

Minutes of TEC meeting, February 1-2, 2018, Beijing, China

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Abbreviations: PP (perspectives paper), BP (background paper), TFP (technical focus paper), WP (workplan)

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The TEC meeting focused on the three key areas:	•		-
- Assessment and reporting on achievements in 2017, unfinished business of 2017,			
- Activities in 2018 and formulating new programs/projects to frame the context of GWP work in GWP	Strategy 2020 - 2026		
- Discussion on how to strengthen linkages between global TEC, regional TECs (think tanks) and operati	onal programmes of	GWP	
Part 1: Unfinished business and/or continuing project	ts		
PP Climate Insurance and Water-related Disaster Risk Management. The PP was developed and			
published. The discussion on dissemination and promotion of the paper included:	Key messages	Adrian	February 28, 2018
- Produce key messages (2 pager) to attract the audience to the paper by the end of February 2018	summary		
 Use the paper for the Water Week 2018 – launch at GWP booth 	produced		
- Use the paper for the 2018 Asian Ministerial conference on DRR (July 2018, Mongolia). It will require		GWPO Coms Unit	
coordination and preparation by GWPO	Launch at		
- Plan for webinar. A form of Hard Talk possible – suggested speakers/discussants Adrian Cashman and	relevant events		
Wolfgang Kron, GeoRisks Research, Munich Re conducted by a professional facilitator (Circle of Blue	(Stockholm,		
journalists might be approached to do so)	Ulaanbaatar)		
- Send the 2 pager to selected journalists (among them Circle of Blue), knowledge list servs, GWP			
network prior to webinar	Webinar		Not defined yet
- Make sure that ReMunich also promote the paper			
Benefit of Action and Cost of Inaction.	Continue to	individually	Will be specified
After the publication of a literature review on this subject in 2017 by the WMO/GWP Integrated Drought	support IDMP and		by Fred Pischke
Management Programme (IDMP), a knowledge product to action the recommendations of two expert	BaCi initiative by		
group consultations is being developed in the context of the IDMP the with strong support from the World	peer review		
Bank. This discussion paper is in its final stage (World Bank in charge of publishing). This may signal a			
greater and clarified focus of the WB on droughts and its economics for its next funding biennium starting	Coordinate with		
summer 2018.	DRR HLP		
The institutional partners of the IDMP (34 organizations) also agreed in the IDMP Advisory Committee			
meetings in 2017: a) to write a discussion paper on differences of the concepts of Drought and Water			

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Scarcity and b) to develop a publication to explain and provide examples of the three pillars of integrated drought management.			
GWP TEC were requested to contribute to a peer review. Due to limited resources, TEC will not dedicate an expert, but agreed to be involved in a peer review. Make sure that there are synergies with HLP on DRR where GWP has a presence (see also a previous point).			
Discussion recommendation to the Water Scarcity and Drought discussion paper: Water scarcity is not a problem if you have a policy to address it (try to live in the limits, rather than invest mega resources that go not sustainable).			
Cost Benefit Analysis on DRR in Mega cities Jerry informed on the effort to dedicate a special edition of Water Policy Journal to this topic. So far, no progress made.	No action for TEC members Engage with ext. K partners	Jerry	Ready for HLP on DRR in July, Mongolia
 Knowledge and Learning Report, Management Response TEC has received the final K&L report and were requested to provide a feedback. For the future assessment, it would be essential to invite TEC members and TEC Chair in each step of such process (from planning, design of study, conduct and conclusions). Some observations: The conclusions of the report are not clear and are not fully derived on the analysis The idea to have "thinker" as a full-time staff is very strange. There are different roles of full time job staff members and advisory experts (think tank) The conclusions are not strong to enhance national and regional technical expertise (TEC members wish to work with regional experts more as well, but having problems to know who these experts are and what are the topics of RWPs). TEC is keen to contribute to the improvement of the K&L functions of the GWP. For example, TEC plans are to receive the invitation for TEC meetings to be combined with TEC-RWP discussion, working on technical focus papers, conducting trainings where a combination of regional trainers with TEC members would make reasonable working atmosphere, etc. 	Continue to engage with RWPs in joint TEC meeting, providing trainings, seminars	Jerry	Ongoing
<i>Water and Migration</i> This is a joint initiative of GWO and FAO to feed to the Task Force on Water and Food and FAO Annual report that will focus on migration. The literature review and a draft of Policy Brief was produced and currently is peer reviewed by FAO. FAO is also in charge to manage the publication process. As there were significant comments provided by external reviewers, Dan Tarlock, Mike Young will support Jerry to formulate the responses and continue in communication with FAO.	Respond to comments and finalize the input for FAO	Dan Tarlock, Mike Young Jerry to liaise with FAO on next steps	Unclear

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		JDP to moderate HLP on WM at WWF8	
Part 2: Avenue for a new GWP Strategy and TEC projects ir	n 2018		
Water Sharing Initiative The Water Sharing seminar (see a separate report) conduced with GWP China, TEC suggests that water sharing (the allocating and reallocation processes for water) is the logical follow up to IWRM implementation. As a starting point, a perspectives paper will be developed to mobilize discussion at global level on how water sharing systems could be set up. The presentations provided by Chinese experts are very relevant to analyze different water sharing schemes. The PP will aim to capture principles and illustrate examples of robust systems with recognition that different scales exist. It is suggested that this initiative could be a flagship initiative of GWP for the ongoing period (and be considered as entry point for GWP Strategy 2020-2026). The interest needs to be explored JOINTLY with RWPs. Therefore, it is suggested bringing this issue to the Regional Days meeting (with the draft of the PP). The purposes are three-fold: validate the concept with representatives of RWP, earn the ownership of the GWP Network and reach possible audience and contributors to the paper (and potential operational program of GWP). In this line, it is suggested to develop 2-5 years program that would frame the GWP Strategy 2020 – 2026 and would be offered to the donors for funding.	Develop PP Develop program proposal (in cooperation with Head of network Operations) GWPO and Chair follow up on potential areas of funding support from MWR.	Mike Young All TEC members	Draft to be presented at RD, May 2018, Budapest Final PP to be published by end 2018 to feed to GWP Strategy preparation
TEC Chair and Mike Young were invited by senior MWR and CEO of the new China to see the water market operations. Subsequent dinner meetings with the principals raised proposals for working with GWP. MWR is open to further discussion on potential funding to GWP. MWR and the Water market would be interested in a jointly running a major event on water allocation methods	JDP, GWP China and Mike Y follow up on the proposed ideas for joint event on water allocation methods Suggest that a skype on line be held for interested TEC members on the Water sharing paper.	Jerry	

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Financing multi-purpose (MP) infrastructure The perspectives paper will be developed to address the question: If so important, why so difficult to implement? The PP will examine the challenges with mobilizing financing and support around multi-purpose water infrastructure. Consider looking at wicked and different examples to illustrate dilemmas on financing MP structures. Some examples might include guidelines of WB, ADB, World Commission on Dams. It is understood that MP water structures are critical to achieving IWRM in many parts of the world. Academic papers are many and call for sustainable investments. However, political realities and practical implementations go far beyond the academic exercise. One of the key messages relevant for GWP Network is that the development of flexible governance and operational conditions to ensure the ability for multi-purpose water infrastructure to adapt to changing values, conditions, and risks.	Develop PP	Winston Yu and Tom Panella	Draft July 2018 Final draft to be endorsed at Autumn TEC meeting 2018 See possibility to promote paper at Water Week 2019 (Water for Society, incl all)
Corporate Water Stewardship This is on-going work requested by several RWPs. A perspectives paper will be developed to guide GWP Network in working with corporate private sectors in advocacy and implementation of IWRM. Some pioneering corporates (and other actors, such as NGOs, donors) are aiming to show how to make up for the 'public governance gap' The concept note was presented to GWP China representatives. Comments and suggestions collected. It was suggested that the draft paper will be presented during the Regional days in May 2018 to validate the final publication. The conclusion from the discussion stated that it is critical to invite private water users to engage in IWRM implementation. However, the engagement the private sector has to be accompanied by the right 'checks and balances' to ensure that the private interest does not overrule the public good.	Develop PP and present at Reg days	Jerry (Danka)	Mid May – draft August 2018 final publication
 Preliminary discussion on GWP Strategy 2020 – 2026 GWP will be in the last year of the GWP Strategy (Towards 2020). There are several factors influencing ambitions and realities for GWP to frame the next GWP Strategy. TEC understands that the GWP Management is seeking for "the context" of the future period, however, it should be also considered what are the limits (resources both human and financial) and political atmosphere for the future trends/targets/evolution of GWP. The discussion included: Difficulties in knowing who are current partners of GWP to engage with, work with and address the next GWP strategy; prep-stage should include discussion values, mission and vision of the future GWP. In addition, an analysis of GWP versus other organizations should bring a light to future structure, forms and relationship at a global, regional and national levels. The mission of "having IWRM on top agenda" is a victory of the GWP past; the focus should be "management" in water scarce regions. Focus on implementing IWRM. Central aspects of this should be on methods for sharing and allocating water and tools to do such (e.g. CM) There are many possible 	Outline of the context for the GWP Strategy (2 page thinking note) to be presented at Regional Days (May 2018)	Jerry Supported by all TEC members	The process of the development of a new GWP Strategy will be specified by ES

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 indicators on how to measure management. Recommended to voice "water resources management (or water management at the resources level versus on the various stovepipes within water) Think beyond "project thinking" and attract those funders that are to fund long term programs SDGs are a check list for GWP rather than a goal. GWP should be different from other organizations; avoid being rhetoric, not need to repeat slogans. Next steps: Jerry (with help of TEC members) will write 2 page think piece to support GWP to outline the context of the GWP Strategy. One recommended wording of the vision: sharing and managing water to adapt to changing world". TEC Chair (supported by TEC members) will be involved in the reviewing of strategic ToR and will be subtantively involved the planning process of development of the GWP strategy 			
Part 3: Engagement with RWPs and GWPO network opera	ations		
Nexus support to TFP if there is a case Multi stakeholder platforms GWPO Coms Unit has provided internal tools to be used by GWP Network in communication, engagement and operation. The paper is well structured and equipped with technological instruments and serves to have an arsenal of techniques to be used by GWP partners at different levels and purposes. The MSP architecture is not limited to a technology use (of what Coms unit offers) and content (of what TEC is able to offer) in separate streams. It is recommended that the communication strategy in GWP Network is an on-going process to be revisited on a regular basis. If the request to address MSP (in light of K&L report as well), TEC members are willing to provide their expertise.	No action agreed		
International Water Law training GWP is active to provide IWL trainings in Latin America (with a lead of CapNet) and Africa. Several universities contribute to the trainings (as hosts, trainers, consultants). There are already lessons learnt from previous trainings that should be considered when expanding to Asia. Some issues include: a) target audience, sustainability, need for GWP branded manual. In addition, almost all RWPs are involved in thematic area of transboundary cooperation that should be captured – rather than to limit the training to legal aspects of transboundary cooperation, include institutional aspects (different options on how to build workable transboundary organizations), participatory tools, consensus building, assisted negotiations tools, negotiation and conflict management techniques. TEC will support this initiative by expertise	Be involved in trainings organized by GWPO	Dan Tarlock Barbara Janusz- Pawletta	As requested
Collaborative modeling It is on-going initiative of TEC to offer training on CM in basins, regions where requested. Built on experience from GWP WAF, TEC has committed to provide one CM training in 2018 – target South Eastern Asia (specifically Mekong River). There was also an interest from Lancang-Mekong Environmental	Plan for CM training (what, where, who, why)	Barbara Janusz- Pawletta with cooperation with Yumiko Yasuda	March 10, 2018 to decide on CM training

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Cooperation Center that was recently established by Chinese Government. As the CM training requires a careful planning and well-structured agenda including a selection of trainers, no decision was taken regarding the venue and timing of the training. TEC will work with GWPO (respective network officers) to explore suitable arrangements for the training. In case of low/no interest from SEA region, GWP MED will be approached (as GWP MED together with GWP CEE showed an interest to conduct the training in South Europe (Drin River Basin or a sub-basin Ohrid Lake, Skadar Lake, Buna/Bojana River).	Development of CM training Manual that fits to training purposes	Danka to manage next steps	
<i>Water, Food, Environment nexus</i> The request was articulated by GWP WAF to address the synergies (duplication) and clarification of Nexus and IWRM approaches. The main motive is that most people and key stakeholders in WAF are confused on whether the nexus approach replaces IWRM. GWP WAF requested global TEC to support the development of the regional background paper on relation of nexus and IWRM. At this moment, the timing is not clear, however, TEC agreed to support a peer review process.	Support a development of technical paper of GWP WAF	Nicola Fohrer Dan Tarlock Danka to coordinate with GWP WAF	To be specified
 Regional Days Considering the discussion during this TEC meeting, it was recommended to have a dedicated session during the Regional Days (May 2018) to convey the following: TEC wishes to interact with RWPs and institute exchange of agenda of TEC to RWPs (and vise-versa) TEC wishes to include regional experts in writing, peer review, discussion of global TEC knowledge TEC wishes to present key knowledge products in the 2018 pipeline to seek the feedback and validation (specifically: Water Stewardship, Financing of Multipurpose infrastructure) TEC wishes to present the Water Sharing initiative to provide the concrete frame for articulating the future GWP agenda TEC Chair wants to engage RWPs in suggesting tools by which a continual communication among TEC and regions will occur (e.g. a short biannual update, managed by TEC, on key issues, needs, technologies, problems, lessons and successes regionally TEC wishes to be an integral part of discussion regarding the preparation of the GWP Strategy 2020-2026 	Presence and active involvement of TEC at Regional Days (allocated session of RD)	Jerry Possible Mike Young and Danka Danka to manage with GWPO	As soon as possible





