

Technical Committee Meeting Brief
22 – 23 February 2012, Stockholm Sweden

The purpose of the meeting was to monitor progress on TEC priority thematic areas as defined in TEC2010 - 2012 road map.

The meeting was also an opportunity to induct new TEC members. Below is a brief summary of progress and next steps as discussed during the meeting.

WATER SECURITY PAPER

Progress

A Perspectives Paper on Water Security was published. It will be further developed into background papers (Water Security, Economics of Water Security).

Action to be taken:

- Eelco and Wouter to develop a template of background paper by April 2012
- Working group include, Mohamed, Wouter, Eelco, Tushaar, and Oscar
- Discussion (research) questions elaborated for RWP inputs and dissemination to RWPs by July 2012 and to present it during the Regional Days meeting (August 2012)
- Background paper to be published by October 2012.

Timeline:

- Draft template produced by April 2012 and disseminated to RWPs
- Joint discussion at the Regional Days meeting (8/2012)
- Background Paper published by end of October 2012.

ECONOMICS OF WATER SECURITY

Progress

Claudia and Dale presented a preliminary draft. This paper will support the perspectives paper on Water Security.

Action to be taken:

- Mohamed to distribute a Concept Note to other TEC members for their inputs by end February 2012
- Working group includes Dale, Claudia
- Dale and Claudia to develop Background paper by June for input from RWPs for a discussion during the Regional Days meeting (August 2012)
- Paper will be completed by October 2012.

Timeline:

- Draft Background paper – June 2012

- Dissemination to RWPs by July 2012, joint discussion at the Regional Days meeting (8/2012)
- Background Paper published by October 2012.

FOOD AND WATER SECURITY

Two regional workshops conducted in 2011. A follow up is to develop a Perspectives Paper on Food and Water Security to be presented at the Stockholm World Water Week 2012 devoted to water and food security.

Action to be taken:

- Uma will develop a Concept note by end April 2012
- Working group includes Uma, Madiodo, Mohamed
- Input from TEC members and other knowledge partners by June 2012

Perspective paper to be developed by Stockholm World Water Week (August 2012)

Timeline:

- Draft concept note distributed to TEC members for comments by April 2012
- Perspective paper to be launched at Stockholm World Water Week (August 2012)

TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION

Progress

GWP TEC contributed to the development of GWP/INBO Handbook on IWRM in Transboundary Basins. Therefore, a scope of further work will focus on legal aspects of transboundary cooperation.

Action to be taken:

- A working group lead by Patricia and consisting of Claudia, Chaminda, Anton, Torkil will revise the draft of background paper
- Selected case studies will be elaborated with the support of RWPs
- Final paper to be launch at the UNECSO Symposium and Dundee/GWP Course on International Water Law.

Timeline:

- A draft paper distributed by end March 2012 for comments from TEC members (in April 2012)
- Final paper to be launched at the UNESCO Symposium and Dundee/GWP Course on International Water Law in June 2012.

INTEGRATED URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT

Progress

Based upon a Perspectives Paper on IUWM, a background paper is in its final stage of development.

Action to be taken:

- Kalanithy to provide his comments to the final version of Background Paper
- Kalanithy to explore ideas for future TEC interventions in the area of urbanization and develop a Concept Note for series of technical briefs
- Working group led by Kalanithy will be formed after drafting Concept Note.

Timeline:

- Background Paper on IUWM to be published by end of February 2012.
- Further work to be specified during the next TEC meeting.

WWF6, RIO+20; FOLLOW UP FROM BONN 2011 CONFERENCE**Progress**

This activity includes: participation of TEC at the 6th WWF (Mohamed, Oscar), a development of the Position Paper on Water in the Green Economy and further elaboration of conclusions from Bonn 2011 Conference.

Action to be taken:

- Participation of TEC members at 6th WWF (March 2012)
- Finalization of the Position Paper on Water in the Green Economy
- Contribution to the zero draft of Rio+20 declaration
- Development of a Concept note on exploring Water Energy Food Nexus (working group consists of Madiodo, Eelco, Oscar and Uma).

Timeline:

- Position Paper on Water in the Green Economy sent to a publisher by mid-May 2012 and to be launched for Rio+20 Summit (June 2012).
- Concept Note on Water Energy Food Nexus developed by August meeting 2012.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

This is a new activity. TEC wants to build on series of papers developed by the GWP Associated program GW-MATE. A proposal is to develop a Background Paper on policy and institutional aspects of groundwater management, including management of transboundary aquifers.

Action to be taken:

- Development of Concept Note on groundwater management
- Development of Background Paper
- Working group led by Tushaar supported by Stephen Foster

Timeline:

- Concept Note to be developed by March 2012
- Comments from TEC members provided by April 2012
- Perspectives Paper developed by July 2012
- Background Paper published by October 2012.

NEXT MEETING

The next full TEC meeting is scheduled on 20-22 August 2012, along with the CP 2012 meeting