

**Minutes of the TEC meeting
Stockholm – Arlanda,
August 31 – September 1, 2010**

Present:

Mohamed Ait Kadi, Akissa Bahri, Uma Lele, Mike Muller, Humberto Pena, Patricia Wouters Wouter Arriens, Claudia Sadoff, Tushaar Shah and Dale Whittington joined by phone Sarah Carriger, Dominique Legros, Danka Thalmeinerova

Agenda:

1. Introduction
2. Progress on Paper Achieving Water Security for the World's Insecure Populations
3. Progress in TEC working groups
4. Update on Consulting Partners' meeting 2010 and TEC's involvement
5. Exchanges with Senior Advisors on TEC activities
6. Other activities:
 - GWP's Knowledge Chain
 - ToolBox
 - Learning reviews

1. Introduction

Mohamed welcomed all members of Technical Committee and introduced Dominique Legros, seconded by the French Ministry of food, agriculture and fisheries to the Government of Morocco. The French Ministry of Agriculture agreed on Dominique's working half time to support the TEC Chair on technical and policy matters.

Mohamed expressed his concern at the level of participation of TEC members in this meeting. He reminded members that TEC is at a critical stage in the development of a group dynamic and that there are high expectations of the Committee to deliver, in particular on the four thematic areas listed as priorities in the GWP strategy: food security, transboundary cooperation, climate change and urban water management. In addition, the GWP has asked the Committee to explore how GWP can make an economic case for water security.

The Chair informed the Committee that this will be the last meeting limited to the core members. Restricting the meetings to TEC members only was necessary while the group was finalising the Committee's "value propositions" that will structure its engagement with RWPs and other partners.

The question of the collaboration of TEC with RWPs and of the participation of RWPs in TEC meetings was the subject of an in-depth discussion among TEC members. It was unanimously agreed on the need to strengthen the collaboration with the RWPs and to involve them in the activities of the Committee. The question is: on what, at what stage of the process and how? It was decided to take this issue into consideration pragmatically in each agenda item. On the participation in TEC meetings, it was also agreed that TEC wishes to open its meeting and looks for the participation of RWPs representatives. A time window will be regularly set in the agenda for internal discussion in relation to the group dynamic, or on some specific issues.

The following topics were included in the agenda under the "other business" item at Mike's suggestion:

- GWP strategy progress in line with a development of the TEC/GWPO workplan 2011,
- Discussion on the role of TEC in the GWP family and on how TEC will work with RWPs and Knowledge Partners,
- TEC engagement in the Consulting Partners meeting.

The agenda of the meeting and the minutes of the May TEC meeting were endorsed, retrospectively (see Annexes 1 and 2).

2. Progress on Paper Achieving Water Security for the World's Insecure Populations¹

Mohamed reminded that the objective of the paper is to rally the global development community behind water security by framing the issues within current economic and development challenges, and identifying key areas for action. It should be "a new intellectual foundation for a new era".

According to a first discussion on the paper objectives, targets, substance and format in the last TEC meeting, and the subsequent discussion through emails, the paper should be:

- An expert think piece and a groundwork for experts,
- Action-oriented and based on existing information,
- Short and user-friendly.

As agreed in the meeting, a draft outline was prepared on the basis of Uma's initial work and Mike's 10-page paper. It was submitted to TEC members for their comments in July. The working document sent to TEC members on 23rd August includes the comments received.

Sarah presented the outline of the paper as amended.

The discussion focused on the main following issues:

- The status of the paper as an external and/or internal document: It was agreed that an external audience should be targeted. Further work could lead to a background paper.
- The paper targets: It was agreed that the paper should target a wider audience, water security being a multisectoral and multistakeholder question. The paper could be an important contribution to Rio +20 agenda.

¹ Wouter Arriens joined this session by phone.

- The relevance of including a definition of water security: The consensus reached was that considering that there is no accepted definition of water security, TEC should consider proposing a workable one in line with GWP's vision of a water secure world.
- The nature of information provided: TEC members agreed on Humberto's proposal to substantiate the context by figures (statistics, arguments in graphs or diagrams) and include regional or country evidence to demonstrate what it means to "achieve water security".
- The size of the paper: All TEC members agreed on a 6 to 8 pages and action-oriented brief that will add value to TAC paper No. 4.
- The relevance of the wording "transboundary" waters: International waters will be used from now, being more accurate from a legal perspective.

In addition, the following adjustments should be made:

- Refocusing the introduction to highlight Opportunity/Context/Challenges – interlinkages with other major challenges, the realities (political and economic) of the decision-making context,
- Restructuring the subsequent sections slightly so that the order is: what we mean by water security, why water security is important, and what will it take – who needs to do what, priority actions, what knowledge we need.

Actions to be taken:

- To review the context section (Sarah with the support of Uma and Mike)
- To provide definitions as necessary (Patricia)
- To provide numbers, graphics, figures, regional and country evidence (Wouter, Humberto, Akissa)
- To review the section on actions areas to achieve water security (Wouter, Claudia, Dale)

Timeline:

- Comments and substantive inputs to the revised outline sent by Sarah, by end of September
- Revised draft by mid-October
- Final draft by end-October
- Submission to the Steering Committee in mid November

3. Progress in TEC working groups

Economics of water security²

Mohamed reminded members that the objective is to make a compelling economic case for water security and contribute knowledge that will:

- encourage more and better water investments and improved water management and
- put water management issues higher on the political agenda.

The May TEC meeting agreed on developing a concept note for a Scoping Panel on the Economic Case for Water Security and on updating TEC Background Paper No.2 in light of water security (Dale, Claudia and Uma).The TEC Background Paper No. 2 was about costs and values to be considered in water pricing policies and water allocation between sectors.

² Claudia and Dale joined by phone.

In light of the existing conceptual difficulties Dale and Claudia expressed the need for further clarification of the expectations and what needs to be achieved prior to proposing a draft outline. They highlighted the difficulty to calculate costs and benefits of water security, as these are site and use specific. It would require case studies and consequently the related funding.

Actions to be taken:

- To have a complementary discussion with Dale and Leticia to clarify the expectations through a phone call (Mohamed)
- To prepare a concept note including time line and budget, by 24 September (Dale)
- To support Dale and Claudia as needed by looking at all dimensions of investments in water management (Uma, Mike and Humberto)

Food Security³

Mohamed reminded the members that water and food security is on top of the agenda set by GWP's strategy. He highlighted the need for an **integrated food system management** encompassing food, water, energy and international agricultural trade issues.

In the May meeting, the TEC agreed to prepare a concept note to leverage support for regional workshops on food security in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia (envisioned for 2011). As a follow-up to this decision, Uma, delegated to lead this working group, went on mission in India to explore the relevance and feasibility of such a workshop in South Asia. Building on the outputs of the mission, Tushaar prepared a preliminary concept note shared with TEC members during the meeting.

Taking into account Uma and Tushaar's recommendations, TEC members agreed to:

- Organize a meeting on water and food security in and for the South Asia Region, whose outcome for GWP would be a document that would lay the groundwork for an on-going activity,
- Involve Regional and National Water Partnerships in the preparation.
- Focus on issues appealing to all countries and less controversial than, for example, transboundary issues.
- Link with the CGIAR research development process as relevant.
- Hold it preferably in Sri Lanka, in February 2011, as a back-to-back meeting to the TEC meeting.
- Gather 20 to 30 high level participants, in particular policy makers (TEC members, Regional and Country Water Partnerships, FAO, ADB, CGIAR Centres, etc.).
- Commission a number of high level papers as inputs into the workshop.

Actions to be taken:

- To review the concept note, including the definition of issues to be covered, potential contributors, a budget listing potential donors (GWP and other institutions) and links with the CGIAR process, by the end of September (Uma and Tushaar)
- To establish a list of potential participants (Tushaar and Uma)
- To organize a phone conference focusing on the revised concept note (Mohamed)
- To inform the Network Officer (Mercy) and seek full ownership and cooperation of South Asia RWP in the organisation of the workshop.

³ Tushaar joined the meeting by phone.

Equity and IWRM

The objective of the paper as agreed in the May TEC meeting is to provide decision makers with a clear framework for considering the multiple dimensions of equity in water resources development and management. Mohamed reminded the members that the paper has to be finalized by the end of 2010 taking into consideration the deadlines imposed by the publication guidelines.

Humberto updated the Committee on the progress of the paper, a draft of which was disseminated to TEC members during the meeting.

He presented the conceptual basis and the structure of the document. He also listed some information needed and questions on which he would need support.

First comments and suggestions to the outline are summarized as follows:

- To tackle the time dimension: in some situations benefits might flow over time. Is there adaptive system – do we need to come back over time?
- To make a distinction between rhetoric and reality in social equity.
- To take into account equity and institutional arrangements. Because of a failure of governance, legislation does not address social equity properly. How do main groups of institutions (e.g. legislative, executive branch, media, civil society, private sector) work in practice?
- To take into account the UN macro-objectives that address the social equity issues from international perspective.

Actions to be taken:

- To send detailed comments to Humberto as soon as possible (TEC members)
- To send examples on equity and institutional arrangements (Uma)
- To prepare a revised draft (Humberto and Sarah)
- To submit the paper for publishing according to the publication guidelines (resent to TEC members) – cooperation with Steven required.
- To publish the background paper by the end of year.

Transboundary Cooperation

The objective is to provide Regional Water Partnerships with tools and knowledge for encouraging genuine transboundary cooperation. As decided in the May TEC meeting, a first step will be the development of a background paper to be completed in 2011 (Patricia, Claudia and Tushaar).

Patricia introduced the theme on transboundary cooperation and sought TEC advice on four proposals:

- To develop a background paper in coherence with GWP's strategy
- To involve and interact with RWPs to harvest issues on the ground and lessons learned
- To be visible and thus disseminate the paper outside the GWP's network
- To make work easier by using new communication tools such as an online drop box in order to facilitate the commenting process and to collect information from regions.

Mohamed summarised the discussion by expressing the Committee's agreement on the four suggestions and welcomed in particular on the involvement of the regions. He also requested a scoping note to be developed before the end of September for the preparation of the 2011 workplan.

Action to be taken:

- To develop a scoping note (including a time line and budget requirements), by the end of September (Patricia)

Integrated Urban Water (Resources) Management

The objective is to bring together existing knowledge on integrated urban water management. As decided in the May TEC meeting a background paper, to be completed in early 2011, will be prepared (Akissa and Wouter).

Akissa presented the outline of the background paper (see Annex 7).

Akissa raised a question on the value-added of a TEC paper as there are many important players and several key guidelines and publications already developed. Mohamed suggested identifying questions put forward by regions, the challenges they have to deal with, and potential solutions in the IWRM framework.

Other issues needing further thought were raised:

- How to link urban and basin management, which might have different boundaries,
- The interconnection of urban facilities (urban and water infrastructures),
- The impacts of migration policies and of the governance of the cities,
- The need to make a clear description of different functions of urban and water planning and how they affect each other.

Action to be taken:

- To develop a scoping paper (including a time line and budget requirements) to mobilize the additional resources needed to develop such this background paper (Akissa, Uma, Mike and Wouter) – Simi Kamal will contribute to the development of Karachi case study.

4. Update on Consulting Partners meeting and TEC involvement

Mohamed referred to the agenda of the CP meeting and invited TEC members to participate in the plenary sessions and thematic workshops. He informed the Committee that he has prepared a keynote address on exploring the role of water security in regional economic development.

Mohamed pointed out that there must be a shift from the age of globalization to an age of a global cooperation. He also stressed that current challenges in food, energy, finance are interlinked and could not be solved in by countries acting in isolation.

The presentation includes illustrative examples that make strong arguments on how these challenges are interlinked.

The presentation examines also the drivers for water cooperation and highlights the key implications for GWP.

Comments were made by the members to enrich the presentation.

5. Exchanges with Senior Advisors on TEC activities

Mohamed welcomed the Senior Advisors. Each of them introduced himself/herself by making a short description of past and present commitments with GWP.

Mohamed briefly described the thematic areas that are on TEC agenda for 2010-2012. He also stated that TEC wants to involve the Senior Advisors, for example to contribute to the framing and definition of the content, "to use our collaborative wisdom".

The following contributions were made by the Senior Advisors to Mohamed's questions on their contribution to TEC program of activity.

Khalid welcomed the idea of a South Asia regional workshop on water and food security since food security issues are threatening, water efficiency is extremely poor and a lot of knowledge is available locally. Strategic lessons could thus be identified and disseminated. He also considers TEC agenda to be comprehensive and relevant.

Alan welcomed the idea of the regional workshop. Policy makers, CGIAR and DFID should be invited. He also noted that TEC has an ambitious 3-year program. He reminded the group that the issue of water security was already addressed in 2000 (Framework for Action) and TEC should take past work into account. He also encouraged TEC to collaborate in the EUWI program on water pricing policies in which he is involved.

Torkil pointed out that his role has been so far on an ad hoc basis. He stressed the importance to work at national level and on basins level, and to link the different levels. He recommended keeping goals on promoting IWRM. He also underlined a need to address the issue of linkages between coastal zones and river basins. (Mike complemented the proposal with the issue of hydropower and coastal water management.)

Merylyn is presently involved in the Climate Change Adaptation agenda and encourages TEC to work on issues related to climate change effects (flooding, groundwater, and droughts).

Action to be taken:

- To follow-up with each Senior Adviser on potential collaborations with TEC (Mohamed)

6. Other activities

ToolBox

Danka informed TEC members on the difficulties she is facing to update and improve the ToolBox. For example, the endorsement by TEC of some "tools" is pending.

The changes in the ToolBox (revised texts of tools and a few new tools) prepared by the consultant (DHI), need TEC endorsement but an effective working method has not yet been set up. It was stated that appointment of two TEC experts does not work and it was proposed that an extra day (or two) of the TEC meeting needs to be arranged. Another solution could be to engage with Hartmut to support a revision of ToolBox.

Mohamed proposed the reviewers to be designated according to the topic of the paper or tool.

Actions to be taken:

- To discuss with Ania, John and Danka on the ToolBox strategy, needs and working process (Mohamed)
- To approach Hartmut on his possible support to a revision of the Toolbox (Danka)
- To send ToR for one or two-day session on ToolBox – back to back to a TEC meeting, by the end of the year (Danka)
- To send pending texts, including minor adjustments, for approval to Patricia and Humberto, by 24 September (Danka)

Knowledge Chain Workshop

An intensive consultation process was initiated in 2009 on how GWP intends to service the knowledge management needs of the different elements of the network, at global, regional and country levels. Building on that process, the concept of GWP's Knowledge Chain was developed.

The workshop will mainly address how to transform this concept into reality. It is aiming at exploring potential improvements in collaborative arrangements and synergies within the GWP system. In this perspective, regions were asked to prepare a brief description of their technical expertise and needs. The workshop will thus contribute to identify concrete activities where TEC could cooperate with the regions and other Knowledge Partners.

It is anticipated that the Workshop will lead to the development of a document to be submitted to the GWP Steering Committee in November 2010.

TEC is committed to create a spirit of collective action with GWP Secretariat, RWPs, NwPs and Knowledge partners.

Learning Review

An evaluation of the learning reviews by SIWI was commissioned. A report was sent to all regional partnerships and TEC prior to the meeting.

The findings will be presented at the Regional Days meeting. The document will then be completed and recommendations will be sent to the GWP Steering Committee. The presence of TEC members at the meeting is welcomed.

Action to be taken:

- To inform TEC members on the meeting outputs and the potential implications for TEC work (Mohamed)

Workplan 2011

Mohamed informed TEC members that the TEC work plan should be submitted by mid October for approval at the November GWP Steering Committee. The TEC work plan should be part of the GWPO work plan.

Action to be taken:

- By September 30, TEC members to submit the scoping notes for the work that they will lead.
- To finalize the 2011 TEC workplan by mid-October (Mohamed)

Next meeting

The meeting is tentatively scheduled in February 2011, along with the regional workshop in South Asia.

Actions to be taken:

- To discuss with TEC members individually the importance of their participation in the TEC meetings (Mohamed)
- To consult TEC members on their availability in February (Danka)

Quarterly report

Mohamed informed TEC members that the quarterly report has to be provided in a timely manner to TEC secretariat.

Action to be taken:

- To contact each TEC member on time allocation and resources issues (Mohamed)

Other information

The report of independent consultants (IEG) commissioned by the World Bank on evaluation of GWP in 2006-2008 period is available on the WB website.

Action to be taken:

- To send the report upon request (Danka)



TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING

31 August -1 September, 2010

Time	DAY 1: Tuesday, 31 August, 2010
0900-0930	Introductory items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Introduction by Chair • Approval of Agenda (this document) • Approval of minutes (Paris, May 2010) • Report of Chair
0930-1030	Food Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SA Regional workshop SA (Uma, Akissa, Tushaar and Mohamed)
1030-1100	<i>Break</i>
1100-1300	Water Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft outline/paper (Mike, Uma, Claudia, Wouter and Mohamed)
1300-1400	<i>Lunch</i>
1400-1600	Economics of Water Security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skype call to Claudia and Dale (14:00-16:00)
1600-1630	<i>Break</i>
1630-1730	Water Equity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Background Paper (Humberto supported by Mike, Patricia and Uma)
1900	DINNER At Broby Gard Restaurant

Time	DAY 2: Wednesday 1 September, 2010
0900-0930	Transboundary Cooperation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background paper on transboundary cooperation (Patricia supported by Claudia and Tushaar)
0930-1000	Climate Change Adaptation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information on TEC/SEC Task Force on Climate Change (Mohamed)
1000-1030	Urban Water Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background Paper (2011) (Akissa, Wouter)
1030-1100	<i>Break</i>
1100-1230	Other activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ToolBox (Danka) • Joint Workshop "Making GWP's Knowledge Chain Work" (Mohamed)
12:30-14:30	<i>Lunch</i> <i>Separate working lunch of Task Force on Climate Change</i>
14:30-15:30	Meeting with Senior Advisors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Khalid, Merylyn, Torkil & Alan
15:30-18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work plan 2011 • Next meetings • Administrative matters • Other Business
18:00	Closing by Chair
19:00	<i>Joint Dinner at Choice Hotel</i> <i>together with Coordinators, Chairs and Communication Officers</i>



**Minutes of the TEC meeting
Paris, 11-12 May 2010**

Present:

Mohamed Ait Kadi, Ania Grobcki, Wouter Arriens, Tushaar Shah, Akissa Bahri, Humberto Pena, Mike Muller, Danka Thalmeinerova, Sarah Carriger
Letitia Obeng, Claudia Sadoff and Uma Lele joined by phone
Jean-François Donzier & Daniel Valesuela (IOW-INBO)

Agenda:

7. Introduction
8. Progress in TEC working groups
9. Progress on Paper Achieving Water Security for the World's Insecure Populations
10. Other business

Summary of the discussions

7. Introduction

Mohamed welcomed all members of Technical Committee, with special introductions of new TEC members Tushaar Shah and Wouter Arriens. He also excused TEC members that were not able to attend the meeting (Claudia, Uma and Patricia).

Mohamed thanked Jean Francois Donzier for hosting this meeting. GWP and INBO share joint programs from their establishments. Jean-Francois, representing the International Office for Water (IOW) and the INBO provided a brief introduction about the IOW and INBO. He introduced three areas of IOW work: a) creating and development of water information system, b) training water practitioners and c) institutional cooperation between water agencies in France and the worldwide.

Letitia joined briefly via Skype. She requested TEC members to support GWP in better articulation of water management in climate change adaptation and other challenges such as food and energy security. We also need to make sure that we continue to work on communication – reaching internal and external audiences effectively with the right stories and right information. Letitia also pointed out the urgent need for clear messages regarding the economic case of water. She also reported on Rio+20 preparation.

Ania gave an overview of the Regional meeting and CP meeting agenda. She invited the Technical Committee to consider presenting the paper on Water Security at the CP meeting.

Minutes of the February 2010 TEC meeting were endorsed (attached – Annex 1)

8. Progress on TEC working groups

The draft TEC Workplan 2010 submitted in September 2009 by the Hartmut acting as TEC transitional Chair outlines 7 themes. New topics (activities) were identified at the February TEC meeting. Discussions on individual activities were attuned to availability of missing TEC members on Skype calls.

Climate Change adaptation

It was agreed that existing documents produced by the TEC and GWP are sufficient for the follow up actions. Claudia noted that a communication campaign should be a next step. This might include dissemination of TEC papers through websites of GWP, RWPs and other KP (including Water Wiki), and advocating the water and climate change adaptation connection at international foras (e.g COP 16). Also, it is important to provide clear messages that water and climate change should not be dealt with separately. Akissa also pointed out that we need to take this message to a different level (impact of CC on groundwater, agriculture, etc.) and be more specific about possible impacts on the economic sector and at national levels. For Africa CAADP could be a possible entry point. It would also be interesting to know how countries positioned water in NAPAs.

It was concluded that TEC should work with the Communication Unit and Alex S. (focal point for CC) at GWP Secretariat to prepare messages on the basis of existing TEC and GWP papers. It should be also considered how to link this initiative with the Water Security paper. Claudia will take a lead supported by Mike.

Economics of water security

Claudia brought up the distinction between “use values” and “systems values”. When we’re looking at the value of water in a basin, we’re looking at the “systems value” – the value of water moving through the system (including reuse), depends on how water is configured and the interplay between different uses. To value water security we have to consider this big picture perspective as well as the individual “use values” for different sectors. Also, TEC should consider how to encompass both reliable supplies for productive uses and protection from destructive effects of water.

There are several papers dealing with this issue (Claudia, Peter Rogers as examples). TEC will consider revisiting and updating TEC Background Paper No. 2 in light of water security. Such a framework paper should encompass the systems value of water. Tushaar also pointed out that water security and insecurity vary in countries over time. How this could be taken into account? Akissa and Humberto pointed out that it is also important to bring clarity to values in terms of water security - definition of water security should also be provided. Wouter mentioned that the UNESCO guidelines on IWRM could be taken into account as a good collection of case studies.

Mohamed summarized the discussion with the proposal to develop a Concept Note to show what we want to do, and how it is different than what has come before. Claudia will take a lead supported by Dale. It was agreed that a Scoping panel to bring experts around the table will be organized hopefully in autumn depending on resources available.

Triggering water policy change

Akissa reported on the joint initiative of TEC/GWP, IWMI and SIWI to apply for a grant from Concordia 21. Although the proposal was not funded, it was agreed that TEC should continue to work with IWMI and SIWI to further develop this project. Also, it was agreed that this activity should be linked to the Food Security theme. Case studies would provide a critical view of challenges, solutions and stories, which could be disseminated from and to GWP regions. This would create a learning process on triggering water policy changes. Tushaar pointed out that many policy reforms were cosmetic, but it would be critical to discuss substantive changes that followed from reforms. Wouter pointed out that the importance of leadership is often overlooked.

There are several institutions that use a case study methodology to document successes (failures) of policy changes. Also, TEC could be inspired by Harvard book on case study methodology. And Wouter mentioned that in Asia the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy has developed some capacity based on the Harvard method; also the International Water Center, in Brisbane.

Mohamed summarized that this activity needs to continue to build an internal capacity within the Network. Knowledge partners (SIWI and IWMI) will be engaged. “Hot spots” regions will be approached for hosting regional workshops (South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa region). A concept Note for two regional workshops will be developed. Resources need to be mobilized. TEC will also search for external expertise regarding case study methodology. Uma will take a lead in this activity (supported by Akissa, Tushaar and Wouter).

Equity aspects of water management

Humberto presented a draft outline – Table of Contents that consists of the following parts:

- introduction
- water resources systems – benefits and beneficiaries
- issues of social equity (and concept of water equity)
- subjects of social equity in the practice of water management.

Several aspects of equity were discussed. These include societal/ethical values of water, multiple uses of water, benefits derived from water, water pollution, issues of ecosystem services, and the role of the state to contribute to social equity.

It was agreed to continue to elaborate a draft of background paper, and share it with the TEC members at the next meeting. Humberto will take a lead supported by Uma, Patricia and Mike. It is envisaged that a final background paper will be ready by the end of the year.

Food security

Uma introduced this theme in relation to triggering policy changes and water security. Mohamed pointed out that in the past agriculture had to take a defensive stand in the international debate on water. Because of its inefficient and low value use of water, agriculture was seen as the system’s safety valve. After the 2007-2008 food crises, food security was brought higher up the political agenda. The Comprehensive Assessment and several other initiatives brought substantially better understanding of the issues. The question is what is GWP’s comparative advantage and how GWP can play a role in the application of existing knowledge. Also, it was questioned how TEC could synergize with the work of others, rather than to try to do their job. It was pointed out that TEC should not fragment its energy on lots of little policy briefings. It was agreed that regional workshops should be connected to repositioning GWP.

Wouter presented an initiative of ADB, which has a new Committee on Food Security. He presented several priority areas identified by colleagues in the ADB, these include O&M for irrigation, role of private sector in irrigated agriculture, role of technologies, groundwater aspects, health and food security aspects.

It was suggested that two regional workshops will be organized in 2011 (for details see the Triggers).Uma, Tushhaar with support of Mike and Mohamed will develop a concept note to be discussed in the next meeting.

Urban Water Management

Akissa has made a literature review on this theme and concluded that there are many important players and several key guidelines and publications already developed. The question is what GWP could bring new or different to the table. It was pointed out that there is a need to develop a common understanding on this issue within the Network. This topic covers, in addition to wastewater treatment and reuse, environmental flows, water quality, and managing the metabolism of cities. Groundwater aspects, urban versus peri-urban areas, urban development conflicts are other areas that need attention.

It was agreed that Akissa will develop an outline and Concept Note for the discussion at the next TEC meeting (the background paper envisaged in 2011).

Transboundary issues

Mohamed will follow up with Patricia on the development of the Background paper on transboundary water cooperation to be completed before the end of the year.

Technical functions

Mohamed made a presentation on GWP's knowledge chain. A note was developed with the input of the Secretariat/Communication. It builds on the 2009 extensive consultation process on addressing technical functions. He also informed the group that SIWI was approached to support the paper on how to engage knowledge partners. There are in general three principles regarding knowledge functions: to provide global intellectual leadership, to provide selective support to RWPs (demand driven) and to considering technical functions as a responsibility of the entire Network. The focus of collaboration with knowledge partners consists of three elements:

- participation at the research and work with other partners (UN-Water, WWAP)
- involvement of knowledge partners to work on GWP and TEC activities
- make available funds for partners to work on special products (with CapNet, GWMate).

It is envisioned to organize a joint workshop with the Secretariat and the Regions, back to back with TEC and CP meetings on September 2010 to explore potential improvements in collaborative arrangements and synergies within the GWP 'system', for the knowledge chain to work

Support to ToolBox

Danka reported on ToolBox progress in 2009. There are several proposals to revise texts of tools or/and develop new tools. Some work was already sub-contracted to external consultants (DHI). However, as the ToolBox is a key knowledge product of GWP it is critical that TEC will provide an overall intellectual supervision.

It was proposed that a working group will be revitalized and will include Humberto and Patricia (potentially Wouter). Danka will prepare ToR for a brainstorming session (workshop) of experts consisting of TEC and a broader pool of GWP experts (to be agreed on at the next TEC meeting).

Learning Review

Danka reported on the proposal to review the Learning Review ToR. This will be conducted by SIWI. TEC will support this process by including its participation at reviews.

9. Progress on Paper Achieving Water Security for the World's Insecure Populations

Mohamed reported on the process to develop the Paper on Water Security as a corner stone of engagement of TEC this year. He pointed out that we are in the phase to build on TEC Background paper No.4 regarding substantive issues. In addition, the paper attempts to indicate ways to advance the GWP strategy.

Mike presented a draft outline (10-pager) that consists of two parts: external and internal (see attached presentation in Annex 2). The external part portrays a juncture of three challenges:

- financial crisis and rebalancing international relations,
- climate change and green economy,
- ongoing development challenges and LDC challenges regarding food security, urbanization, meeting MDGs.

The current conjuncture affords important opportunities for promoting and supporting better water resource management. These will require a revision and clarification of current approaches and development of a more refined and targeted strategy.

The discussion was also supported by the presentation of Wouter on the ADB Outlook on Water Security. Wouter stressed that rather than providing a definition of water security, ADB emphasizes on guiding vision. He also discussed leadership - in and outside the water sector and agencies. ADB Outlook 2010 will target ministers of finance and planning.

The discussion on the proposed paper included several important points to be considered in the paper:

- how much links are vital with climate change adaptation? The concept goes beyond climate change purely – it regards a sustainable development framework that has a larger scope and more general meaning
- TEC should help regions better formulate investments in water management
- Solutions to many water problems come from other sectors
- It is important to realize that water security is a commonly used term, but has different meanings for different people; how to measure water security? it would be good to develop a GWP definition as a key part of 5 years strategy!!
- If a definition is to be provided, what is the purpose, what do we hope to achieve?
- Is it reasonable (how much) to make it different from food (or energy) security
- Who is the audience for the paper – it seems to have both internal and external audiences
- Should TEC develop one or two papers (external and internal)?
- The paper can put water back on the development agenda – definitely setting the stage for engagement in processes such as Rio +20

- IWRM is a spiral process, adaptive management and/or continuous improvement
- Are we satisfied with separating water services and water resources management issues?
- Do we distinguish between general “WRM&D” and “IWRM” and what activities constitute each?
- Questions on institutional roles – RBOs (there might be a risk to be trapped in national discussions where agencies find it difficult to collaborate)
- Is there an agreed framework for institutional approaches to WRM?
- Is it important to address issue of energy in this paper?
- Important to avoid that paper will repeat what is already known

It will be critical to decide if there will be one paper that would deal with both: water security and GWP mission, strategy and current set of offerings (questioning GWP strategy?). Also, it is critical to decide if this paper is to be Policy Brief or Background paper. A general agreement was that a paper will focus on water security – moving from IWRM approach to looking at the goals of IWRM.

Mohamed concluded that a purpose of the Paper is to rejuvenate IWRM and repositioning GWP. He emphasized the fact that no country can be economically better off without a strong water resources management. In spite of a short time, the TEC should mobilize resources to bring the paper to the Consulting Partners Meeting (September 2010). It is essential that a paper will provide for a definition of water security. Draft of the outline should be ready by mid-July for comments of TEC members. A draft paper will be ready for the discussion at the CP meeting.

10. Other business

In line with this meeting, a workplan for 2010 will be fine tuned and submitted to Secretariat. Mohamed will also contact Patricia regarding Transboundary issues.

Dates of next meeting:

- August 31 – September 1: TEC meeting (invitation also to regional representatives and a representative of SIWI). There will be a space for working group meetings (morning of the first day)
- 2. September 2010 (morning) – a Workshop organized by TEC, invitation to Chairs, Coordinators, Communication officers, Secretariat, and KPs
- 3. September – 4. September - Consulting Partners Meeting, agenda will be distributed (Danka) immediately. TEC members are welcome to accept the invitation.

Other events:

Wouter announced that ADB organizes a Water Week (11-15 October) looking to present 10 years program on water with clients and partners. TEC members are welcomed.

Annexes:

Annex 1: Minutes of the TEC meeting February 2010, Stockholm

Annex 2: Mike, Wouter, Humberto and Mohamed’s presentations (pdf attached)