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**Invitation to nominate professionals from the regions of Mediterranean, South East Asia, Southern Africa, Western Africa, and Caribbean to the GWP global steering committee (end of 2021)**

On behalf of the GWP Nomination Committee, we are **inviting the GWP Regional Water Partnerships Mediterranean, South East Asia, Southern Africa, Western Africa, and Caribbean** to nominate two professionals for taking on the role of a member of the global GWP Steering Committee. Please note that one of the nominations must be for a female and the other one for a male, both should come from the respective region and should meet the criteria laid out below. Please note that the Nomination Committee, upon reviewing both candidates' background and CV, will choose one of them for the role; this should be explained to nominees in advance.

As you may know, the GWP Steering Committee supervises the work of the Global Water Partnership's secretariat in Stockholm (formally called: Global Water Partnership *Organisation*). The Steering Committee carries out the tasks listed in Article 7 of the [GWP & GWPO Statutes](#). All Steering Committee members undertake their duties on the Steering Committee *in their personal capacity*. This means that they do not act for, or in any way represent, the Regional Water Partnership that nominates them. Steering Committee members are expected to work to support GWP's vision and the achievement of its mission as a whole for all GWP Partners. All new Steering Committee members will take up their seat at the second meeting of the year (currently expected to take place in early December); ahead of the first meeting, new Steering Committee members will be invited to participate in an induction program that will be designed to introduce them to the operations and culture of the Steering Committee, the GWP Organisation, and the GWP Network.

Steering Committee members are not remunerated for their services but are reimbursed for reasonable travel and accommodation expenses in conjunction with Steering Committee meetings. It is expected that Steering Committee members be available to travel internationally and attend up to two 3-4 day meetings per year. In order to contribute effectively to the Global Water Partnership, GWP Steering Committee members will be expected to dedicate up to 2-3 weeks in total per year – including travel.

The role of a GWP Steering Committee member is laid out further in the ["Rules of Conduct for the Steering Committee of the Global Water Partnership Network and the Global Water Partnership Organisation"](#); it includes:

- Study of the material circulated for each Steering Committee meeting in advance of such meeting.
- Response to correspondence addressed to them in between in-person Steering Committee meetings within a reasonable time.
- Declaring to the Chair any conflict of interest that may arise in relation to any matter considered by the Steering Committee.

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Please note that absence from at least two consecutive meetings of the Steering Committee, without showing reasonable cause for such absence, will be considered a resignation from being a member of the Steering Committee.

The Profile of candidates to be nominated by Regional Water Partnerships should include:

- Experience of Board or senior executive management;
- Commitment to GWP's vision and mission as well as to GWP's values and guiding principles for water resources management and development;
- Ability to contribute towards the development of GWP's strategic directions;
- Good contact network and ability to open doors for GWP;
- Good working knowledge of English to allow analysis of SC documentation and active participation at meetings.

**In addition, at least one of the following specific considerations are desired of candidates:**

- a) In depth understanding of sustainable development generally and/or of aspects such as water, biodiversity, or climate change.
- b) An appreciation of the significance of water for adaptation to climate change.
- c) Expertise in governance, in either the public or private sector.
- d) Experience in facilitating or catalyzing IWRM type agreements, policies and cross sectoral water related dialogs within their region, particularly at the level of communities.
- e) Experience in building capacity of the regional partnership and partners within the region; meaning enhancing funding and resource mobilization, building skill levels and networking within and beyond the traditional water actors in the region.
- f) Direct experience with engagement of the private sector in the region, especially in investment or finance
- g) Extensive contacts in government, relevant parts of civil society and the private sector.
- h) Participation and reaching finalist levels in the change maker's award process.
- i) Personal and professional record of enthusiasm of and understanding of GWP, willingness to express views and to collaborate.

Nominations from the regions should be received no later than close of business (Stockholm time) on Friday, March 5, 2021.

The Nomination Committee will select, based on the two candidates submitted, one finalist candidate whom they will present to the global Nomination Committee. The names and CV summaries of the candidates will be presented to the GWP Partners in March 2021 for their comments before presentation to the Sponsoring Partners in August 2021.

Here is [a list of the current members of the GWP Steering Committee 2020/2021](#).