

Technical Committee Meeting Brief
March 11-12, 2013, Manila Philippines

The purpose of the meeting was to monitor progress on TEC priority thematic areas as defined in TEC 2011 - 2013 road map and to discuss the TEC input into a new GWP Strategy 2014-2019.

Below is a brief summary of progress and next steps as discussed during the meeting.

WATER SECURITY PAPER

Progress

A background paper on Water Security, a background paper is being developed. A consultative workshop on Water Security Indicators was held in November 2012 and gathered key knowledge partners to discuss the range of indicators on water security. Also, TEC was involved in the initiative of UN Water which resulted in the analytical brief on Water Security and the Global Agenda (lunched on March 22, 2013). TEC will finalize the background paper to be presented at the CP Meeting 2013.

Action to be taken:

- Eelco and Wouter, supported by Oscar, are to finalize the draft background paper by June 30, 2013.
- Proceedings of Water Security Workshop to be published by June 30, 2013.
- Background paper to be launched during CP meeting, August 2013.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AND URBANIZATION

Progress

A Perspectives Paper on “Urban Groundwater Management” was presented (in print). It argues for an integrated approach that urban planners must undertake when developing urban settlements. The paper will be further developed into a Technical Focus paper. Also, a previously developed perspectives paper on groundwater and irrigation (discussed at previous TEC meeting) will be further developed into a background paper.

Action to be taken:

- Kala supported by Stephen to develop a concept note for the TFP to be discussed at the TEC meeting in August 2013
- Tushaar supported by Stephen to develop a draft background paper by June 30, 2013.

ECONOMIC VALUE OF WATER SECURITY

Progress

Dale presented a follow up work on the recently published background paper No. 18 on Economics of moving towards a more water secure world. A follow up is to focus on forecasts of the economic consequences of poor water and sanitation in Africa. The aspects of WASH and economics will be discussed in a Technical Focus Paper.

Action to be taken:

- Dale to develop a Technical Focus Paper by February 2014.

WATER AND LAND MANAGEMENT**Progress**

Madiodo presented a proposal of the perspectives paper on integrated land and water governance. The main hypothesis of the paper builds on current challenges of fragmented management of water resources and land. The focus will be given to a must to improve governance on water and land resources rather than management issues.

Action to be taken:

- Madiodo supported by Jan to develop the Perspectives Paper to be presented at CP meeting, August 2013.
- A concept note for a regional workshop on land and water governance to be discussed during the next TEC meeting.

INTEGRATED URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT**Progress**

The TEC/ADB workshop will be held during the Asia Water Week, Manila. Kala presented focus, aims and anticipated results from the workshop. A follow up workshop will be held in West Africa (autumn 2013). The workshops proceedings will be developed. Also, Technical Focus Paper to address urban planning and its link to IWRM plans.

Action to be taken:

- A draft of a Technical Focus Paper on “cities as arenas of integration” to be developed for a discussion at TEC meeting in August 2013.

WATER AND CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION**Progress**

Torkil introduced GWP WACDEP program and the Reference Group. TEC is invited to participate at this advisory body.

TEC INPUT TO GWP STRATEGY 2014-2019

TEC was invited to contribute to the development of a new GWP Strategy. The themes where TEC will provide knowledge input include:

- Water and food
- Water and energy
- Climate resilience and water security
- Integrated urban water management
- Transboundary cooperation.

TEC members will develop these themes and submit the statements to a GWP writing team by April 2013.

OTHER ONGOING ACTIVITIES

- Two background papers were recently completed and presented during the Asia Water Week – No. 17 – on international water law and No.18 – on Economics of water security.
- Technical Focus paper on water and food security, experiences of India and China was completed (in print).
- Perspectives paper on Urban Groundwater Management is to be completed (in print).
- TEC members will attend the inter-regional meeting of SEA and SAS (strategy development).
- TEC was invited to contribute to GWPO Delta program.
- The TEC 2013 Workplan will be revised and presented to the GWP Steering Committee in May 2013. It is envisaged that a new TEC member (with a water and energy focus) will be also introduced and endorsed by the GWP Steering Committee.

NEXT MEETING

The next full TEC meeting is scheduled on August 27-28, 2013 in Stockholm together with the TEC/Regional Water partnerships and CP meetings.