

GWPEA Holds its Fourth Regional Consulting Partners Meeting in Entebbe, Uganda



Shaking hands of RSC Chairs and the ES of GWPO's during the handover

The 4th RCP meeting of GWP Eastern Africa was held on 5-6 April 2016 at Central Inn Hotel, in Entebbe-Uganda. The meeting is normally held once in two years as per GWPEA Constitution. The opening session of the meeting was facilitated by Mr Safari Patrick, the Regional Coordinator of GWPEA who called the meeting to order by thanking participants for having responded to the invitation despite their busy schedule.

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Workshop on Food Security within the Water-Food-Energy and Ecosystem Nexus in Sub-Saharan Africa

The workshop was organized by GWP in collaboration with the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) and AU/NEPAD in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 18-19 May 2016. Participants were from ministries of water and agriculture of nine countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, representatives of Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and GWP-regional water partnerships from West, Eastern and Southern Africa.

GWPEA Regional Program Manager, Kidanemariam Jembere, provided support in the technical organization and facilitation of the different sessions, both plenary and break out. He made two presentations during the plenary session: one on the regional project concept and another on the knowledge management system.

The meeting reached key outputs, including:

- * Nine countries and three regions drafted project concepts based on the framework provided by the organizers
- * Monitoring and evaluation, financing and knowledge management frameworks discussed
- * Next steps were agreed upon and GWPO will provide templates for preparing "Project Identification Note-PIN" based on the French Facility for Global Environment (FFGEF) by end of May 2016. Countries and

regions were requested to submit PINs by mid June 2016 to GWPO

- * GWPEA Eastern Africa focus areas in developing proposals will be:
 - Region: Climate Resilient Agricultural Development within the WFEE nexus in the IGAD/Eastern Africa region
 - Sudan— Women empowerment (women and agriculture within the nexus)
 - Uganda: Catchment management as a framework for nexus, community managed systems

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Message from the Acting Regional Coordinator of GWP Eastern Africa

Dear Readers and Friends of GWPEA,

Welcome to this 14th edition of WaterDigest which updates you on GWPEA's progress in its tireless effort to promote water security and climate resilience in the Region.

GWPEA's activities in the second quarter of 2016 were focused on strengthening governance structures and building capacity of partners at different levels. This reflects GWPEA firm belief that good governance as well as a supportive and knowledgeable partners are among key factors that will contribute to the achievement of its goals.

During this quarter, GWPEA held its CP meeting in Entebbe, Uganda which reviewed the bi-annual progress reports and provided strategic guidance for the smooth running of GWPEA Governance, Operations and Programmes. At the same occasion, a new Chair, Prof Khaled Abuzeid from Egypt CWP took over from Anicet Nkurikiye from Burundi who had led the RSC from 2014-2016. We commend the outgoing Chair for the work well done and promise our full support to the new one. In the same spirit of good governance, Ethiopia, Burundi and Rwanda CWPs also held their Partners' Meetings and they all resolved to strengthen themselves, expand activities, diversify membership and acquire accreditation from GWP.



GWPEA took a leading role in organizing capacity building workshops aimed to increase knowledge in IWRM and raise awareness on the role that partners can play to promote water security and climate resilience. Together with GWP and partners, GWPEA organized a regional course on International Water Law in Kampala and engaged water experts and decision makers across the continent on legal instruments that can contribute to the good governance of water. With CAPNET and IGAD, GWPEA trained water professionals on how to apply IWRM Tools for drought risk management. While acknowledging the crucial role that media plays in educating and informing people, GWPEA hosted 18 journalists from the region in a workshop in Kigali that trained them in IWRM and its application in the region.

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This quarter also saw the completion of WACDEP activities in Rwanda and Burundi after 3 years of implementation. WACDEP was of course a pilot project and lessons learnt and best practices from its implementation may be replicated in other countries from the region or elsewhere. GWP Eastern Africa has documented the whole process in a series of case studies that will be largely shared once completed.

These achievements and many more to come were only possible because we partnered with you.

We sincerely thank you

Kidanemariam Jembere
Acting Regional Coordinator

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- Ethiopia: Strengthening knowledge base for the nexus-establishing learning watersheds, community managed systems

After this workshop, the RPM took part in the General Assembly of Ethiopia CWP partners organized in Addis Ababa on 20 June 2016.

The meeting was attended by a smaller number (15) of targeted partners, a strategy chosen by the CWP. The meeting reviewed the previous programs of the CWP, case studies documented under the IDMP-HOA program and also discussed issues related

to strengthening the CWP through registering partners and getting GWP's accreditation.

The Regional Program Manager made a presentation on GWP internal change agenda, GWPEA priority program areas and the role that CWPs are expected to play.

Key outputs from the meeting are:

- * Partners agreed that they need to strengthen the CWP as it is a very useful platform
- * Partners registration forms were distributed during the meeting

* Further follow-up in registering partners and sharing information in the planned water sector working groups meetings was highlighted

* Partners group emails to be created by the CWP Secretariat

* Institutional appraisal of the Host (Water and Land Resource Center) to be carried out by NBI

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Welcome remarks were given by Eng Jackson Twinomujuni who represented the the Chair of Uganda CWP. He welcomed participants and indicated that Uganda Government offered to host the 4th RCP meeting in recognition of the existing collaboration between GWPEA and the Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE). He added that MWE recognises the support that GWPEA has provided to the Government of Uganda in the area of IWRM promotion for over a decade.

The Executive Director of NBI, Mr John Rao Nyaoro, also gave his remarks by thanking GWP for its tremendous work in promoting IWRM in the region and commended its good working relationship with NBI. He indicated that GWPEA has been implementing programmes that are complementary to those of NBI and lauded GWPEA's achievements and contributions to NBI's mission and strategic goals of managing sustainably the Nile Basin water resources.

The outgoing Chair of the RSC for GWPEA, Eng Anicet Nkurikiye thanked participants for attending that important meeting. He reminded them that the RCP is a higher governing body of GWPEA whose main responsibility is to review the bi-annual progress reports and provide strategic guidance for the smooth running of GWPEA Governance, Operations and Programmes. He thanked GWPO for the tireless efforts in mobilising resources for implementing both regional and country programmes on water

security, drought and climate resilience in Eastern Africa Region.

Mr Rudolph Cleveringa, the Executive Secretary of GWPO thanked GWPEA for inviting him to its highest governance meeting. He appreciated the positive milestones by GWPEA towards water security and climate resilience in the region. He urged GWPEA partners to continue making efforts for delivering the GWP Strategic Goals towards 2020 and beyond, and urged CWP's to play an instrumental and catalytic role in achieving the SDG-6 and related targets as approved by the UN General Assembly last September 2015. He highlighted very well the inter-connectivity between the SDG-6 with other goals and he underlined the central role of water in achieving other SDG goals as indicated below.

Mr Rudolph Cleveringa concluded his remarks by indicating that GWP should strive to find a way of fitting itself into the global development Arena. In this effect, GWPEA ought to operate changes globally through the following areas:

- * Result and process focus (less is more - pay for performance; added value)
- * Subsidiarity principle (no management replacement)
- * Innovation and catalytic role of MSPs and CWP's (countervailing power, seed capital, co-funding, proactive learning and exchange)
- * Informed dialogue based on country and regional knowledge

- * Anticipate and lead change on Water Security, Sustaining Growth (GWP/OECD)
- * Implementation of gender and youth policies
- * New water institutional architecture
- * Compliance with Governance and Finance reform recommendations
- * Knowledge reform
- * South-South Cooperation
- * Updates and review of Governance bodies and statutes/bylaws/policies
- * Instruments for Compliance with policies (Anti-fraud and Corruption, policy on partners, accreditation, etc.)

Participants also witnessed a handover ceremony between the in-coming and out going Chairs, respectively Prof Abuzeid Khaled and Eng Anicet Nkurikiye. As per GWPEA Constitution, the new Chair will lead the RSC for a period of two years from 2016-2018.

The meeting lasted two days and made a number of recommendations aimed at strengthening the network and carrying forward the 2030 agenda for sustainable development.

In terms of programmatic aspects, the meeting resolved that GWPEA areas of focus for the upcoming two years (2017-2019) will involve the following actions:

Water, Climate and Development Program(WACDEP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support countries to invest in projects that enhance WSCR(Water Security and Climate Resilience), including project preparation for financing • Strengthen capacities
Integrated Drought Management Program in the Horn of Africa (IDMP HoA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support countries in their efforts to build drought resilience, promoting investment and capacity building
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support countries in implementing commitments for SDG6
Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystem Nexus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support countries in the nexus approach for creating synergies among sectors
Integrated Urban Water Management Program (IUMP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Urban Water Management Projects in a few selected urban centers
Cross Cutting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender and Youth
Capacity Building, Knowledge Management, Fundraising, Strengthening Partnerships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Innovative financing • Active engagement of partners • Strengthening CWP's

A Regional Training on International Water Law Gathers water practitioners from Across Africa



Group photo of participants

The Regional Training on International Water Law for improved trans-boundary water management in Africa started on 6 June 2016 at Africana Hotel in Kampala, Uganda and was officially opened by Mrs. Florence Adongo, Director of Water Resources Management at the Ugandan Ministry of Water and Environment

The training was co-organized by African Network of Basin Organizations, Global Water Partnership (GWP), the Inter-governmental Authority on Development (IGAD), University of Dundee and Makerere University. The week long training has attracted over 50 water practitioners and professionals from RBOs and governments (Foreign affairs ministries, ministries in charge of water affairs, legislators, water management agencies, etc.) who have a role in negotiating, drafting or reforming treaties and legislations (regulation, control), planning, decision-making on trans-boundary waters in Africa.

The training's objective was to raise awareness

and promote the value of international legal frameworks in fostering national, regional and international cooperation and facilitate good water governance through the strengthening of technical and institutional capacities of agencies and individuals that have the potential to influence and advise decision-makers on negotiation, adoption and implementation of legal frameworks for water management.

More specifically, it took place at a time when there have been significant developments in international water law (IWL). However, major challenges remain as 90 percent of the African continent is covered by 64 trans-boundary river basins. Some of these river basins in Africa still lack any agreement; others do not include all riparian States; and others are not adequate to address the multiple contemporary challenges faced by States sharing trans-boundary waters. It is also being increasingly recognized that trans-boundary groundwater must be better

factored into trans-boundary cooperative arrangements for water.

The course contributed to help foster a shared understanding of law's contribution to promoting trans-boundary water cooperation so that participants can strengthen the development and implementation of IWL irrespective of disciplines and backgrounds and ultimately create capacity in trans-boundary water management across the African continent.

The training ended on 12 June 2016 and enabled participants to have an increased awareness of the importance of incorporating Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM), ecosystem-based approaches, climate change and variability and gender perspectives into water-related treaty arrangements as a strategic approach to enhance water governance at the international level in order to ensure water security and peace in Africa

Burundi Water Partnership Organizes A General Assembly Meeting

The Burundi General Assembly was officially opened on 17 May 2016 by the Representative from the Ministry of Water and Environment, Mr. Emmanuel Ndorimana in his capacity as Director General of Water Resources and Sanitation.

He pointed out that the Burundi BuWP works closely with the Ministry through its participation in the Sectorial Group of Water, Environment and Sanitation (GSEEA). He indicated that one of its important achievements in the area of water is the development of the Action Plan for Integrated Management of water Resources (IWRM).

The Chair of BuWP, Nkurikiye Anicet highlighted the main achievements, including:

- * Successfully organizing and conducting a workshop of Bu NCB with the financial support of GIZ,
- * Initiating fundraising activities (workshop, meetings with some potential donors),
- * Participation in the 20th meeting of the

Regional Steering Committee of GWPEA,

- * Participation in GWPO Annual Regional Meetings and Days in Stockholm.
- * Organizing and conducting a successful media workshop intended to strengthen the capacity of journalists in climate and water reporting,
- * Participation in the workshop to exchange experiences and regional planning 2016 -2017
- * Participation in the 4th Consultative Meeting of GWPEA partners
- * Supporting and monitoring the implementation of WACDEP activities in Burundi

The General Assembly also noted the urgency and importance of getting the accreditation of BUWP by GWPO before the November 2016 deadline. To that end, each participating organization was urged to formalize its membership to GWPO by applying for partnership in line with GWPO policy on partners.

Among key recommendations from the General Assembly meeting include:

- * Advocate for mobilization of resources for the implementation of planned activities in the Action Plan 2016,
- * Advocate for the Burundian population to have access to water and sanitation,
- * Identify potential donors that can fund the action plan
- * Develop projects to mobilize funds (bankable projects)
- * Strengthen BUWP by setting up a permanent secretariat;
- * Develop synergy and complementarity over water between different actors (State and NGO's)
- * Advocate for the implementation of pro-poor development strategy in the water sector
- * Diversify and attract large investors / companies to become members of BUWP

Completion of Mentorship and Capacity Building Component of WACDEP Program in Rwanda



Participants exhibit their well-deserved certificates

The closing workshop for the capacity development component of WACDEP Program was held on 14 June 2016 at the Mirror Hotel in Kigali, Rwanda. Trainees, trainers and officials from Rwanda Water Partnership and the Ministry of Natural Resources attended the event. The Regional Development Communication Officer represented GWPEA and participated in the official handing-over of certificates to 12 trainees and 6 decision makers.

Participants also held discussions on a number of topics, including:

- * Lessons learnt from the process
- * Establishing a community of practices
- * Project's added value to the trainees' daily work and its impact on the performance of their home institutions

Participants formulated the following key recommendations:

- * Apply acquired skills in their daily work and bring needed change so that water and climate dimensions are considered in planning and budgeting
- * Trainees and trainers to keep in touch and form a strong network that can exchange on best practices and support each other

A Regional Media Workshop Explores Ways to Increase Water Reporting in Eastern Africa



Participants in the regional media workshop together with representatives from the Rwandan Government

The implementation of GWPEA Programs has brought together various stakeholders and GWPEA strives to engage them and convey its messages through various channels, including the media. Indeed, GWPEA values the crucial role of media and is constantly engaged in media relation initiatives, building the capacity of media practitioners and journalists to pick interest in water and climate change reporting so that there is an increase in number and quality of related stories in the media.

It is in the same framework that from 15-16 June 2016 GWPEA organized a workshop for media practitioners from the region to build their capacity in reporting on water, climate and drought management. 18 participants from Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda attended the workshop held at Villa Portofino Hotel in Kigali.

The workshop focused on imparting knowledge and raising awareness of journalists about challenges related to water security and climate change and the application of IWRM as an appropriate solution to address them. The workshop also highlighted the role of media in informing the large public on these issues and provided practical ways on how to do it and what can be achieved through their partnership with GWPEA.

Participants were able to share experiences and best practices on covering that important topic. In addition, participants visited WACDEP demonstration site in Bugesera to witness IWRM in action and were able to generate stories to be shared with their respective audiences. The author of the best story, Mrs. Sarah Mawulire from UBC Uganda, was later invited to the GWPEA Regional Learning Workshop held in Kampala on 28-29 June to share her story with a knowledgeable audience made of water practitioners from the region.

At the end of the workshop, participants committed to increase their reporting on water and climate topics and create a vibrant network among themselves and with GWPEA for sharing information and best practices as well as continuous capacity building.

They also formulated the following key recommendations:

- * To build a network of journalists that cover water and climate change related topics
- * GWPEA to continue engaging journalists and keep them posted of any new trend and opportunity
- * Journalists to work with CWP's in sourcing and disseminating stories about water security and climate resilience in the region
- * GWPEA to bring editors on board and train them in reporting on water, climate change and drought risk management.

A Regional Training on Applying Integrated Water Resource Management Tools for Drought Risk Management Held in Nairobi, Kenya

A regional training workshop was organised by GWPEA, CAPNET and IGAD from 20 – 24 June 2016, Nairobi, Kenya, with the aim of strengthening the capacity of water and climate professionals in the IGAD region on drought disaster risk management, IWRM approach and the need for timely responses to forecasted climate-related risks.

The training was organized in line with GWPEA's Integrated Drought Management Program in the Horn of Africa (IDMP HOA) objectives and Cap-Net core theme of capacity development for sustainable management of water resources. Furthermore, the training supplements to other global efforts in contributing to drought management by key institutions that include UN-Water, World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).

The training course was designed for local and regional professionals, practitioners, academicians, private sector from various disciplines related to drought/water security management. Participants came from the IGAD member states (Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda, IGAD Hycos (Rwanda and Burundi). The training is a continuation of a similar one organized in 2015 in Addis Ababa after a recommendation by participants to develop a five year capacity building program on drought resilience in the region.

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The training evolved around the following sessions:

- * General Information on the workshop and interaction of participants, participants expectations
- * Integrated Water Resources Management: history, concepts and principles
- * Drought Characterization, Monitoring and Forecasting:
- * Drought Risk Management Frameworks and Interventions:
- * General discussion and Follow-up actions, Course evaluation and closure
- * Field Visit: Field Visit to Yatta CHRISTIAN IMPACT CENTRE- Using of IWRM tools for drought risk management- a practical session



Participants in the IDMP Training

Rwanda Water Partnership Convenes its Consulting Partners' Meeting in Kigali



Group photo of participants

The meeting of RWP Consulting Partners' meeting took place in Kigali, Rwanda at Nyarutarama Hotel Villa Portofino on 30 June 2016.

The Chair of RWP, Mr. Tetero Francois welcomed participants and briefed them on the objectives of the meeting which was mainly to discuss on strategic directions of the Rwanda Water Partnership, especially its accreditation to GWP and its legal registration but also share knowledge and lessons learnt among partners. He pointed out that the vision and mission of the Rwanda Water Partnership are in conformity with those of Global Water Partnership (GWP).

Mr. Jan Vlaar, from the Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands in Rwanda talked about the support in IWRM (Water for Growth Program) being provided by the Kingdom of Netherlands to the Government of Rwanda through its embassy in Kigali as well as the support it gives to GWP.

This program supports the Rwanda Natural Resources Authority (RNRA) to enhance

capacities at national, catchment, and local (district) level in the areas of catchment management and IWRM.

After different presentations and discussions, the meeting adopted a number of key resolutions, notably:

- * To consider a bottom up approach for the success of IWRM. For some particular cases, for instance in case of urgent action, a top-down approach could be used. Similarly, it was proposed to involve the community at Village level for catchment planning and management with special emphasis on women.
- * Strategic environmental assessment (SEA) for catchment management and protection plans and policies should be considered to ensure sustainability.
- * Considering that the deadline for accreditation of the Rwanda Water Partnership to GWP is November 2016, it was recommended that the Rwanda Water Partnership applies for accreditation to GWP before September 2016; this

requiring to finalize the draft Rwanda Water Partnership Statutes in line with GWP principles and values plus all other requirements before this timeline.

- * The option of having Rwanda Water Partnership registered as a legal entity is highly considered and it is recommended to have it conducted at the same time with the accreditation process to GWP. A team was set up to start the process for the legal registration process.
- * The deadline for submitting the application forms by partners was set on the 10th July 2016. For the already registered partners, they will have to submit the certificates issued by GWP plus the submitted application forms in order to capture the information on what those partners are doing.
- * An alternative option to the legal registration of the RWP will be a hosting arrangement with a local organization that has a legal status in case the implementation of the resolution 06/06/2016 fails or takes a long time.