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Highlight



The Water ChangeMaker Awards was launched at an extraordinary time, coinciding with the world facing a global health crisis. Alt-

hough many extra urgent actions were needed, essential ones remained – among these the need to keep the focus on how we use and safeguard our water. The award that officially launched on 6 April 2020 with the submission last until 14 June 2020 has attracted over 350 Change Journeys. (PG.2)

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GWP's Responding to the COVID-19 Crisis

The COVID-19 outbreak has changed nearly every aspect of the lives of the world's citizens. And every organization's way of doing business, including GWP's, has been upended. During these difficult times, GWP's unique global network and competencies are and will remain in keeping attention on the water security agenda. On this page, we gather information, news, and resources from the GWP network and beyond, on water-related topics connected to the COVID-19.

As the world considers how to re-build our health, solidarity, and caring for each other, we are easily reminded that we all share one source of water.

Managing our waters is a task for everyone, and GWP will continue to promote and support good water management practices, participatory decision making, as well as building and flexing "co-operation muscles" in societies. GWP has a long and successful history in bringing together civil society, government, and the private sector in working toward a water-secure world.

As long as the COVID-19 pandemic continues, particular focus will be on:

- keeping attention on the water security agenda and climate resilience;
- convening participatory approaches – including mobilizing those whom the COVID crisis is pushing aside - working across and beyond the water space;
- developing pragmatic water solutions for (re)building public health and economies, with particular attention to Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and emergency protocols, and;
- Learning and collaborating online and through our network, consisting of [3,000+ Partners](#), including, importantly, [Cap-Net UNDP](#).

GWP will also reach out to its Partners and stakeholders at the country and water-shed level to see where we can be of assistance, offering our network, our insights, and our skills.

Key GWP documents for strategic guidance:

- [GWP Strategy 2020-2025 - Mobilising for a Water Secure World](#)
- [GWP Youth Engagement Strategy](#)
- [GWP Gender Strategy](#)

The original article can be accessed [here](#).**EB**

Water ChangeMaker Awards: Attracts over 350 Change Journeys

The Water ChangeMaker Awards was launched during the World Water Week, 22nd March 2020. The submission of an application was opened from 6 April and last until 14 June 2020, after extended for one week. The award aims to make visible the teams and organizations that shape water decisions that build climate resilience – and to create and support a community of ChangeMakers who contribute and learn from each other in shaping the lessons learned about how to make positive change happen. The initiative is designed to make sure that everybody will benefit from opportunities to Connect, Collaborate, and to Celebrate.



Over 350 individuals and groups from over 80 countries submitted their personal experience of having influenced water decisions. After the screening process that takes place on 22 July, the selected participants will have to pass the first round jury by the 1st September to reach semi-finals, and the second round jury will take place on 15th October for those that will make to finals. The winners and the awards ceremony will take place at COP26 in Glasgow in 2021.

The list of eligible participants from the Southeast Asia Region can be found [here](#) and all the list can be found [here](#).

Update: Find out who are the semi-finalists [here](#) **AW**

GWP in Action 2019 – Report Published

Forty-five key water governance outcomes influenced; €13 million mobilized for building drought resilience in the Horn of Africa; an estimated investment of €360 million linked to GWP's work - these are just a few of the results from last year. The [GWP in Action 2019 Annual Report](#) shows that GWP's worldwide work supported more than 80 national institutions in relation to water governance processes.

2019 also marked the end of GWP’s previous strategy period, 2014-2019, and a section of the report covers a broad summary of achievements throughout this period – in addition to a more detailed look at work carried out in 2019.

The report also has a two-page spread on GWP’s Strategy for 2020-2025 which was launched in 2019. As the new year and new strategy period started with a global struggle to maneuver its way out of the COVID-19 crisis, GWP Executive Secretary **Monika Weber-Fahr** looks to the future in her foreword:

“In 2020, the Global Water Partnership enters a new period with the launch of our new strategy, [Mobilising for a Water Secure World 2020–2025](#). The water crisis, in our view, is too big for half measures, so we have committed ourselves to ambitious targets. We are also committed to anchor our work where key global or regional policy frameworks bring leadership focus, progress measurement, development partner action, and potential for financing.”

GWP Chair **Howard Bamsey** echoes the significance of the 2020 breaking point: “As we enter uncharted territory in 2020 with the COVID-19 crisis, we will have to discover new ways to reach out to stakeholders at all levels to continue our work in advancing water governance and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).”

Read the full report – successes, challenges, and the way forward: [GWP in Action 2019 Annual Report](#). **EB**

GWP 2020 REGIONAL DAYS

Every year, all the GWP Regions meet at the annual regional days forum. The 2020 edition of the annual GWP’s regional days was different as it was held online due to pandemic situations. The online meeting was scheduled with 2 different time slots to accommodate time differences and last for 4 days starting from 1 – 4 June 2020. The virtual event set a record in numbers, with over 120 GWP participants worldwide. All regions were fully represented including GWP-SEA which was represented by the Regional Chair, Regional coordinator, Knowledge Management and Communications officers, Project Manager for SDG 6 Asia, and the Administrative and Logistic Officer.

The opening plenary chaired by the outgoing Executive Secretary, Monika Weber-Fahr. The meeting agenda focused on positioning GWP in the Covid-19 context, strengthening delivery across the network, providing water solutions for SDGs, building climate resilience through water, promoting sustainable transboundary water resources management, and advancing the youth and gender agendas, as well as engagement the private sector and proposing strategies to revise and strengthen the current GWP business model. It was also an opportunity for the entire network to bid

farewell to a change leader and very inspiring Executive Secretary for the past two years, who will be replaced by Peter Repinski, GWP Chief Operations Officer on an interim basis.



Photo 1 Participants of the GWP 2020 Regional Days

All the GWP staff were engaged around key network questions and opportunities centered on concrete challenges in implementing the new GWP 2020-2025 Strategy – including ways of leveraging GWP’s value proposition in today’s COVID-19 context. Among many highlights, ones that catch the attention of this year’s meeting was the [‘virtual signing’ of a grant agreement between GWP and the Green Climate Fund \(GCF\) on readiness support to the Zambia National Adaptation Plan \(NAP\)](#).

In December 2019, [GWPO was accredited to the GCF as a Delivery Partner](#) of the [GCF Readiness country support](#). GWP is supporting a number of countries to prepare readiness proposals for submission to the GCF. [In March 2020, the GCF approved Zambia’s proposal](#) for advancing its NAP process with USD 2.2 million over 3 years, with GWP as Delivery Partner.

On 3 June, the grant agreement between GWP and GCF was formally signed, with Zambia’s Minister of Lands and Natural Resources, **Hon. Jean Kapata** participating.

“On behalf of the Zambian government, let me thank the Green Climate Fund for once again coming to Zambia’s aid in addressing the challenge of climate change. I also wish to thank the Global Water Partnership for being a reliable and diligent partner during the preparation of the proposal for these funds. The Zambian government has a lot of confidence in the work of the GCF to support countries address their challenge of climate change,” said Kapata.

Youssef Nassef, Director of Adaptation at the [United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change \(UNFCCC\)](#), congratulated GWP and GCF to the successful agreement: “I started and evolved the international adaptation work at the UNFCCC for over two decades, and I consider two of my most beloved babies to be

the [NAPAs](#) and the [NAPs](#). Zambia has already completed its NAPA in 2007 and now it is wonderful to see the NAP being moved forward with the support of GWP and GCF funding.”

GWP Chair **Howard Bamsey** said that the signing of the grant agreement marked “the first step forward in something much broader and of global importance in years to come.”

The signing ceremony was opened by **Alex Simalabwi**, GWP Global Head - Climate Resilience and [GWP Southern Africa](#) Executive Secretary, who [introduced GWP's work to accelerate country support on GCF Readiness](#). **EB, AW**

GWP Seeks New Executive Secretary

The Global Water Partnership (GWP) has begun a search for an Executive Secretary, its top executive position. Monika Weber-Fahr, the current Executive Secretary, announced in early March that she would step down effective June 30, 2020. Read the full story [here](#).

REGIONAL STORIES

SERIAL DISCUSSION coexistence with COVID-19 | INSTAGRAM LIVE: Learning from the crisis for a better Integrated Water Resources Management

On the 21st May 2020, the regional secretariat of Southeast Asia hosted the implementation of the live Instagram event on the topic of COVID-19 and IWRM; co-organized together with the [International Association for Public Participation \(IAP2\) Indonesia](#) on the 21st May 2020. The event was a follow up to the discussion in April that concluded by the development of the article [COVID 19 dan Tata Kelola Air](#) (in Bahasa Indonesia at IAP2 Indonesia website) / [COVID-19 and Water Governance](#) (in English at GWP-SEA website). The live Instagram was the second in the “**Serial Discussion: coexistence with COVID-19: Learning from the crisis for a better Integrated Water Resources Management.**”

The live Instagram event was held with some rationale in mind. As the world is now trying to adapt to the ‘new normal’ situation, ‘build back better’ should be taken into consideration when a country tries to recover from the economic impacts of the pandemic. Any country should not forget that improving the basic foundation such as increase access to basic infrastructure (housing, drinking water, sanitation), public health system, and disaster emergency response are essential. We should also not forget despite the pandemic, all water-related disasters such as floods and

droughts might still occur. Therefore, improving the government and community readiness in terms of integrated water management to respond to the emergency is one of the vital for success. Besides, a no-regret investment principle should be applied so even the most worst-case scenario can be anticipated.

Approximately 20 viewers joined the live session in Bahasa Indonesia language. This number we believed is not reflected in the normal number as the date was considered as a national holiday and most of the Indonesian already prepared for the Ied Fitr. Following the importance of the issue that was discussed, GWP-SEA and IAP2 Indonesia will continue the Serial Discussion with a webinar that will be held on 25th June 2020. **AW**



Photo 2 Fany Wedahuditama, GWP-SEA's Regional Coordinator facilitate the group discussion

SERIAL DISCUSSION coexistence with COVID-19 | WEBINAR: Learning from the crisis for a better Integrated Water Resources Management

The SERIAL DISCUSSION coexistence with COVID-19 | WEBINAR: Learning from the crisis for a better Integrated Water Resources Management (*Serial Diskusi Hidup Berdampingan dengan Covid-19 | Webinar: Belajar dari krisis untuk pengelolaan air terpadu yang lebih baik*) was the third from the serial discussion, focus on learning from the crisis for a better IWRM. GWP-SEA collaborated with the International Association for Public Participation (IAP2) Indonesia. The decision to hold a webinar was taken after the live Instagram event was successfully conducted on the 21st May 2020 and the urgency to raise the issues for the larger audience.



Selasa, 30 Juni 2020
15.30 - 18.00

**BELAJAR DARI KRISIS
UNTUK PENGELOLAAN AIR TERPADU
YANG LEBIH BAIK**

Bersama:

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Regional Coordinator - Global Water
Partnership Southeast Asia

Aldi Muhammad Alizar
Chair - International Association for
Public Participation Indonesia

Moderator:
Virgie Baker



Panels:

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Direktur Pengairan dan Irigasi -
Kementerian PPN/BAPPENAS

Dr. Moehammad Amron (tbc)
Chairman Kemitraan Air Indonesia
(Pendahulu Dirjen SDA - Kementerian
PUPR)

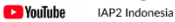
Reza Hendrawan
WASH Specialist - UNICEF Indonesia

Mohamad Mova Al'Afghani
Direktur - Center for Regulation, Policy
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Internasional - Universitas Ibn Khaldun
Bogor

Sinta Dewi
Gender Specialist

Gracia Plenita Agnindhira
Project Officer- Alliance for Water
Stewardship Indonesia

Livestreaming



IAP2 Indonesia



Global Water Partnership-Southeast Asia

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Tempat terbatas, daftar sekarang

*GRATIS



Photo 3 webinar Flyer

For this event, 127 participants were registered and less than 40% were not able to attend due to technical issues and other matters.

The webinar opened by Ms. Virgie Baker the politician and former journalist that acted as the moderator. The session was then followed by a presentation from Mr. Fany Wedahuditama of GWP-SEA and Mr. Aldi Muhammad Alizar of IAP2 Indonesia who shared their view of COVID-19 from the perspective of water and public participation. Mr. Fany highlighted build back better and incorporated the philosophy of the IWRM approach whilst Mr. Aldi emphasized digital engagement as an innovation that considers importance during a pandemic situation.



Photo 4 The Recorder Webinar Session at our Facebook page



The expert panels representing wide stakeholders such as the national government, International Water Law practitioner and researcher, International NGO, International Gender and Social Inclusion Expert, and International Organization shared their opinion on water management from the stand-point of the COVID-29 pandemic.

Mr. Abdul Malik Sadat Idris, the Director of Water Resources and Irrigation, Ministry of National Development Planning shared government strategy to dealing with COVID-19 through the enactment of PERPU no. 1/2020 that focuses on budgeting to stabilize the economy. In his presentation, he explained that Indonesia has a big modality in terms of the number of available water resources. However, the challenge is how to get the best utilization of water resources sustainably. While structural development is being halted, it is now a precious time to focus on water management. This can be done by focusing the resources on improving the strategy, revising the master plan to support vital infrastructure, including build-back better during the recovery phase of disaster management for 30 cities in Indonesia. Another strategy concerning water is refocusing the national strategic project as it is also affected by the pandemic, in particular increasing water provision services, rehabilitation of critical watershed, and construction of multipurpose dams. Furthermore, improving public access to information is also considered as an important task.

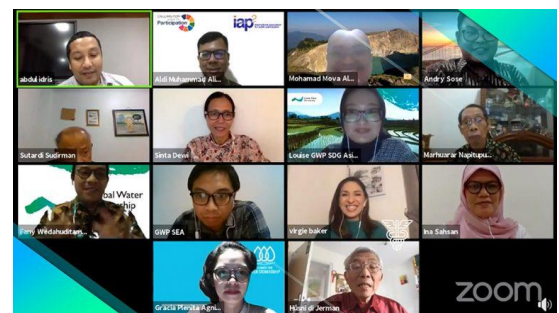


Photo 5 Participants of the Webinar

Dr. Mova Al' Afghani, Director for Center for Regulation, Policy, and Governance (CRPG) and lecture at the University of Ibn Khaldun. He explained resiliency or water security is not explicitly regulated under the new Water Resources Law. However, the principle of resiliency somehow reflected. In the article 20, any higher administrative level can take over the management of water

resources of a lower administrative level if the responsibility is not being carried out due to capacity limitation, in particular, to develop an appropriate river model. He emphasized the importance of river basin planning developed by the national level with its implementation as often the local government has not adopted it under their local planning document such as water allocation, program.

Dr. Mova added, until 2016, pollution load capacity for a river has not been accommodated by any regulation; and to date, the waste-water discharge permit mostly still refers to the past regulation. For water supply services, COVID-19 has reducing water utility capacity to deliver or maintain their services. As for the consumer side, currently there still no regulation that prohibited the water utilities to cut their services if their consumer cannot afford to pay for services, in particular, due to pandemic circumstances.

Reza Hendrawan, WASH Specialist at UNICEF Indonesia explained in a disaster situation, 11 clusters system according to the sector has been established. Water and Sanitation Hygiene is one of the clusters, separated from others which will make it easier to coordinate interventions from all the stakeholders. In Indonesia, 8 cluster systems have been adopted by BNPB (The National Agency for Disaster Countermeasure) since 2014. However, the challenge is there is no dedicated cluster for WASH as it was arranged as part of the cluster protection and refuge, infrastructure, and Health. The good news to share is the WASH stakeholders have started a weekly meeting every Tuesday since March 2020 to coordinate and assist the government to disseminate the new policies and regulations to the community concerning COVID-19. We also carry out advocacy to ensure the WASH sector to becoming a dedicated cluster to make the coordination process easier. An example of difficulty for WASH sector stakeholders to coordinate with others to provide services was from the case city of Palu that suffered from the combined earthquake, tsunami, soil liquefaction, landslide, and down lift in September 2018.

Ms. Sinta Dewi, a Gender and social inclusion expert shared her opinion on the challenges in developing a gender-sensitive indicator in the Indonesia water sector. She explained in general, Indonesia has developed a guideline on how to include a gender-sensitive indicator in budgeting and program at the technical ministerial such as at the Ministry of Public Works that responsible for water resources management and water services. She argued the problem identified at the nation level usually arises during the implementation of a project or program by a contractor as often it is still not regulated. Besides, at a local government level, low political commitment in budgeting development still hindering the progress in implementing a gender-sensitive program and project. In

the water sector, women play a significant role in gaining access to water, in particular in a water-stressed area. Attention should be given by the local government to the water access as there is a high correlation between access to improved water and sanitation to childhood mortality and stunting. A study showed approximately 31% of children's death below 5 years old mainly due to diarrhea. Concerning the stunting, Indonesia still has a higher rate compared to other countries in the Southeast Asia region. Women and marginal group participation in WASH facility still low.

Ms. Gracia Pleninta Agnindhira, a Project officer at the Alliance for Water Stewardship (AWS) Indonesia shared that, *"In Indonesia, we have identified that the private sectors are not ready to dealing with the worst scenario during this pandemic situation"*. Two challenges by the private sectors were identified. First, not so many private sectors have developed a robust business continuity plan and therefore it is important to develop a practical mitigation plan on hydro-meteorology disasters and pandemic. This situation should be internalized not only by the private sector but also by the decision-makers and finance sectors. Compare to the 10 years before, there was an improvement in the development of a robust business continuity plan, however, the adoption of water-related issues is still lacking. It is also important to address the risk of direct and indirect water use (by supplier) without having to focus on administration or operational site boundaries. When there is a limitation, the businesses can adjust. The latter is then highly related to the second challenge.

The second challenge highlighted by Ms. Gracia is financing toward improving their water resources management. Therefore, both local government and private sector must share their plans or initiatives, resources, and how it can affect the environment and community. The businesses should consider planning according to a river basin boundary, from the upstream to downstream and identifying risks altogether with broad stakeholders and involving public participation, in particular within Forum DAS (River Basin Forum). The Alliance for Water Stewardship at the global level and Indonesia is now trying to improve the financial capacity of the enterprises to improve resiliency in managing water resources. The example is available in South America and Africa that able to access funds from Germany, the Netherlands, and Switzerland.

The webinar followed by questions and answers session then later the participants were arranged into 6 break-out groups to discuss the challenges and opportunities in more detail.

The recorded webinar can be accessed at our [Facebook Page](#) (conducted in Bahasa Indonesia).

In-house online training for Organizing Efficient and Effective Virtual Meeting with ZOOM

A big part of our work is conducted through meetings, workshops, conferences, and training. During this pandemic situation, we have learned that we need to embrace the online world quickly and mindfully for us to keep on moving forward with our works.

The virtual meeting, like the face-to-face meeting, has its benefits and downsides. However, if we fully understand how to efficiently participate in and organizing virtual meetings, many can be achieved. Having understood the importance of the online/virtual meetings in our line of work as the convener, GWP SEA Regional Office decided to organize an online training event to help build the capacity of CWP's and all GWP partners. The training was delivered efficiently while maintaining the sharing-learning environment to encourage sharing-learning of experiences and expertise among all participants

Held on 18-19 June 2020, 22 participants representing the CWP's secretariat in the Southeast Asia region, GWP-SEA secretariat, and GWP-SAS secretariat were engaged. The participants learned how to arrange a ZOOM's workshop, to utilize ZOOM's poll and white-board, and able to shared experiences on what are the advantages and disadvantages of holding an online workshop. Apart from managing a ZOOM workshop, the participants also learned how to hold a webinar as it was requested by participants on the 1st day of the training. **AW**

The result of the discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of hold an online meeting

ONLINE MEETING

Advantage

- can meet remotely without have to be presented physically
- less cost compare to physical meeting (travel and logistic costs)
- No limit on the number of the participants
- can be organized within short period
- low water footprint
- not necessary have to properly dress-up (closed the video)
- effectiveness during certain situation (i.e. pandemic situation)
- environmental friendly

Disadvantage

- fast internet connection
- good gadget/devices
- cultural value that prefer meet and greet physically
- at the community/rural area, certain tools are needed
- should take into the account the online security measures
- some group of the participants needs more time to familiarize with the technology
- need a quite and representative place to start the meeting
- different time zone might affected the meeting

Viet Nam: IWRM 2020 Core Activities and Resource Mobilization for the SDG 6.5.1 Support Program

In 2020, the CWP's including Viet Nam Water Partnership (VNWP) involve in IWRM data and information collection, and IWRM survey assessment support packages. To carry out the "IWRM data and information collection" following the developed term of reference, a task force was initiated and scheduled to be completed in April. However, with the pandemic situation, the overall activity is delayed and likely to be completed by July 2020. Concerning the IWRM survey assessment support package, the proposal has been submitted for review.

The Proposal "Mekong Delta Local Water Governance" submitted to UNDP GoAL Waters Programme last year, was recently approved. Developed by VNWP in collaboration with UNDP Hanoi, both parties have been taking preparation steps for project inception and implementation. Besides, the Project Team Leader and National Consultant selection process is being conducted.

Another initiative is "Inow Asia – Development of Innovative multilevel formation programs for the new water leading professionals in Southeast Asia". This Joint research between Pancasila University (InaWP), Hanoi Water Resource University (VNWP), and Universitat de Girona is progressing slowly.

Update: the "Inow Asia: Development of Innovative multilevel formation programs for the new water leading professionals in South East Asia" has been approved by Erasmus+ under Capacity Building in the field of higher education call, see https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/cbhe_2020-results.pdf (page 11).

Cambodia: Knowledge support and facilitation to the Fisheries Conservation Community of Sdeykraum-Rohalsuong to implement the integrated Land, water resource and flooded forest management in their fish conservation area

The Executive Unit (EU) of CambodiaWP started implementing the planned CORE Activity 3: Promoting IWRM-based water resource development and management planning and implementation at national and sub-national levels in Cambodia, guiding by SDG 6.5 monitoring framework, under Strategic Goal 1 - Catalyze change in Policy and Practice, Outcome Challenge 1.1 - incorporate water security in their IWRM and climate-related policies and plans as well as in national development policies and plans of the Work Plan 2019. The overall objective of this Core Activity is to promote IWRM-based water and related resources management and

development planning and implementation at the community level. At the end of CORE Activity 3, the community reached up to an integrated Fisheries Resources Conservation and Development Plan 2019-2023 of Sdeykraum-Rohalsuong Fisheries Community.



Photo 6 Fish Conservation Site Plan

In 2020, the community started implementing its Plan based on planned activities. The first set prioritized activity implementation is the integrated Land, water resource, and flooded forest management in their fish conservation area. This consists of preparation and update of legal documents and maps of the fisheries resources conservation area for approval; managing water resources accordingly to ensure water for fish during the dry season, and rehabilitation of flooded forests to improve and protect fish habitats. **AW**



Photo 7 Site Work



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Quote of the day

*“Thousands have lived
without love, not one
without water”*

- W.H.Auden-

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