

Evaluation

Consulting Partners Meeting Stockholm, August 2009

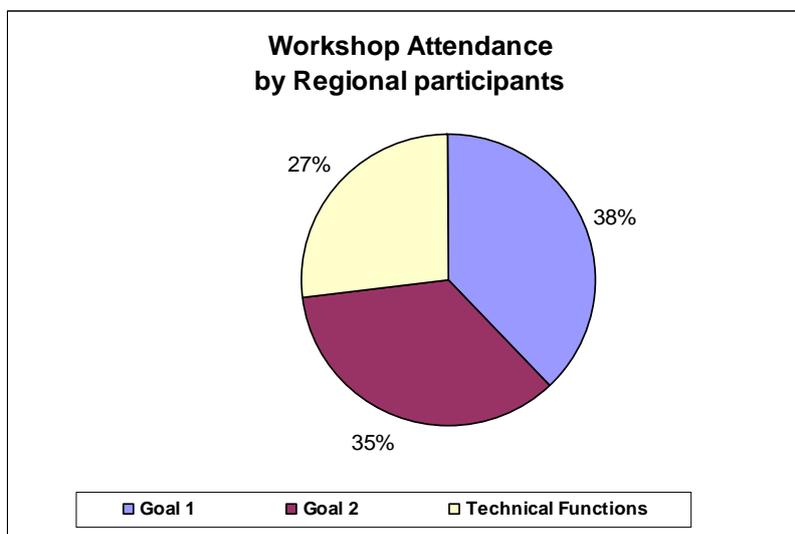
A questionnaire was distributed to the 13 RWPs and the GWP Secretariat to receive feedback on the 2009 Consulting Partners (CP) meeting. Eleven Regions responded with a total of 32 responses. Ten members of Secretariat responded. The GWP Secretariat will use the findings to prepare for the 2010 CP meeting.

All respondents agreed that the objectives of the CP meeting were clear and well communicated. One respondent appreciated that the agenda and preparation of the CP meeting had started 3-4 months prior to the CP meeting.

This year the main issue discussed at the CP was the implementation of the GWP Strategy. All respondents agreed that they learned from others' experiences. Most respondents found the meeting an appropriate place to get a better understanding of GWP Network activities. One Secretariat response was that the CP is the principal information channel (among other mechanisms such as *NewsFlow* and websites) for activities of the Network.



The majority of respondents stated that after the CP meeting they feel better informed about the Network and its activities. The majority felt that they had gained improved understanding of the Strategic Goals. Three of 31 Regional respondents (10%) and 3 of 10 Secretariat respondents (30%) felt that they did not get a better understanding about the goals.

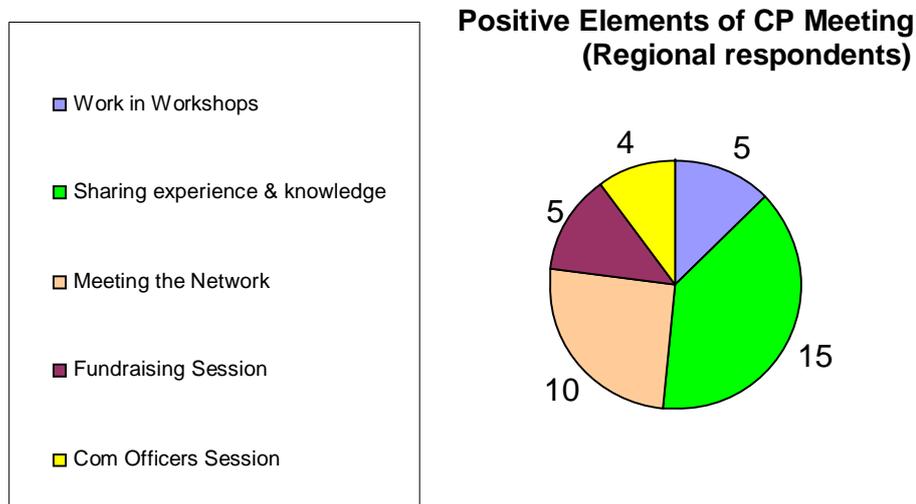


Representation of Regional participants in each workshop is shown in the pie chart to the left. Secretariat staff were equally distributed in the workshops.

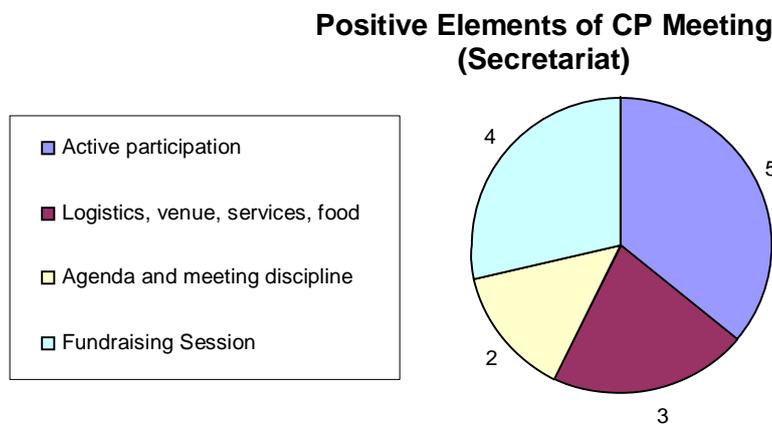
Responses varied a lot when respondents were asked about the best and the least appreciated aspects of the meeting (see chart below). However, most signified that attendance brought an

opportunity to meet other RWPs, CWPs, and Partners, and to share experiences and learn from others. Another positive element of the meeting was working in workshops – smaller groups with more concentrated discussion.

Some respondents liked the session on Fundraising. Several respondents appreciated the Communications Meeting (although it was not part of the CP meeting).



Respondents identified more than one element. The numbers indicate the respondents expressing the same element.



Other respondents valued the following:

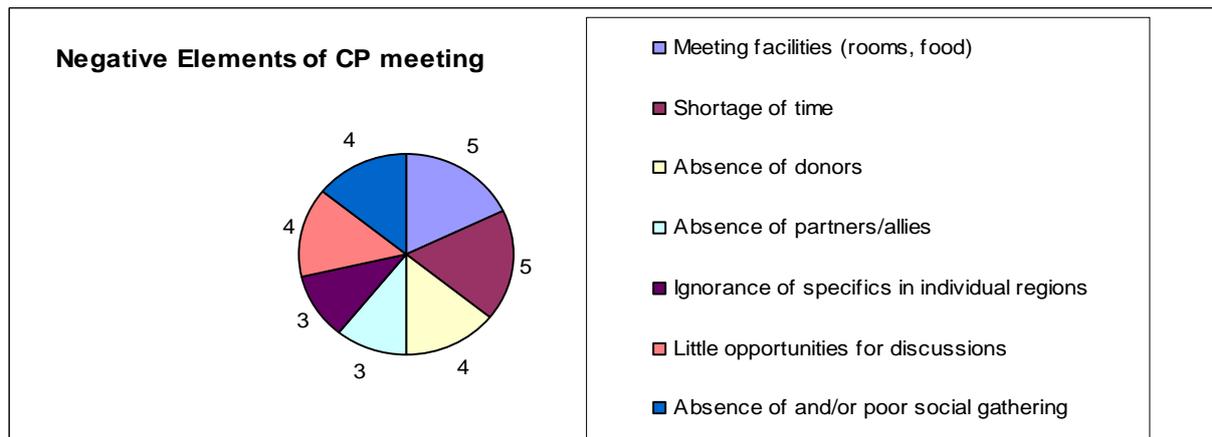
- opportunity to express themselves in their mother tongue (Spanish)
- involvement of young people
- opportunity to meet other members and staff from GWPO and the Regions
- opportunity to discuss relatively “new” issues in GWP like groundwater and the transboundary agenda
- specific presentations from Caribbean and Africa

Regions highly appreciated being able to share experiences with other Regions. The Secretariat noted that the CP provides a good opportunity for active participation of the Network in general. Secretariat staff appreciated it when Regions presented tangible achievements and went directly to the point (keeping in mind time limits).

The following “least liked” aspects of the CP meeting were expressed:

- absence of donors
- absence or limited presence of allies and strategic Partners
- ignorance of specifics of individual Regions and/or limited space for all Regions to present their experience
- low social entertainment during the CP meeting with modest food
- wrong (poor) selection of meeting rooms

Major distribution of Regional responses is shown below.



The number indicates the respondents expressing the same element.

These responses are in line with those of the Secretariat. In addition, Secretariat respondents were disappointed with the quality of discussion and participation in the Technical Function workshop.

Responses regarding next year’s theme differed significantly. Most in the Regions and the Secretariat would like to concentrate on progress in implementing the Strategy. The second choice theme is fundraising. A summary of the most common responses is shown below.

Future CP meeting Theme	No. of responses (Regional)	No. of responses (Secretariat)
GWP Strategy implementation	9	2
GWP Fundraising	6	1
Adaptation and climate change	5	3
Progress in IWRM	4	1
Effective water governance	2	-
Food Security	2	1
Water economics and financing	2	-
GWP Communication	2	-
Strengthening of GWP Network	2	3
Working with alliances	-	4
Implementation of technical functions within GWP	-	2

It was suggested by one respondent that next year's meeting should discuss what GWP is going to take to the 6th World Water Forum in 2012. Others expressed interest in discussing concrete contributions of CWP's to implementing IWRM and water security at local level.

50% of Regional respondents favored Sweden as a meeting place for next year. The other half preferred to change the location (rotation) or keep the meeting every second year in Sweden and the alternate year somewhere else. Also, 15 of 26 responses on this matter agreed that having the meeting next to the Stockholm World Water Week is a good idea, although some of these respondents said that the end of August is not the most convenient time. The majority of the Secretariat prefers Sweden because it enables all staff to join the CP meeting. Most of the Secretariat is also concerned that the venue should be selected with cost-effectiveness as the prime consideration.