

Concept note and Workshop Agenda:

Food Security within the WEF nexus in Sub Saharan Africa Design workshop

May, 18-19th 2016, ILRI Compound, Addis Ababa

Background and Context

Water, energy, food, and ecosystems are essential for meeting basic human needs. But each one is coming under pressure, and climate change is making things worse.

In Africa, people are most at risk if we don't deal with this challenge effectively. So Global Water Partnership (GWP), International Water Management Institute (IWMI) and African governments are joining forces to tackle water, energy, food, and ecosystems nexus challenges – vital sectors to human development. The initiative will also benefit from the active participation of the FAO.

It is expected that the initiative will contribute towards a partnership to promote effective policies and actions at the local, country, and regional level, especially as they relate to food security in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The programme builds on the New Partnership for Africa (NEPAD) and its implementation at country level and on the work of the UN Committee on World Food Security (CFS) and other agencies. It will also draw on the latest available research.

Governments and international development organizations have already demonstrated an understanding of the important links between water, energy, food, and ecosystems, and COP21 emphasized the importance of this nexus.

Resources have been invested in working towards security in these areas, but there is still a long way to go until these important components of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are achieved, particularly in Africa.

Water is present – either explicitly or implicitly – in all the SDGs, and Food Security and Nutrition (SDG 2) have a particular link with water, which is the main input into agricultural production and at the same time is most at risk by climate change.

Reinforcing this link, the CFS addressed the importance of water and released a series of recommendations in 2015. Indeed, in 2015 this Committee issued a call for action to all concerned players to work together on water management towards achieving sustainable Food Security and Nutrition. This will be done through integrated and inclusive management of water and related sectors, having appropriate, empowered governance structures.

This applies to all sectors: an explicit part of SDG 17 recognizes that results can be achieved only through an integrated approach and engaging in partnerships at all levels.

How this initiative will receive results

One of the main challenges on the road towards fully efficient Water security and Food Security policies is silo-approach. As a result of their positive experiences as part of GWP, water partners in Africa are now engaging at country, regional,

and global levels with other sectors, namely food security and agriculture to address specifically the challenges of food security and nutrition.

After dozens of years’ experience of sharing knowledge, building relationships and effecting change in integrated natural resources management, partners in Africa are ready for this new challenge.

The African partners involved in this initiative have delivered amazing results, including successful involvement with pilot projects, regional agreements on transboundary river basins, national investment plans, and global advocacy.

The initiative will take a threefold approach: to work towards actual change, promote knowledge sharing, and strengthen partnerships. Applying this proven formula will have a positive impact on the integrated approach towards the management of the water, energy, food, and ecosystems nexus. In so doing it will contribute to improvements in food security and better nutrition.

Building for the future on 2015 results

A series of African Country Water Partnerships conducted national consultations in 2015 on the challenges related to water and food security, based on the CFS High Level Panel of Experts’ report on water and food security and nutrition.

These consultations initiated a strong multi-stakeholder approach between governments, commercial, and other players. At a practical level, they identified specific country priorities in line with the CFS report recommendations. This forms a strong basis for the proposed initiative for the next three years.

Indeed, through collectively identifying the challenges at country level and formulating technical and institutional priorities, the end results are more likely to be properly owned and demand-driven and hence to have a positive impact.

As a spin off, combined experiences will strengthen the partnership formed by this approach, resulting in better, long-term, cross-sectoral collaboration.

The initiative will thus have 2 types of objectives.

- The first one at country level. This one will adopt a structure similar to the below for the country dimension (each country working on 1 to 3 selected topics).

	<i>Components of country projects</i>	<i>Country Priority Thematic areas identified based on 2015 works</i>
<i>Change practices at various levels</i>	1 Transboundary	Land and water management Urban water and agriculture Soil water, ground waters and agriculture Women and youth in the water and food security challenge Resilience of rural livelihoods to extreme events (floods, droughts) Sustainable management of ecosystems and food security and water Water footprint, what take for importation vs local production tradeoffs
	2 National policies and plans	
	3 No/Low regret project preparation	
	4 Improving access to financing for water and food security investments	
	5 Demonstration projects	
<i>Share Knowledge</i>	6 Knowledge management	
	7 Capacity building	
<i>Strengthen Partnerships</i>	8 Implementation mechanism, Partnership strengthening	

- The second one at regional level in order to work both ways on: 1/ incorporating other regional programmes and agendas into this initiative so as to build synergies and 2/ sharing with other countries the results of this initiative so as to stimulate replications and upscaling.

Provisional timeline

January – May 2016 : Identifying a pluri-annual programme 2017-2020 addressing country priorities with regard to CFS recommendations on water and Food Security and Nutrition with a nexus approach.

March – June 2016 : Presenting the initiative to implementing partners and stakeholders at country, regional, global levels. Consolidating the 2017-2020 programme with partners' inputs.

Key events: *The Pan African workshop to elaborate and adopt the draft 2017-2020 programme – Addis Ababa, May, 18th and 19th.*

June – December 2016 : Consolidating the 2017-2020 programme with partners' inputs. Raising funds for implementation.

Getting ready for implementation: preparing partnership and financial agreements, identifying best administrative and logistical arrangements at country and regional levels.

Key events: Presentation of the initiative and the programme and expected outputs at UN CFS 43. Adoption of the final 2017-2020 programme.

2017 : Start of implementation of the 2017-2020 programme – preparation for upscaling the results to other African countries through additional programmes

Targeted beneficiaries of the initiative are governments, regional organizations, farmers organizations, farmers.

Objectives and expected results of the workshop:

Objectives	Outputs
1/ To share and agree on objectives and principles for the initiative and in particular for the 2017-2020 programme (to start building the initiative working community)	Community of work established by 40+ people from both water and food security sectors representing a range of situations in Africa (participants know each other, know each other's organizations characteristics) Agreed objectives and ambitions Potential for synergies and collaboration between participants identified
2/ To strengthen the knowledge and the capacities of participants on the areas that are key to the development and the implementation of the initiative (to start establishing solid foundations for the program)	Participants' capacities on Water and FSN, on UN CFS works strengthened Participants' capacities on international project development strengthened Participants' capacities on current Water and FSN country/regional/international agendas strengthened
3/ To identify a detailed 2017-2020 programme based on country proposals and on identified cross cutting needs	9 country projects discussed and reviewed 1 pan African program, building on and valuing country projects
4/ To establish a detailed road-map for fund raising for the 2017-2020 programme at country, regional, global levels	9+1 budget and detailed financial plans Communication plan (country, regional, global level)

Audience:

Country Representatives (9 countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Lesotho, Malawi, Mali, Nigeria, Sudan, Uganda): 1 from CWP, 1 from Min Food Security, 1 from Min Water resources – people that were involved in the 2015 phase if possible but most importantly in the preparatory work requested below
Regional organizations representatives: AU, NEPAD, IGAD, CILSS, GWP Africa, FAO Africa, IWMI Africa
Other organizations: EU, GWP Organization, ADECIA

Preparatory works for the workshop to be done at country, regional, global levels

1/ Country level: CWPs are essential in identifying what is going to be the core content of the 2017-2020 programme

Starting point: 2015 country dialog on water and food security, synthesis of the 9 country dialogs, CFS HLPE report, potential country reports on SDGs, existing CWP agendas related to food security, drought, SDGs, youth

Methodology: CWP to come up with proposals a) encompassing priorities identified in above documents b) raising interest from country important stakeholders (obviously at least the 3 representatives identified above but better if CSOs and private sector can be contacted too) c) likely to attract funding at country level (will require exploratory contacts with potential donors ahead of the workshop)

Framework: template in annex A

2/ Regional level: RWPs key in order to identify highly synergies with existing dynamics

Starting point: same documents as above + regional portfolio of initiatives and project + key GWP partners

Methodology: RWP to assess both “low-hanging” synergies with existing programs (middle interest but synergy easy to make) and high potential synergies (possibly difficult to establish but high interest for the program)

Framework: list of initiatives and projects which can be usefully taken into account in designing the program and description of identified potential synergies

3/ Global level: GWPO and ADECIA at the core of supporting the development of the program and the consistency of the whole program

Starting point: same documents as above, GWPO program structure templates, global donors’ road-map

Methodology: a draft concept-note for the 2017-2020 programme with various components, preferred technical areas, likely to raise interest from pre-identified donors

Framework: a draft program document, draft fundraising road-map

Workshop agenda

Wednesday 18th, May

Time		Content of the session	Expected outputs	Facilitator
18 May 2016	8:30 – 9:00	Registration of participants		IWMI - GWP
	9:00 – 10:00	<p>Opening of the workshop: official introduction by representatives of key partners and government of Ethiopia, introduction of participants, presentation of objectives and agenda for the workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GWP Ethiopia Chair : Abiti Getaneh - IWMI : Dr Tim Williams - AU / NEPAD : Laila Lokosang - HE UN CFS Chair (video message) : H.E. the Sudanese Amb. Amira Gornass - HE State Minister - MOA (key note speech) : Frenesh Mekuria represented by Elias Awol, Director for small scale irrigation development directorate - HE State Minister - MoWIE . Mr James Dengchol Tot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ownership of the event by participants • Workshop expected outputs strategically positioned • Comm impact in various media (social and traditional) 	CWP Ethiopia (Tena)
	10:00 – 10:30	Group photo + Coffee break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking, establishing the initiative community 	IWMI/ILRI
	10:30 – 11:30	<p>Presentation of the <i>Food Security and Water within the WEFE Nexus initiative</i>, background of the 2017-2020 programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the work done in 2015 = the basis for the program => presentation of the country reports synthesis, presentation/reminder of the CFS work, the SDG framework – 20' presentation ADECIA + 10' discussion - AU-GWP WACDE Program = inspiration for the program => presentation of the program, lessons learnt - 20' presentation GWP + 10' discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacities of participants strengthened on CFS, SDG, and other important frameworks • Capacities of participants strengthened on program designing and GWP approach 	ADECIA (Hervé) GWP (Kidane, Manuel)
	11:30 – 12:00	The envisaged 2017-2020 programme, ambitions, introduction to afternoon session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared understanding of the program and its objectives 	GWP (Manuel) ADECIA (Monique)

Thursday, 19th May

	Time	Content of the session	Expected outputs	Facilitator
19 May 2016	9:00 – 10:30	Presentation of synergies to be built between country activities and regional and beyond <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation of preparatory work done by the regions and suggestions – 5' / RWP (15' in total) - Presentation of the Knowledge Management (KM) chain across GWP network – 15' skype presentation by GWPO KM Officer + 10' questions - Identification of the priorities for the 2017-2020 programme based on previous presentations and discussions on KM – working groups 35' on the needs re. the KM+ reporting in plenary 15' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendment of country components to take into account additional dimensions • Identification of new activities to complement country ones and have adequate leverage effects (in particular re. KM and CB) 	RWPs GWP
	10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking, establishing the initiative community 	IWMI/ILRI
	11:00 – 12:30	Monitoring and evaluation of the program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Which linkages with other monitoring frameworks (SDGs, NEPAD, ...) – 15' presentation + 10' questions - GWP mechanism (what does it offer, what gaps) - 15' presentation by GWPO M&E Officer + 10' questions - What are the identified needs at country level, regional, global levels - working groups 25' on the needs re. M&E + reporting in plenary 25' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of existing mechanisms which the framework has to be linked with • Series of principles for the M&E framework of the program • 	GWP
	12:40 – 14:00	Lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking, establishing the initiative community 	

	14:00 – 15:30	<p>Strengthening capacities for fund raising at all levels</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Methodology – 15’ presentation + 10’ questions - Identifying the financial needs / Identifying the “low hanging fruits” / Identifying most efficient strategies - working groups by countries 35’ + reporting in plenary 30’ and discussions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacities of participants strengthened in fund raising • Draft strategy designed for fund raising in countries, regions, global 	ADECIA/GWPO RWPs Representatives
	15:30-16:00	Coffee break	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking, establishing the initiative community 	IWMI/ILRI
	16:00 – 17:00	Establishing road maps for countries, regions, global for the finalization of program development (fund raising, communication, political awareness raising, implementation arrangements, ...) - working groups by countries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road maps for all involved entities • Regional participants from IWMI, FAO, GWP/RWP, ADECIA contribute to country discussions 	GWP ADECIA
	17:00 - 17:30	Wrap-up session		FAO AU GWP Ethiopia IWMI (Amare)

Roadmap following the workshop

Will address:

- Finalization of the 2017-2020 programme, general results logical framework, adoption of the 2017-2020 programme by involved stakeholders
- Marketing of the program, communication plan
- Fundraising roadmap
- Preparation for implementation phase (partnership arrangements, timeline, ...)

Annex A: Template for CWP preparatory work

Guidelines: While developing the draft country component of the 2017-2020 program, a few principles have to be kept in mind so that both the country program and the overall program remain consistent:

1 – Components 1 to 5 are optional, it is up to each country to pick 1 to 5 components under which it wants to have results both individually and as a whole.

For instance A country may decide to implement a demo project which once successfully implemented will trigger changes under “National policies” through new policies or policies adaptation or national plans to enforce existing policies related to the demo project topic. Another example can be having “transboundary” political processes support activities and “no/low regret project preparation” activities under the new framework and “project financing” activities.

From a results perspective it also implies that each country program must plan both for “micro-results” (for each activity planned, there must be an output) and for “macro-results” (the total set of country activities over the 4 years must contribute to a tangible high level outcome in the particular context of the country).

All in all planning well ahead for synergies between various activities under the various components is crucial 1/ to the achievement of actual impacts at the end of the day and 2/ to the convincing power of the program for future replication.

2 – Each country has to select a limited number of thematic areas under which he wants to focus its involvement under this particular program. There is a big risk if efforts are spread too thin. So resulting country tables cannot have activities in all boxes but should rather allow to see show country strategic options.

Country reports established in 2015, other existing strategic or technical materials and a round of discussion among country stakeholders based on these basis should allow country teams to select 1 to 3 thematic areas under which they will develop activities.

3 – Components 6, 7 and 8 are mandatory since they are key to the leveraging effect that we must have in order to demonstrate that our approach can deliver tangible impacts

4 – Countries might plan for 2 different scenarios and decide between the two during the workshop based on other’s presentation and discussions

Indeed it will be important from a program perspective that a wide range of issues and ways of addressing them is covered

5 – The pointers to keep in mind for this exercise are a) 3 to 4 years, b) € 500K/country, all this being obviously dependent on further discussion on the content (time needed to implement) and fundraising since the overall picture is to raise 40% of needed funds at country level. Everything shall be further detailed and decided based on the results of the workshop.

The work done to precisely identify the expected results and the road map towards them will help determine the feasibility in terms of timing. Similarly the **discussions to be held between now and the design workshop with potential donors at country level**, regional level and global level will allow to get a more precise idea of how the final program could look like in each country and more broadly.

6 - Template and timeline

Under the coordination of CWP's and with support of RWP's as appropriate all countries have to send

- 1/ their first ideas (**1 or 2 scenarios**) + **list of participants with passport details by 8th of April** using below framework, based on the existence of these drafts we will start logistics preparation for the workshop (purchasing tickets, confirming hotel bookings)
- 2/ **potentially revised versions by end of April**, including ideas dragged from **discussions held with bilateral donors at country level** based on the first draft.

This preparatory work is crucial: All these materials will be used ahead of the workshop and during the workshop so that the meeting allows to come up with a consistent output.

Components Thematic areas	Land and water management	Urban water and agriculture	Soil water, ground waters and agriculture	Women and youth in the water and food security challenge	Resilience of rural livelihoods to extreme events (floods, droughts)	Sustainable management of ecosystems and food security and water	Water footprint, what take for importation vs local production tradeoffs
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NB: for each “box” selected in the above table by a country there shall be an indication of the content (activities and expected results), of the total cost, of potential local co-funding (name of the targeted co-financer and expected % or amount)

Annex B: Guidelines for RWP preparatory work

Guidelines: While identifying the regional context for the program and hence paving the way for key regional activities for supporting country components, a few principles have to be kept:

1 – List of existing programs and initiatives

In order to avoid any redundancy it is crucial that RWPs in liaison with relevant partners establish a list of other relevant initiatives related to the water-energy-food-ecosystems nexus in the region (meaning concerning more than 1 country) and identify for each of them the potential synergies and risks of redundancy.

2 – Regional facilitation role

Based on discussions with CWP within the region RWPs together with regional partners may come up with proposals of activities to be implemented at regional level in order to either facilitate country processes (*i.a.* discussions at RECs level on regional policies impacting country ones, peer to peer exchanges between countries) or work on a regional enabling environment for sustainable management or the linkages between water and food security in a climate changing context. For this purpose Regions may use the same template as Countries (see above). As an initial pointer we can say that a maximum of € 250K/region sounds reasonable for this program focused on countries.

3 - Template and timeline

In close coordination with the work to be done at country level and with support of GWP CU and GWPO as appropriate all RWPs have to:

- 1/ to assist CWPs and their partners in developing their proposal and in engaging with potential donors at country level so that first ideas can be sent by 8th of April for confirmation of interest and for launching the booking of the tickets
- 2/ to send their first ideas of activities for the program **by mid-April** using below framework, based on the existence of these drafts we will start logistics preparation for the workshop (purchasing tickets, confirming hotel bookings)

- This preparatory work is crucial: All these materials will be used ahead of the workshop and during the workshop so that the meeting allows to come up with a consistent output.