

GWP Technical Committee Meeting Brief

Stockholm,
August 16-17, 2011

The purpose of the meeting was to monitor progress on TEC priority thematic areas as defined in TEC 2010 - 2012 road map. Below is a brief summary of progress and next steps as discussed during the meeting.

INCREASING WATER SECURITY

Progress

Mohamed and Wouter (Skype) presented the Perspectives Paper on Water Security. The group agreed that there is a clear necessity to make a case how water security relates to IWRM.

Action to be taken

- All TEC members will provide their comments by August 31
- Wouter to incorporate comments for the final version to be edited by Sarah by October 1
- Perspective paper to be published prior to Bonn 2011 Conference (November 16-18, 2011).

ECONOMICS OF WATER SECURITY

Progress

Dale and Claudia presented a Table of Contents for the Perspectives Paper on Economics of Water Security. This paper should support the perspectives paper on Water Security and ideally should give an indication of the value of managing a basin well (vs. managing it badly).

Action to be taken:

- Claudia and Dale to send the draft perspective paper to TEC members by mid-October
- Mohamed to investigate possibilities for creating a High level panel with OECD targeting the next WWF6
- Background paper will be elaborated – envisaged for 6th WWF.

TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION

Progress

Patricia presented a Concept Note on Transboundary Cooperation that include a development of Background paper, support GWPO in development of operational strategy and support GWP Network in capacity building in the area of international water law.

Action to be taken:

- Patricia to submit a one page summary and Table of Contents by September 15 for BP focusing on legal instruments for Transboundary Cooperation
- Invite Anton Earle (SIWI) to support a development of background paper
- Background Paper by December 2011.

INTEGRATED URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT

Progress

Akissa presented a Perspectives Paper (Towards Integrated Urban Water Management) that was launched during the SWWW. It was agreed that a background paper should follow with the examples of urban areas.

Action to be taken:

- Akissa to continue development of background paper
- Finalization of the background paper by December 2011.

PREPARATIONS FOR BONN 2011, WWF6 & RIO+20

Mohamed represents GWP in several advisory bodies for on-going summits. Involvement of TEC is as follows:

- Bonn 2011 Conference: facilitation of the session on Integrated Land and Water Management and contribution to a scientific paper on water –energy- food nexus
- WWF6: Core Group on the Key Priority Area on Balancing multiple use of water through IWRM and coordination of the organization of a session on Target 5

OTHER ISSUES

- three members of the Technical Committee will end their second term
- GWP mandated Patricia to contribute to GWP/INBO Handbook on IWRM in transboundary basins
- next meeting will be held in March 2012 (along with WWF6)