

Towards effective Global Water Governance and implementing coherent action



Region
Global

Partners
Over 3,000 partner organisations in 183 countries

Background information
By 2030, over 40% of the world's population will be living in severely water-stressed river basins. The need to deal with these problems at an appropriate level and with the right partners is equally increasing.

Project objectives
Reaching a water-secure world, where water resources are managed sustainably and in an equitable way, with a particular focus on advancing water governance.

Beneficiaries
Water Users, Water Basin Organisations, Governments, Civil Society, Academic Sector etc.

Budget
CHF 2,000,000

Duration
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The demand for enhancing water governance is to increase in the coming decades in a world where more than half of the global population will live in a water scarce world. Multi-stakeholder networks like the Global Water Partnership (GWP) are playing an increasingly important role in global water governance and are crucial to translate the agenda 2030 on water into action, provide knowledge and promote key concepts.

GWP's global strategy Towards 2020 stresses the need for innovative and multi-sectoral approaches to adequately address the manifold threats and opportunities relating to sustainable water resource management in the context of climate change, rapid urbanization, and growing inequalities.

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GWP adheres to fostering IWRM

The integrated approach to water resources management, Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM), is today's prevalent conceptual framework to address the global water challenges. With its mandate to promote IWRM, GWP has ensured that the concept is nowadays widely accepted. GWP has not only shaped significantly the concept but contributed largely to its understanding and uptake on many different levels (local and community, basins, transboundary, national and international) through the delivery of several services and products by their network.

The network

GWP is a global action network with over 3,000 Partner organisations in 183 countries. The network has 86 Country and 13 Regional Water Partnerships. The network is open to all organisations involved in water resources management: developed and developing country government institutions, agencies of the United Nations, bi- and multi-lateral development banks, professional associations, research institutions, non-governmental organisations, and the private sector.

GWP will enter into collaboration with the private sector, in particular by reaching out to the private sector not only with the aim to access alternative

funding but also to enter into new types of partnerships – such as water stewardship- to gain strengths and relevance. On the other hand, the water stewardship landscape could benefit from a relevant civil society voice.

GWP's action network provides knowledge and builds capacity to improve water management at all levels: global, regional, national and local. The GWP networking approach provides a mechanism for coordinated action and adds value to the work of many other key development partners.

GWP together with its partners has influenced more than 100 water governance outcomes worldwide, covering areas such as water policy, national adaptation planning, transboundary management agreements, investment plans and strategies, legislative frameworks, regional planning frameworks and institutional reform.

Agenda 2030

GWP's ambition is to make water central in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. SDG 6 provides a high level political commitment to an integrated approach to water security with Target 6.5 – “By 2030, implement integrated water resources management at all levels, including through transboundary cooperation as appropriate” – and SDG 17 affirms the role of multi-stakeholder partnerships.

Coherence with the strategic priorities of SDC Global Programme Water

It is a core contribution to GWP. SDC and GWP share the same vision for a water-secure world. The first component of SDC Global Water Programme strategy 2017-2020 focusses on water governance and aims at strengthening good water governance and its determining components on the global, regional and national levels, including both the public and the private sector, to secure equitable and sustainable water management. This is precisely the focus of GWP's vision, strategy and initiatives. The Component “Young People and Gender Equality” from SDC is well aligned with “the Youth Water and Climate Initiative-YWC” or the initiative for facilitating the wider development debates on the gender and water nexus.

Additional information:

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