

## Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

between

**Global Water Partnership Organisation**

and

**German Development Institute**

### Article 1 The Parties

1. **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 by maximising economic and social welfare without compromising the sustainability of ecosystems and the environment. It is a non-profit multi-donor funded action network focused on facilitating and supporting the sustainable management of water resources at all levels.

The **GWP Organisation (GWPO)**, established as an intergovernmental agency in Sweden, is managed by an Executive Secretary who is answerable to the Steering Committee (SC). The GWPO Secretariat acts as the 'network hub' for GWP. The Secretariat manages GWP's finances and reports on funding received at the global level. It also helps with the exchange of knowledge, resources, and ensures communication and coherence across the Network.

GWP has built up a network of Regional Water Partnerships (RWPs). These bring together various sectors and interest groups to identify and discuss common water problems and to develop action plans based on integrated water resources management. Each RWP, and the Country Water Partnerships, Area Water Partnerships, City Water Partnerships and River Basin Partnerships that may be established in the regions, has its own operational strategy, work programme and administrative structure. The RWPs are attached to host institutions that administer funds and employ staff on their behalf.

2. **The German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)** was established in 1964 in Berlin as a non-profit-making limited liability company (gemeinnützige Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung – gGmbH) and is one of the leading think tanks for global development and international cooperation worldwide. It is located in the UN City of Bonn. DIE's work is based on the interplay between Research, Policy Advice and Training. DIE is building bridges between theory and practice.

Research at DIE is theory-based, empirically driven and application-oriented. It provides the basis for the consulting activities of the Institute. DIE develops policy-relevant concepts, advises ministries,

governments and international organisations, and refers to current policy issues. The training programmes of the Institute for university graduates and young professionals are integrated into the research and advisory process.

The DIE has about 120 employees, two thirds of them work as researchers. The Institute is headed by the Board of Directors.

DIE's institutional agreement ensures the principle of scientific independence of the Institute. The shareholders of the Institute – the Federal Republic of Germany (75 %) and the State of North Rhine-Westphalia (25 %) – appoint the Board of Trustees of the DIE.

#### Article 2 Rationale/Purpose of the Collaboration

Given the scope of their respective missions, DIE is a logical Strategic Knowledge Partner for cooperation with GWP and its Technical Committee.

The Technical Committee (TEC) of the GWP plays an active role in the production, collation and distribution of knowledge products related to improved water management. In essence the TEC performs two key roles: providing global intellectual leadership to keep GWP at the fore of new ideas and challenges, and providing demand-driven technical support to the Regional and Country Partnerships. TEC's knowledge products include an assortment of Background Papers, Technical Focus Papers and policy briefs; and are aimed at professionals, at various levels and in various organizational types, operating in the field of water management.

In pursuing its objectives, TEC collaborates closely with strategic knowledge partners internationally. Such partners could represent a range of policy and research organisations focussing on various aspects of water management and governance. In this context, collaboration with DIE holds potential benefits in three key areas, including the identification of emergent challenges, the development of knowledge products as well as the dissemination and uptake of knowledge.

The DIE has a long tradition of social-science based research, policy advice and training on water management and governance. DIE's water research, policy advice and training start from the premise that the global water crisis is not primarily a physical but a governance crisis. The water team analyzes the many facets of water governance problems in diverse political regimes at all relevant levels (global, transboundary, national, regional, local), the prerequisites for sustainable and adaptive water management and the constraints and opportunities of the actors involved. Further topics include cooperation on transboundary water bodies (rivers and aquifers) and the potential benefit-sharing has; sustainable (hydro-/multipurpose) dam development; large-scale land investments and their implications for water rights; genesis and resolution of local water conflicts; the challenges of governing and coordinating the interdependencies between agriculture, energy and water (the water-energy-food nexus).

Collaboration with GWP may offer opportunities to better disseminate research findings to academics and professionals; may offer new contacts for field research; and may provide additional fora for the translation of research findings into policy advice.



### Article 3 Areas of Collaboration/Co-operation

The Parties will co-operate in the following areas:

1. Using the Tool Box to disseminate DIE knowledge products on Water Resources Management;
2. Co-financing research/outreach activities on issues of common interest;
3. Supporting DIE Country Working Groups within its post-graduate Training programs or other DIE field research through GWP's country water partnerships.

All collaboration between GWPO and German Development Institute under this MoU is based on voluntary allocation of staff time from the respective organisation. Where input in the form of voluntary staff time is offered, the parties shall specifically agree on tasks to be performed, outputs to be produced and exchange of information.

All collaboration between GWPO and German Development Institute, where financial resources are required or staff time is to be formally committed, will be based on specific separate agreements between the Parties. Such agreements shall provide detailed information on tasks to be performed, outputs to be produced, exchange of information and financial conditions for the collaboration.

### Article 4 Contact Persons/Points

A. In the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, GWPO shall be represented by:

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#### Article 5 Controversies

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

#### Article 6 Duration

This Memorandum of Understanding enters into force upon signature by both Parties. It shall remain in force for a period of three years, unless terminated earlier by a three months written notice from either party. Project agreements entered into by the parties may have durations that extend beyond the term of this MoU, and the termination or expiration of this MoU will not terminate any project agreements then in effect, which will continue or be terminated in accordance with their terms.

Signed.....(date and place)

Stockholm, 9 May 2014

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