

Dear GWP Partners

GWP Steering Committee – News!

I am pleased to inform you that over the past year and a half, we have been working on Steering committee reform to improve our performance, leadership and guidance functions. I would like to present you with some of the highlights of this reform and to tell you about some of the decisions taken by our Sponsoring Partners during their August 2010 meeting.

- **SC Members**
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- **Acknowledgement of Service**
- **New Members**

(a) SC Members

- ✓ The elected membership of the SC will now comprise 12 people, each serving in their individual capacities. 6 of the elected professionals will be drawn from a Regional pool of candidates nominated by the RWPs. The other 6 will come from an international pool with open nomination. 3 members of the international pool will be non-water professionals, to help us bring in the perspectives from sectors other than water. There are criteria for selection of each of the groups of candidates and the SC provides guidance to the Nominations Committee on the profile of the candidates being sought to succeed those whose terms are up.
- ✓ We continue to have 5 ex-officio members: - Chair, Chair of UN Water (currently designated), the Chair of Regional Chairs, the Executive Secretary, and the Technical Committee Chair.
- ✓ Finally, we have as permanent observers: the Executive Secretary of the World Water Council (a reciprocal arrangement), and representatives of the World Bank, UNDP and the Financing Partners Group.

(b) Expectations of SC members

We have developed an induction training package for all SC members. Induction is conducted prior to our November meeting in Stockholm each year. Each SC member is part of a sub-committee and some serve in additional capacities on the Nominations Committee, or as Deputy Chair for SC meetings. We currently have 3 subcommittees: Audit and Finance, HR, and Programmes. Sub-committees work between meetings as needed and then have a formal meeting just prior to each SC meeting.

(c) Conduct of SC meetings

We have open, frank and respectful discussions. We set goals for how we conduct our meetings, and we assess our performance at the end of each meeting. Decisions taken at each meeting are not revisited in finalizing our minutes.

(d) Summary of Meeting Decisions

From now on, the SC will issue a summary of decisions from each SC meeting. The agenda and decisions from the May meeting are presented here. As a matter of interest, the SP has agreed to post the minutes of their Annual Stockholm Meetings on the GWP website.

(e) Acknowledgement of Service

Three SC Members complete their service to GWP in November this year:

- Ms. Nafisa Barot
- Dr. Shaden Abdel Gawat
- Ms. Maria Angelica Alegria Calvo (Maria Angelica stepped down early and is now Chair of GWP Chile)

We thank them for their service and dedication to GWP and wish them well as they move on to other things.

(f) New Members

We will welcome three new members are joining GWP this November. They are:

- Ms. Elisa Colom, Guatemala - Regional Pool
- Mr. Gangyan Zhou, China - Regional Pool
- Ms. Alice Bouman-Dentener, The Netherlands - Global Pool (non water person)

**Steering Committee Meeting - May 2010
Agenda and Summary of Meeting Decisions**

Visit to GWP China

The first Steering Committee of 2010 was held in Beijing China, hosted by GWP China.

The SC thanks GWP China again for their extraordinarily warm hospitality. This is the 10th year anniversary of GWP China and it was rewarding to see and hear about the progress that has been made in supporting the sustainable water management agenda of the Government. *{link to GWP China 10 year publication}*.

Congratulations GWP China. The Steering Committee is also extremely grateful to the Minister of Water Resources Minister for spending so much time with us together with his senior officials despite his busy schedule and engaging with us on water management issues in China and within our Partnership. We look forward to continued and further enriched collaboration within GWP.

SC Meeting Decisions (May 2010)

The agenda *{link to agenda as provided below}* describes the many different issues and areas of work that were addressed in the subcommittee and subsequent SC meetings. There is a lot of new information for the SC as well as updates on on-going activities as requested. Decisions on items submitted for approval *{link to summary decisions SC Meeting May 2010 as provided below}* are taken by the SC after careful deliberation and inform the way forward.

GWP Steering Committee Meeting

Beijing, China, 19-20 May 2010

Agenda

Wednesday 19 May, 2010

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Person</u> | <u>Document Purpose</u> |
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| 08.30 | 1. Welcome, apologies and confirmation of Agenda | GWP Chair | Approval |
| 08.45 | 2. Agreed guidelines for conduct of the meeting | GWP Chair | |
| 09.00 | 3. Approval of Minutes from SC Meeting in Stockholm | GWP Chair | Approval |
| 09.15 | 4. Actions arising from Stockholm Minutes - Summary table of Actions | Executive Secretary | Information |
| 09.45 | <i>Coffee/Tea</i> | | |
| 10.15 | 5. Annual Reports 2009 5.1 GWP Report on Activities (GWPO & Regions) 5.2 Regional Water Partnerships – update on actions and progress linked to the 5 year Strategic Goals 5.3 Technical Committee 5.4 Financial and Audit Reports 2009 (GWP & EUWI/FWG) | Executive Secretary Björn Guterstam/Senior Network Officer <i>on behalf of Chair of Regional Chairs</i> Technical Committee Chair Head of Finance & Admin | Approval |
| 12.00 | 6. Audit and Finance Subcommittee Report | Chair of Audit and Finance Subcommittee | |
| 12.45 | <i>Lunch</i> | | |
| 13.45 | 7. Fundraising and Financing Strategy - update | Executive Secretary | Information |
| 14.30 | 8. Programme Subcommittee Report | Chair of Programme Subcommittee | |
| 16.00 | Close of meeting | | |

Thursday 20 May, 2010

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Person</u> | <u>Document Purpose</u> |
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| 08.30 | 9. Addressing GWP Technical Function - update | Technical Committee Chair | Information |
| 10.00 | <i>Coffee/Tea</i> | | |

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| 10.30 | 10. Strategic relationship between GWP and UN Water | Dr. Zafar Adeel, Chair UN Water (via conf call) | N/A |
| 11.00 | 11. Communication Strategy - update | Executive Secretary | Information |
| 11.45 | 12. GWP Statutes – proposal for amendments | Executive Secretary | Approval |
| 12.30 | 13. GWP Risk register – follow up (MoU/Strategic Allies) | Executive Secretary | Information |
| 13.00 | <i>Lunch</i> | | |
| 14.00 | 14. HR Subcommittee Report - update | Chair of HR Sub Committee | |
| 14.30 | 15. Nominations Committee - Process for appointing NC members - SC members nomination process 2010 - update | GWP Chair | Approval Information |
| 15.15 | 16. Learning reviews - Terms of reference for review of Learning Reviews - Caribbean LR progress | Executive Secretary | Information |
| 16.00 | <i>Coffee/Tea</i> | | |
| 16.20 | 17. RWP Accreditation - Mediterranean | Executive Secretary | Approval |
| 16.45 | 18. GWP Events 2010 | Executive Secretary | Information |
| 16.55 | 19. SC Members perspective on recent events and issues of personal interest - Mr. Ramon Alikpala/Asia Pacific Water Forum Knowledge Hubs - Mr. Oscar Cordeiro/Water Management in South America | Mr. Ramon Alikpala & Mr. Oscar Cordeiro | |
| 17.20 | 20. AOB - Acknowledgement of services to GWP | GWP Chair | |
| 17.40 | 21. Decisions and Summary of Meeting | GWP Chair | |
| 18.00 | Self-Evaluation of conduct of meeting | GWP Chair | |
| 18.20 | Close of meeting | | |
| 19.30 | SC Dinner | | |

Summary of decisions from SC Meeting, May 2010

| Agenda Item on which a Decision was taken | Decision | Comment |
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| Welcome, introduction of new SC members and Technical Committee Chair, apologies and confirmation of Agenda | The agenda was adopted with the following additions. - Item 3 to include a record of decisions taken by the SC through distant communication since the previous meeting. - Item 20 to include update on IEG report and online posting of meeting summary/minutes. | |
| Approval of Minutes from SC Meeting in Stockholm | The Minutes from the SC Meeting, 26-27 November 2009 in Stockholm, Sweden, were approved. | |
| Record of decisions taken by the SC through distant communication | Tushaar Shah, Dale Whittington and Wouter Lincklaen Arriens have been appointed members of the Technical Committee for the period 21 February 2010 to 31 December 2012. IV. The SC has decided that the Nominations Committee, until otherwise decided, shall consist of five members. V. Ruth Meinzen-Dick has been appointed a member of the Nominations Committee for the period 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2012. | |
| Annual Reports Annual Activity Report 2009, GWP in Action | The annual activity report 2009, GWP in Action, was approved with the understanding that fine tuning in respect of in particular the pictures is being done before printing. | |
| Annual Reports Finance and Audit Reports 2009 (GWP & EUWI/FWG) | The GWPO Annual Financial report 2009 was approved. The EUWI FWG Annual Financial report 2009 was approved. The request to transfer 318,000 € unused funds 2009 to the 2010 budget was approved. The GWP Chair, ES and AFSC Chair were authorised to jointly sign the approved annual financial reports on behalf of the SC. The authorisation is valid until revoked by the SC. | |
| Fundraising and Financing Strategy – update | The SC established a task force comprising the GWP Chair, Kenzo Hiroki, Ramon Alikpala and Stanley Rampair to work with the ES and Secretariat to support fundraising. | |
| Program Subcommittee | | The SC complimented |

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| Report - Annual Work Plan | | the ES, Secretariat and regions and acknowledged the huge amount of work in aligning the format of the work plan, identifying and analysing themes for each region and putting in place a mechanism for better monitoring. This format of the work plan meets the need for core data to analyse our activities and what we spend the funds on. Identifying the priority of each region and GWP's added value is still needed. |
| Changes to the GWP/GWPO Statutes | The SC decided to recommend the CP and SP Meetings to adopt the suggested amendments to the GWP/GWPO statutes, Annex 1. | The adoption of amendments to the GWP/GWPO Statutes will now be voted on in the 2011 CP meeting |
| Appointing NC Members | The SC approved the proposal regarding procedure for appointment of NC members, Annex 2. As the SP Chairperson is to take an active role the proposal will be brought to the SP meeting in September for them to endorse. | The SP (in its September 2010 meeting) endorsed a new proposal for the future appointment of NC members in which the Chair of the SP will participate, thus improving our governance system. |
| Dates for Next SC Meeting | The next SC meeting will be held in Stockholm on 17-19 November 2010. | |