

Global Water Partnership (GWP) Action Pledge to the Nairobi Work Programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change

The Global Water Partnership vision is for a water secure world. GWP's mission is to support the sustainable development and management of water resources at all levels

1.0 Background

The Global Water Partnership (GWP) is an international network created in 1996 to foster the Implementation of integrated water resources management (IWRM): the coordinated development and management of water, land and related resources in order to maximise economic and social welfare without compromising the sustainability of ecosystems and the environment.

GWP was founded in 1996 by the World Bank, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida). In 2002 the Global Water Partnership Organization was established as an intergovernmental organization, hosted in Stockholm by the Government of Sweden.

The mission of GWP is to support the sustainable development and management of water resources at all levels, in line with UN resolutions to support integrated water resources management and development. GWP does this through Global Network partnerships which have been established over the past 12 years to promote and implement better water resources management. The Network currently present in 153 countries comprises 13 Regional Water Partnerships and 74 Country Water Partnerships, and includes over 2000 Partners located in 153 countries.

GWP's Network provides a rich resource of practical experience of the challenges of sustainably managing water resources in many different local, national and regional contexts. The Network is open to all organisations which recognise the principles of integrated water resources management endorsed by the Network. It comprises partners from both developed and developing countries including states, government institutions (national, regional and local), intergovernmental organisations, international and national non-governmental organisations, academic and research institutions, professional associations companies and service providers in the public sector.

2.0 Context of GWP Pledge to the NWP

COP 17 mandated the UNFCCC to organize, in collaboration with Nairobi work programme partner organizations and relevant organizations, a technical workshop on water and climate change impacts and adaptation strategies before the 37th session of the SBSTA.

Adapting to climate change is a serious long-term development problem that GWP is committed to Improving knowledge and capacity of water management systems builds resilience and enhances the adaptive capacity of economies to climate change impacts.

Against this backdrop, GWP wishes to submit this action pledge in response to the SABSTA COP 17 Decision for the UNFCCC to organize, a technical workshop on water and climate change impacts and adaptation strategies.

3.0 Overall objectives

The Action Pledge relates to the thematic area “Adaptation practices and planning” under the Nairobi Work Programme.

The overall objective is to host an Expert Round Table meeting to seek recommendations from water experts for the technical workshop on water mandated under the Nairobi work programme and collaborate with experts in implementing follow up actions in furthering the discourse on water resources under the Nairobi work programme.

Through this pledge, GWP will engage with other partners of the Nairobi Work Programme working on water related adaptation and develop recommendations for effectively organising the technical workshop. The pledge also promotes support to development of knowledge products through participation in collaborative teams with other NWP partners.

GWP will use its global platform at sub-regional, national and sub national level to convene dialogues and disseminate the lessons, results and experience of the workshop with a key objective of promoting the uptake and application of information into decision making to advance adaptation to climate change.

4.0 Purpose

The purpose is to collaborate with the UNFCCC secretariat in preparation of a UNFCCC technical workshop on Water and Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Strategies as mandated under SBSTA 37 at COP 17.

4.1 Activities

- a. Support the organisation of an Expert Round Table meeting of water experts to provide recommendations for preparation of a UNFCCC technical workshop on Water and Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Strategies
- b. Collaborate with the NWP partner organizations and other relevant organizations in strengthening a thematic focus on water resources through establishment of informal collaborative teams to undertake relevant actions around identified sub-themes related to water and climate change adaptation

5.0 Expected Outcomes

- Develop recommendations for effective organisation of the technical workshop with ideas on themes for discussion during the workshop, potential inputs and background materials for the technical workshop, potential outputs and outcomes for technical workshop and target audience
- Establishment of collaborative teams to support preparations for the workshop as well as knowledge sharing beyond the technical workshop

6.0 Indicators of achievement

- Expert round table meeting report
- collaborative teams established