feature of the toolkit?**

A: 1. The toolkit provides the possibility for all International Water projects to create their websites using the same joint principles and standards.

2. The toolkit is very user friendly. Any user even a non IT specialist can quickly learn how to use it.



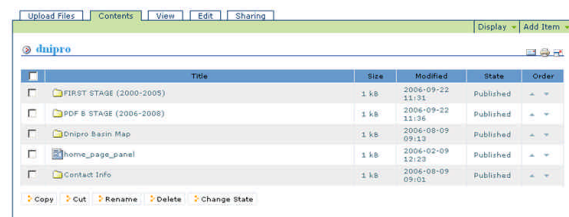
**Q: Did you learn anything new from using the toolkit?**

A: The toolkit provides us direct access to our website with the options of making changes and additions ourselves in the easiest way.

**Q: Are there any features that you were particularly impressed with?**

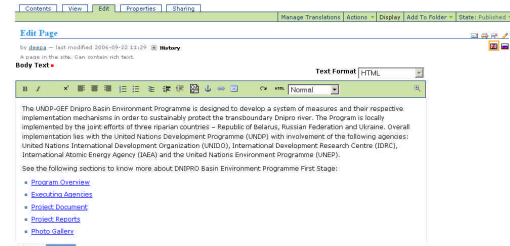
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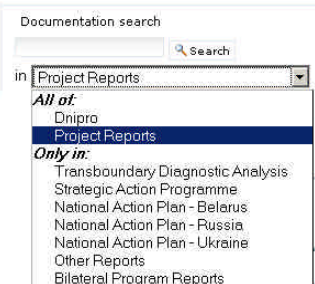
The **contents area** shows types of content stored on the website portal. It provides a very user friendly interface for the administrator to easily add, cut, paste, rename, rearrange and/or change state of contents.



The **edit tab** depending on content types provides a very easy word like editors with simple fields to add, update or modify data to your content. I.e. design home page..

One can also add various content types depending on need of the site using a simple drop down list.

Toolkit also comes with many add on contents types and products to use.



For website toolkit users like DNIPRO and many other projects, UNEP IW:LEARN has organized a Website Toolkit Training Workshop in Mombasa- Kenya on the 13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> November 2006. For more information read on URL: [http://www.iwlearn.net/abt\\_iwlearn/events/nov2006-1](http://www.iwlearn.net/abt_iwlearn/events/nov2006-1)