

UN Rio+20 Declaration: “Zero draft” with selected clauses and highlights (January 2012)

Clause no	Description	Comments and proposed GWP actions
Green Economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication		
▪ Framing the context of the green economy, challenges and opportunities		
25	We are convinced that a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication should contribute to meeting key goals – in particular the priorities of poverty eradication, food security, sound water management , universal access to modern energy services, sustainable cities, management of oceans and improving resilience and disaster preparedness, as well as public health, human resource development and sustained, inclusive and equitable growth that generates employment, including for youth. It should be based on the Rio principles, in particular the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, and should be people-centered and inclusive, providing opportunities and benefits for all citizens and all countries.	GWP Action: ensure that “sound water management” remains as a very high priority area in all subsequent drafts and the final Rio+20 declaration (currently 3 rd in order of priority)
Green Economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication		
▪ Toolkits and experience sharing		
33	We support the creation of an international knowledge-sharing platform to facilitate countries’ green economy policy design and implementation, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A menu of policy options b) A toolbox of good practices in applying green economy policies at regional, national and local levels c) A set of indicators to measure progress d) A directory of technical services, technology and financing that could assist developing countries 	GWP Action : ensure that the GWP ToolBox is recognized as a contribution to this international knowledge-sharing platform
Green Economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication		
▪ Framework for action		
43	We recognize the importance of measuring global progress. In this regard, we will be guided by a roadmap that contains the following indicative goals and timeline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) 2012-2015: establishment of indicators and measures to evaluate implementation; establishment of mechanisms for the transfer of technology, sharing of know-how and enhancement of capacities b) 2015-2030: implementation and periodic assessment of progress c) 2030: comprehensive assessment of progress 	GWP Action : ensure establishment of an ongoing monitoring framework for water resources management, building on the report on the status of IWRM in countries to be published for Rio+20
53	We call for the scientific basis for decision making to be strengthened across the UN system and recognize that the interface between science and policy-making should be enhanced.	GWP Action : decision-makers to understand that partnerships such as GWP provide a strong interface between sound technical knowledge and policy-making

Framework for action and follow-up - A. Priority/key/thematic/cross-sectoral issues and areas		
▪ Water		
67	<p>We underline the importance of the right to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation as a human right that is essential for the full enjoyment of life and all human rights. Furthermore, we highlight the critical importance of water resources for sustainable development, including poverty and hunger eradication, public health, food security, hydropower, agriculture and rural development.</p>	<p>GWP Action: ensure that water resources are developed in a sustainable and equitable way, through multi-stakeholder dialogue. Cross-sectoral integration is key to sustainable water allocations.</p>
68	<p>We recognize the necessity of setting goals for wastewater management, including reducing water pollution from households, industrial and agricultural sources and promoting water efficiency, wastewater treatment and the use of wastewater as a resource, particularly in expanding urban areas.</p>	<p>GWP Action: Water pollution of the natural environment should be reduced and ultimately eliminated, i.e. zero discharge of wastewater. GWP to continue the emphasis on integrated urban water management and the use of wastewater as a resource.</p>
69	<p>We renew our commitment made in the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation (JPOI) regarding the development and implementation of integrated water resources management and water efficiency plans. We reaffirm our commitment to the 2005-2015 International Decade for Action “Water for Life”. We encourage cooperation initiatives for water resources management in particular through capacity development, exchange of experiences, best practices and lessons learned, as well as sharing appropriate environmentally sound technologies and know-how.</p>	<p>GWP Action: Take the “IWRM mandate” into the next phase from planning and institution-building, to development and implementation. Governments should :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Develop a programme of action and financing strategy for implementing IWRM by 2015, with each country determining its own specific targets and timeframes. (2) Outline a regulatory regime that would provide a legal mechanism. (3) Strengthen regional and country knowledge-sharing platforms. (4) Promote education and learning at all levels on water security.
Framework for action and follow-up- A. Priority/key/thematic/cross-sectoral issues and areas		
▪ Climate Change		
89	<p>We encourage international initiatives and partnerships to address the interrelationship among water, energy, food and climate change in order to achieve synergies as well as to minimize conflicts among policy objectives, being particularly sensitive to impacts on vulnerable populations.</p>	<p>GWP Action: stress that better water management is key to building climate resilience. Cross-sectoral integration is vital. Water-energy linkages are many and the co-benefits of increasing efficiencies in both water and energy use will contribute to mitigating climate change.</p>
Framework for action and follow-up- A. Priority/key/thematic/cross-sectoral issues and areas		
▪ Land degradation and desertification		
93	<p>We agree to support partnerships and initiatives for the safeguarding of soil resources such as the Global Soil Partnership (GSP). We also encourage scientific studies and initiatives aimed at raising wider awareness of the economic benefits of sustainable land management policies that achieve healthy and productive land and soil.</p>	<p>GWP Action: In the guiding principles of the GSP, the vision is to have a partnership similar to GWP that is focused upon soil resources. GSP working in conjunction with GWP can promote integrated land and water management, leading to the conservation and wise use of both soil and water resources, and supporting food security.</p>
Framework for action and follow-up - C. Means of implementation		
▪ Finance		
117	<p>We call for the Global Environment Facility to be strengthened, with regularity in funding flows and reform of governance processes towards more transparent and democratic systems. We urge simplification of procedures and assistance to the least developed countries and SIDS in accessing resources from the GEF.</p>	<p>GWP Action: GWP can play a strong role in assisting countries and Partner organizations to access funding resources from GEF.</p>