

## Uganda Water Partnership (UWP) Held its Steering Committee Meeting in Entebbe

The meeting was held in Entebbe on 23 October 2016 and was called to order by the Chairperson of UWP, Madam Florence Grace Adongo after establishing that there was quorum.

The meeting first elected a Vice Chairman, Mr. Dunstan Ddamulira,

currently Program Manager at ACORD Southwestern Uganda Program. The meeting also took note that an organizational capacity assessment conducted by NBI Auditor has recommended UWASNET as the UWP-Host Institution. The Steering Committee meeting resolved that the

decision made on the Host Institution be forwarded to the Global Water Partnership Eastern Africa Secretariat and start the process of drafting the Host Institution Agreement.

With the establishment of the Host Institution, a Secretariat (Article 15 of the Constitution of UWP) shall be set at

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Group photo of participants

## GWPEA Participated in NILE TAC and NILE-COM Meetings in Entebbe, Uganda

The two meetings were convened by the Nile Basin Initiative Secretariat in Entebbe. Nile TAC-Technical Advisory Committee meeting happens twice a year while the Nile-COM happens once a year. GWPEA, as partner of NBI, sits on both meetings. This year the 46<sup>th</sup> Nile TAC was held on

12-13 July 2016 while the Nile-COM meeting was on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

The Regional Program Manager of GWPEA, Mr. Kidanemariam Jembere,

made a presentation to the Nile-TAC meeting providing an update on GWPEA's programs and activities.

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## Message from the Acting Regional Coordinator of GWP Eastern Africa

Dear Readers and Friends of GWPEA,

Welcome to this 15<sup>th</sup> edition of WaterDigest which brings you updates on GWPEA's progress in promoting water security and climate resilience in the region.

GWPEA's activities in the third quarter of 2016 were focused on strengthening partnerships as well as sharing knowledge and best practices. This is in line with GWPEA policy of expanding the network as a pathway to galvanize stakeholders in a common effort to address challenges related to water security and climate change.

During this quarter, GWPEA supported Uganda Water Partnership(UWP) in organizing its Steering Committee Meeting that elected a new Vice Chair and resolved to speed up the process of acquiring full accreditation from GWP. GWPEA also participated in the 46<sup>th</sup> Nile TAC as well as the Nile-COM meetings held in Entebbe in July 2016. Both meetings were convened by our host, the Nile Basin Secretariat. GWPEA used this platform to present its programs and activities



and participants expressed genuine interest in GWP's SDG-Water PF, the Nexus approach and partnership for resource mobilization. GWPEA will certainly build on that enthusiasm and engage NBI for further collaboration.

GWPEA took part in the first ever Africa Drought Conference (ADC) in Windhoek, Namibia. The conference explored ways of enhancing resilience to drought events on the African Continent. It resolved to strengthen partnerships and cooperation within AU member states to support the development of new and the improvement of existing national policies and strategies on drought management on the continent.



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The African Network for Basin Organizations (ANBO) is another key partner and GWP Eastern Africa participated in its 6<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Kigali, Rwanda. The meeting adopted its new organs and elected a new coordination bureau. An important result of the meeting was the recommendation to integrate the nexus approach in development programs, an approach that is also promoted by GWPEA.

I thank you for your continuous support !

**Kidanemariam Jembere**  
**Acting Regional Coordinator**

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the HI to administer the day to day operations for UWP. Its functions are well defined in Article 15 while those of the HI are specified in Article 16.

GWPEA Regional Development Communications Officer made a presentation on the accreditation process in the GWP context. He also introduced the country level analysis that GWPEA countries were expected to carry out. He highlighted the requirements for accreditation and informed the meeting that 53 UWP members were already registered and approved by the GWPO Executive Secretary. On the country level analysis, he stressed that there are changes introduced by GWPO aimed at strengthening CWPs.

The Regional Program Manager for IDMP presented a paper on the programs and projects of GWPEA in which he highlighted the proposed work plan. He also mentioned that different Country Water Partnerships (CWPs) are responsible for planning and financing their programs. However, the Regional Secretariat can provide guidance if needed.

The Terms of Reference for the working groups were agreed upon and a specific working group was formed to assist in designing UWP work plans, review the HI agreement and any contentious issues.

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**GWPEA Representative took note of the following key points as results of the meeting:**

- \* All Nile Basin Member Countries attended the Nile-TAC Meeting except Egypt and South Sudan. Egypt attended the Nile-COM meeting only
- \* Nile Basin Water Resources Atlas was launched during the Nile-COM meeting by the Second Honorary Prime Minister of Uganda.
- \* A Report was made by NBI Secretariat on the Nile basin Strategic Water Resources Analysis
- \* The NBI Environmental Flows Management Strategy was approved

- \* The Chair for Nile-COM transferred from Tanzania to Uganda (Minister of Water and Environment)
- \* The Chair for Nile-TAC was transferred from Tanzania to Uganda (Mrs. Florence Adongo)
- \* GWPEA's presentation was appreciated and some partners were interested to collaborate with its programs.
- \* Issues well picked by TAC members were GWP's SDG-Water PF, the Nexus approach and partnership for resource mobilization. The Uganda delegation recognized the key role of GWPEA in mobilizing project finance from the Adaptation Fund.
- \* NBI and GWPEA to sign a MOU to formalize their collaboration.

## GWPEA Facilitated a National Workshop to Assess Progress on SDG 6 in Uganda

The Ugandan Ministry of Water and Environment in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and the Global Water Partnership are facilitating the piloting exercise for the Sustainable Development Goal number 6 monitoring methodology in Uganda. The SDG Indicators whose methodologies for monitoring are being piloted are: 6.3 on waste water and water quality; 6.4 on Water Use efficiency and Water stress; 6.5 on Integrated Water Resources Management; and 6.6 on Water related ecosystem. A kick off workshop for the piloting exercise was held on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2016 and task teams were formed to spearhead the piloting for each of the indicators.

A one day workshop was held on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at Silver Springs Hotel in Kampala to review progress made by the task teams in the piloting exercise. The task teams presented their progress which generally indicated



**Participants follow one of the presentations**

varying degree of achievement of targets stipulated in the work plans. The workshop also provided an opportunity for the task teams to learn from each other how to ramp up their efforts in order to complete the exercise on schedule. Challenges of inadequate data for computation of the indicators were noted and teams were encouraged to explore all available sources of data.

The workshop was presided over by a representative of the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Water and Environment and facilitated by the coordinator of the activity in the Ministry. The event achieved its objectives as the teams were able to share experiences and receive comments on their work as well as guidance on how to move forward.

# GWPEA Attended the 1<sup>st</sup> Africa Drought Conference (ADC) in Windhoek, Namibia

**G**WP Eastern Africa (GWPEA) Regional Project Manager for IDMP attended the 1st Africa Drought Conference (ADC) that was held on 15-19 August 2016 in Windhoek, Namibia. The theme of the conference was “Enhancing resilience to drought events on the African Continent”. The conference was aimed at discussing ways by the participants (African Union states, UN agencies and other stakeholders) of enhancing resilience on the African continent.

The conference had a number of informative sessions to brainstorm and propose ways to enhance drought resilience. The key segments included:

**Technical segments:** This included discussions on the following: Strategic framework for drought management and enhancing resilience to drought in Africa; drought monitoring and early warning systems (national, regional and global) with a view to enriching the strategic framework for drought management and enhancing resilience to drought in Africa; drought risk management with focus on vulnerability assessments; enhancing long term drought preparedness and measures to mitigate the impact of drought; innovative sources of finance for enhancing resilience to drought events; appropriate response and relief measures during and after drought events.

**Side events:** A number of side events were conducted aimed at sharing experiences of drought related



Participants hold discussions

work on the African continent and beyond. Lessons and knowledge management materials were shared as way of capacitating stakeholders in drought management. In addition, GWP participated in the launch of the Handbook on drought indicators and indices.

**High level segment:** This involved discussions of the drought framework document by high level personnel from the African Union states (Ministers), UN agencies (heads of delegations), etc. The aim was to discuss on the proposed Windhoek Declaration aimed at agreeing on commitments to combat droughts on the African continent.

The meeting reached the following outcomes and follow up actions:

The ADC strengthened partnerships and cooperation within AU member states to support the development of new and the improvement of existing national policies and strategies on drought management.

There was commitment that countries would start or continue the process of streamlining their policies to initiate national drought policies.

The white paper i.e. the strategic framework for drought management and enhancing resilience in Africa was comprehensively discussed and adopted

The key output of the meeting was to come up and adopt the declaration (hereafter called the Windhoek Declaration) aimed at combating droughts on the African continent

GWP and WMO launched a Handbook of Drought Indicators and Indices during one of the side events.

GWPEA engaged some key partners, e.g. Africa Risk capacity, African Development Bank etc.

Follow up will be made to continue discussions with potential partners

# GWPEA Participated in the 6<sup>th</sup> ANBO General Assembly Meeting



Group photo of participants

The African Network for Basin Organizations (ANBO) General Assembly Meeting was held on September 20th-22nd 2016, in Kigali, Rwanda. The meeting was attended by ANBO members, Heads of the River Basin Organizations (RBOs), Global Water Partners (GWP) representatives, the Regional Economic Commission (RECs) representatives, and development partners. GWP Eastern Africa was represented by the Regional Development Communications Officer.

The session was opened by the Outgoing- President, Mr. Rethabile Mosisili, who highlighted that the General

Assembly meeting was an important event in the ANBO calendar as it gave members a chance to introspect and also chart a way forward for the institution.

The meeting agenda included:

- \* Discussions on the application of Nexus perspective solutions to ensure water, food and energy security
- \* The Afri-Alliance Project as a challenge of increasing preparedness to address the vulnerability of water and climate change-related challenges in Africa
- \* Presentation of ANBO activities and budget



\* Presentation, discussion and approval of ANBO new statutes

\* Appointment of the Coordination Bureau members

The main objective of the Assembly was to adopt key ANBO governance texts such as ANBO's new Statutes, the Network's Rules and Procedures documents as well as its Communication and Knowledge Management Strategy. It was also an opportunity to establish new organs: the ANBO Council, the new ABO Coordination Bureau with 10 members and to designate the President and the Vice-President of the Network.

The General Assembly resulted in the adoption of key resolutions for implementation:

\* The General Assembly recommended to its members to integrate the Nexus approach in their development programs, and encouraged other members who are already doing so to continue.

\* The General Assembly amended and adopted the ANBO statutes

\* The General Assembly adopted its organs according to the new statutes as follows:

1. CICOS: Presidency of the Network
2. NBI: Vice—Presidency of the Network
3. OMVS: Technical Permanent Secretary of the Network

\* The General Assembly approved members of the Coordination Bureau designated by five geographical regions represented in the network as follows:

- » West Africa: ABV and OMV
- » Central Africa: LCBC and ABAKIR
- » Eastern Africa and Horn of Africa: LVBC and another one to be determined

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» Southern Africa : Inkomaputo RBO and Okavango RBO

• ANBO resolved to participate in the COP22, and encouraged members to initiate the process for their effective accreditation and participation;

• ANBO urged its members to:

- » Pay their contributions
- » Mobilize funds for implementation of ANBO strategy and action plan

The representative of International Network for Basin Organizations(INBO) informed the General Assembly that ANBO has a right to be represented by two members in the INBO Board and its meetings. INBO will be expecting designations by ANBO as soon as the new chair of the network takes office.

The meeting ended with a word from the incoming chair, Secretary General of CICOS, who thanked the General Assembly as well as the outgoing chair for the incredible work done in sustaining the activities of the network for the past ten years.

## GWPEA VISION STATEMENT

By 2030, higher levels of water security and climate resilience are achieved by countries of the Eastern Africa and the Greater Horn of Africa, with populations experiencing clear socio-economic and environmental benefits.

# GWPEA Took Part in WACDEP Technical Coordination Meeting



Participants follow a presentation

From 28-30 September 2016, GWPEA Regional Program Manager for IDMP participated in the 8<sup>th</sup> WACDEP Technical Coordination Workshop in Yaoundé, Cameroon.

The meeting came at a time when GWP Africa regions and countries were implementing activities related to the closure of WACDEP 2011-2016 and the development of WACDEP 2016-2019 Regional/ Country Programme Documents.

The meeting brought together GWP Regional Coordinators, WACDEP Regional Programme Officers, WACDEP Country Programme Managers/Officers, GWPO, WACDEP CU and partners such as UNESCO

**Discussions evolved around the following key points:**

- \* Sharing progress, challenges and opportunities related to the implementation of activities leading to the transition

between the WACDEP 2011- 16 and the WACDEP 2016- 19 in Africa (at country, regional and continental levels)

- \* Timeline to submit draft and final WACDEP 2016 – 19 Regional/ Country Project Documents with clear timelines
- \* Understanding of the opportunities related to international commitments in the Paris Agreement as well as 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDGs) for the development and the implementation of the WACDEP 2016 – 19 Regional/ Country Project Documents;
- \* Synergizing between the implementation of WACDEP including APFM and IDMP and other GWP thematic areas interventions: - urban, water- energy-food nexus, transboundary water management and ecosystems;
- \* Support programming and implementation of SDGs PF at continental, Regional and Country levels in Africa;
- \* Supporting the development of the 2017 WACDEP Annual Work plans for the regions and countries;

- \* Creating a clear and common understanding on roles and responsibilities of different levels involved in: (i) the closure of WACDEP 2011- 16; and (ii) the development and the implementation of the WACDEP 2016.
  - \* Finding a realistic approach for GWP to support countries RBOs and RECs in Africa to develop water security and climate resilience related projects and get access to climate funds including GCF, Constituency Development Fund (CDF), Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF), Adaptation Fund (AF);
  - \* Building a common understanding on the Africa Water Resources Management Priority Action Programme (Africa WRM PAP) and discuss opportunities for GWP to support its implementation from different levels
- The meeting reached the following key recommendations and decisions:
- \* Regions to expedite the completion of the WACDEP documents which include:
    - \* Regional WACDEP project document for 2017-2019
    - \* The Country WACDEP project documents for both the NEW WACDEP selected countries and the continuing WACDEP countries from the first phase
  - \* To integrate the budgets as discussed into the annual and 3 year WACDEP programme. This will involve revising the annual workplan 2017 and the 3 year WACDEP work programme
  - \* Integrate ideas gathered from the World café methodology tables into the workplan. The ideas included gender and youth issues, NAPs, Drought and Floods, Aligning to the AU priority Action Plan
  - \* Align the GWP work areas/ components with the SDG initiative so as to be consistent and contribute to the globe goals agenda
  - \* Regional and Country Water Partnerships to prioritize resource mobilization

## GWPEA Participated in the Advisory and Management Committee Meeting of IDMP

From 14-16 September, GWPEA Regional Project Manager for IDMP-HoA participated in the Advisory and Management committee meetings of the IDMP that took place at the WMO offices in Geneva, Switzerland. GWPEA was represented by the Regional Project Manager for IDMP-HoA, Mr. Gerald Kairu.

During the same period, a meeting combining IDMP and APFM was held with the purpose of learning lessons from the APFM that has been implemented for about 13 years. In addition, there was a meeting on costs of action and inaction for drought preparedness that was discussed by experts.

The purpose of the Advisory Committee is to guide the implementation of the IDMP, provide indications about the latest scientific and technical advances in drought-related issues, and review and assess the IDMP activities and advise on their further development. The purpose of the meeting on action and inaction for drought preparedness was intended to gather input into a draft document that has been prepared by consultant working of the costs of Action and inaction for preparedness.

GWPEA Representative presented IDMP HOA activities including the activity report for July 2015 to June 2016 and the workplan for the 2015/2016. The key issues in the report included:

- \* Case studies that have been documented in the HOA region.
- \* Efforts by the region to collaborate with development partners such as IGAD
- \* The five-year capacity building program on drought resilience in the IGAD region that was successful and received quite significant attention from other partners such as UNITAR, SEI- Stockholm Environment Institute.

The meeting noted that Resource mobilization for IDMP is critical and urged participants to make a follow up with the institutions interacted with such as Rainwater foundation, UNESCO new program- the International Drought Initiative (IDI) etc.