

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
THE GLOBAL WATER PARTNERSHIP ORGANISATION (GWPO) AND  
THE WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION COLLABORATION COUNCIL  
(WSSCC)**



**1. Description of the Parties**

***The Global Water Partnership (GWP) & Global Water Partnership Organisation (GWPO)***

The mission of the GWP Network is *to support countries in the sustainable management of their water resources through Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)*. The objective of the GWP Network is to develop and promote the principles of integrated water resources management and to that end:

- (a) Identify critical needs and stimulate partners to meet such needs within their available human resources.
- (b) Support action at national, regional, local or river basin level that will lead to the adoption and implementation of the principles of integrated water resources management
- (c) Help match needs to available resources
- (d) Strengthen mechanisms for sharing information and experience

The GWP, was established in 1996, and is an international network of institutions committed to the Rio-Dublin principles of integrated water resources management (IWRM). Such institutions include government agencies, NGOs, community based organizations, private sector companies, universities, research and training institutes, professional organizations, etc. The partnership operates through decentralized water partnership structures at both regional and country levels.

The Global Water Partnership Organisation (GWPO) is an intergovernmental organisation established in 2002 by an agreement between the governments of Sweden, Chile, Pakistan, Denmark, the Netherlands, Argentina and the World Bank (the organisation herein referred to as GWPO). The GWPO acts as the Secretariat of the Global Water Partnership (GWP) Network.

***The Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC)***

The Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council is an international entity hosted within the UN system that enhances collaboration in the water supply and sanitation sector, specifically in order to attain universal coverage of water and sanitation services for poor people around the world. WSSCC was set up through an UN General Assembly mandate at the end of the International Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade in 1990. Its Secretariat is located in Geneva and the whole network is governed by a multi-stakeholder representative Steering Committee. The mission of the Council is "to accelerate the achievement of sustainable water, sanitation and waste management services to all people, with special attention to the unserved poor, by enhancing collaboration among developing countries and external support agencies and through concerted action programmes".

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WSSCC's activities comprise: networking, mainly at the national and global levels, advocacy notably including the WASH campaign, and grants management for sanitation and hygiene programmes.

### **3. Presently Identified Areas of Collaboration between GWP/GWPO and WSSCC**

#### **3.1 *Communication and Information Management***

- GWP and WSSCC will meet at least once a year, at Chief Executive level to confirm the strategic intent of this MOU, brief one another on relevant initiatives and discuss opportunities for specific partnerships. These meetings could usefully be arranged in conjunction with meetings of the GWPO Steering Committee or partner consultations or the annual WASH meeting of partners and the coordinators, including the triennial Global WASH Forum.
- GWPO and the WSSCC will exchange information regarding their contact points at the Secretariat, regional and national level so as to facilitate better collaboration, better flow of information and to build better and more effective alliances.
- WSSCC and GWP will exchange calendar information regarding each other's events at Secretariat, regional and national level so as to facilitate better coordination of activities.
- WSSCC and GWP will establish and maintain links and cross referencing between each other's websites and exchanging other, non-confidential information relating to water
- The two organizations will also seek opportunities to develop closer relations with other stakeholders, including UN Water, the World Water Council (WWC) and The World Bank's Water Supply and Sanitation Program (WSP).

#### **3.2 *Programme Cooperation***

- GWPO and WSSCC will exchange information on organisational Programmes of Action to facilitate the identification of synergies and complementarities between the organisations and also facilitate coordination.
- GWPO and WSSCC will seek opportunities to work together at global, regional and national levels, eg through processes of 'national dialogue', jointly organizing, or supporting one another's activities and focusing on the areas of comparative advantage
- GWPO and WSSCC will explore opportunities for synergy in relation to web-based and other communications initiatives including the GWP IWRM - Toolbox- which brings together knowledge and experiences on IWRM among water professionals and policy makers. WSSCC will contribute to the continuing development of the Toolbox, by contributing cases which may be included into the Toolbox.

### **4. *Geographic Focus***

During this phase of cooperation between GWP and WSSCC, Central and Eastern Europe, South Asia, and Africa have been identified as providing greatest potential for collaboration but activities in other regions will also be considered (eg Central Asia and Caucasus, Central and South America, Pacific and Caribbean).

### **5. *Period Covered by MOU***

This MOU enters into force upon signature by both Parties. It shall remain in force for a period of 3 years, unless terminated earlier by three months written notice from either parties.

### **6. *Contact Persons***

The following people have been designated as the first point of contact for any correspondence between the two organizations in relation to this MOU:

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## 7. *Controversies*

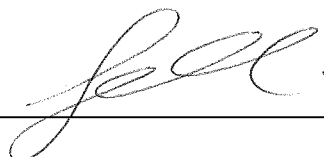
Any controversy arising as a result of or in connection with this MOU, shall be settled amicably between the Parties. In case that an amicable settlement cannot be reached within three months of consultation, this MOU will be terminated with immediate effect if one of the parties states so in writing to the other party.

## 8. **Note of Reservation in Relation to Institutional Independence**

*GWPO and WSSCC reserve the right to act independently where either institution believes it is within their best interest. Both parties reserve the right to their own independence and no contract by either party shall be legally binding upon the other*

Signed:

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Global Water Partnership (GWP)

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