

REGIONAL PROCESS FOR BONN 2011 :
GWP'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE BONN CONFERENCE
ON THE WATER, ENERGY AND FOOD SECURITY NEXUS

Good decision-making on the synergistic but often conflicting demands related to food and energy, in the context of the world's water resources, requires the involvement of multiple stakeholders in a localized context. This is a case of "think local, act global"! Hence the Global Water Partnership creates neutral, multi-stakeholder platforms at regional, national and local levels where necessary to facilitate these dialogues. Key actors from the food and energy sectors are engaged in processes together with water decision-makers, forging an integrated approach to resolving water-food-energy nexus issues in a very specific context.

Governments, businesses and civil society need to act together with academia and the media in order to have the necessary knowledge, and to generate the necessary public support, to tackle multidimensional issues of this nature. Hence the partnerships within the network include actors from all these categories of stakeholders.

In order to support the Bonn process at a regional level, the Regional Water Partnerships in the following regions will discuss the priority questions (attached):

1. Caucasus and Central Asia (representatives of 8 countries)
2. Central and Eastern Europe (representatives of 13 countries)
3. Mediterranean (representatives of 20 countries)
4. Southern Africa (representatives of 12 countries)
5. South East Asia (representatives of 9 countries)

These meetings will all take place in the second half of September and the first half of October 2011.

Feedback will be provided from each of these meetings on specific issues in the region – where food, energy and water security issues are being tackled in an integrated way. The partnerships will also comment on existing processes and what further actions need to be undertaken to institutionalize an integrated approach.