

## Memorandum of Understanding

between

**the Global Water Partnership Organisation**

and

**UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education**

### Article 1: The Parties

**1. Global Water Partnership (GWP)** is an international network created in 1996 to foster the implementation of integrated water resources management (IWRM): the coordinated development and management of water, land, and related resources by maximising economic and social welfare without compromising the sustainability of ecosystems and the environment. It is a non-profit multi-donor funded action network focused on facilitating and supporting the sustainable management of water resources at all levels.

The **GWP Organisation (GWPO)**, established as an intergovernmental agency in Sweden, is managed by an Executive Secretary who is answerable to the Steering Committee (SC). The GWPO Secretariat acts as the 'network hub' for GWP. The Secretariat manages GWP's finances and reports on funding received at the global level. It also helps with the exchange of knowledge, resources, and ensures communication and coherence across the Network.

GWP has built up a network of Regional Water Partnerships (RWPs). These bring together various sectors and interest groups to identify and discuss common water problems and to develop action plans based on integrated water resources management. Each RWP, and the Country Water Partnerships, Area Water Partnerships, City Water Partnerships and River Basin Partnerships that may be established in the regions, has its own operational strategy, work programme and administrative structure. The RWPs are attached to host institutions that administer funds and employ staff on their behalf.

**2. UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education** is an Institute part of the UN Water family and owned by all UNESCO member states that carries out educational, research and capacity development activities that complement and reinforce each other in the broad fields of water engineering, water management, environment, sanitation, and governance.

### Article 2 Rationale/Purpose of the Collaboration

GWP's and UNESCO-IHE's missions are complementary, with GWP focusing on advocacy for IWRM and UNESCO-IHE on education, research and capacity building. GWP has convening power based on its global role as a major influencer of the use of IWRM. Both organisations have extensive networks of partners with which they work and which could benefit from each other's knowledge.



### Article 3 Areas of Collaboration/Co-operation

The Parties will co-operate in the following areas:

1. Yearly GWP seminar at UNESCO-IHE on GWP Network activities, GWP ToolBox, latest GWP Technical Committee publications as well as other mutually identified themes.
2. Contribution of UNESCO-IHE professionals and PhD-student expertise to studies by the GWP Technical Committee.
3. UNESCO-IHE staff and students (incl. alumni) contributing to activities of GWP Regional Water Partnerships in the form of secondments, internships, using regional projects as Masters or PhD thesis, assisting with capacity building in regions and on national levels.
4. Collaboration by GWP and GWP Regional Water Partnerships with UNESCO-IHE in relation to the research agenda of UNESCO-IHE and its academic courses by channeling GWP regional issues to UNESCO-IHE.

All collaboration between GWPO and UNESCO-IHE under this MoU is based on voluntary allocation of staff time from the respective organisation. Where input in the form of voluntary staff time is offered, the parties shall specifically agree on tasks to be performed, outputs to be produced and exchange of information.

All collaboration between GWPO and UNESCO-IHE, where financial resources are required or staff time is to be formally committed, will be based on specific separate agreements between the Parties before the start of any activity. Such agreements shall provide detailed information on tasks to be performed, outputs to be produced, exchange of information, administrative and financial conditions for the collaboration.

### Article 4 Contact Persons/Points

A. In the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, GWPO shall be represented by Dr Danka Thalmeinerova:

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#### Article 4 Controversies

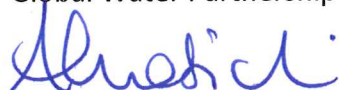
Any controversy arising as a result of or in connection with this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably between the Parties. In case that an amicable settlement cannot be reached within three months of consultations, this Memorandum of Understanding will be terminated with immediate effect if one of the Parties states so in writing to the other Party.

#### Article 5 Duration

This Memorandum of Understanding enters into force upon signature by both Parties. It shall remain in force for a period of five years, unless terminated earlier by a three months written notice from either party. Project agreements entered into by the parties may have durations that extend beyond the term of this MoU, and the termination or expiration of this MoU will not terminate any project agreements then in effect, which will continue or be terminated in accordance with their terms.

Signed 3/9/2014

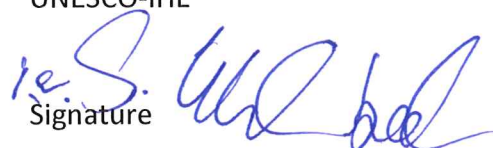
For and on behalf of  
Global Water Partnership Organisation

  
Signature

Dr Ania Grobicki

3/9/2014

For and on behalf of  
UNESCO-IHE

  
Signature

Prof András Szöllösi-Nagy, DSc, PhD

