

Technical Committee Meeting Brief
22 – 23 February 2011, Colombo, Sri Lanka

The purpose of the meeting was to monitor progress on TEC priority thematic areas as defined in TEC 2010 - 2012 road map.

The meeting was also an opportunity for TEC to get the RWPs' reactions to TEC's priorities and plans and to discuss what TEC and the RWPs will do together, to understand their needs and how TEC can support them.

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

PREPARATIONS FOR WWF6 & RIO+20

Progress

Mohamed participated in International Steering Committee meeting for Bonn 2011, one of many preparatory meetings for Rio+20, and he represented GWP at the WWF6 2012 preparatory meeting (Paris, 17-18 January).

Action to be taken:

- Mohamed proposed to establish a working group to prepare GWP positions for the last two meetings of the Steering Committee of Bonn Conference 2011 (30-31 March, September) and for the World Water Forum (Marseille, 12-17 March 2012). Patricia Wouters expressed her interest to participate in the working group.

TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION

Progress

As decided in the August TEC meeting, Patricia has developed a concept note on IWRM, Water Security and Transboundary Waters, sent by email to TEC members on 4th February.

Action to be taken:

- A working group lead by Patricia and consisting of Claudia, John, Mike, Uma and Wouter will revise the concept note and design a set of criteria for selecting case studies.
- A scoping paper will be presented at the Consulting Partners meeting (August 2011) to receive feedback and validation for the development of an operational strategy and a background paper.
- Regions will be invited to contribute through case studies.

Timeline:

- Scoping paper by end of June 2011
- Publication by WWF6 (early March 2012)

INTEGRATED URBAN WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Progress

Akissa presented a revised version of the paper outline discussed in the August TEC meeting.

Action to be taken:

- A working group lead by Akissa and consisting of Wouter and Humberto will develop a perspective paper for internal commenting.
- The perspective paper will be disseminated prior to the Stockholm Water Week.
- Building on the outputs of the Water Week, a background paper including case studies will be prepared.

Timeline:

- Submission of the perspective paper to TEC in early June.
- Finalization of the background paper by the end of 2011.

WATER SECURITY PAPER**Progress**

Mike produced a draft that was edited and circulated to the TEC and to Letitia and Ania for comment. The group agreed that this paper, which focuses on shaping the water agenda for Rio+20 did not fully meet GWP's needs.

Action to be taken:

- A working group led by Wouter and consisting of Humberto, Tushaar and Uma will review the paper.
- All TEC members will provide comments and inputs to Wouter on the last version disseminated.
- Wouter will coordinate the input collection and consolidate comments and inputs. Uma will streamline the writing of the paper.

Timeline:

- Provision of inputs and comments by TEC members by 11 March.
- Production of a consolidated version by 5 April.
- Validation of paper by mid April.

ECONOMICS OF WATER SECURITY**Progress**

Claudia presented a preliminary concept note for a scoping paper.

Action to be taken:

- Claudia to send the draft concept note to TEC members.
- Claudia and Dale to review the concept note and prepare a scoping paper.

Timeline:

- Scoping paper to be prepared and disseminated to TEC members by the August meeting.
- Background paper to be finalized by the end of 2011.
- Compendium including case studies to be delivered in 2012.

NEXT MEETINGS

A mini TEC meeting is tentatively scheduled in May, along with the South and Eastern Africa workshop, which, depending on available resources, could be held in Johannesburg on 23-24 May. The next full TEC meeting is scheduled on 16-17th August, along with the Stockholm Water Week.