

## GWP NETWORK MEETING AND CONSULTING PARTNERS MEETING 2012

26 August 2012 at the Clarion Hotel in Stockholm/Södermalm, Sweden

# Water Security as a Catalyst for Climate-Resilient Development

**Welcome to the 2012 Consulting Partners meeting. This year's meeting encompasses three separate sessions in one day, namely: the statutory GWP Network Meeting, the Consulting Partners meeting, and finally the GWP Annual Lecture. The day will end with a Farewell Reception in honour of the GWP Chair, Dr Letitia A.Obeng, as this is the last Consulting Partners Meeting she will chair.**

### **STATUTORY NETWORK MEETING**

The Statutes of GWP/GWPO state that the Partners of GWP shall hold an annual Network Meeting. At this meeting the Partners exercise formal functions, such as receiving and commenting on the yearly activity and financial reports, and deciding on statutory changes, if any. Only GWP Partners may participate in decisions, however, observers are welcome.

### **CONSULTING PARTNERS MEETING**

This year's Consulting Partners Meeting aims to explore the overarching theme "Water security as a catalyst for climate-resilient development". Climate change disrupts the global hydrological cycle, exacerbating drought risks, threatening the world's most heavily populated deltas, and endangering development gains. In delivering the GWP Strategy 2009-2013, the focus on water and climate change has evolved in response to these increasing risks, encompassing advocacy within the global climate change negotiations and at country level, and establishing the Water, Climate and Development Programme in Africa. Building water security is a cross-cutting, integrated approach to ensuring our greater resilience to climate risks. The challenge to GWP at this point is to scale up action, supporting countries and communities in preparing for increasing climate variability and extreme events.

The objectives of the 2012 Consulting Partners Meeting are therefore:

- To present a framework for global, regional and national climate-resilient development through building water security
- To prepare for scaling up collaboration with GWP Partners and key strategic allies, and the implementation of climate risk related programmes at region and country level
- To set the context for GWP's 2020 vision of a water secure world

### **GWP ANNUAL LECTURE**

GWP Patron Margaret Catley-Carlson will deliver the GWP Annual Lecture, entitled "2020 Vision: the Future of Water".



## Sunday 26 August 2012

8.30–10.00

### GWP NETWORK MEETING

Chair: *Dr Letitia A. Obeng, GWP Chair*



**Dr. Letitia A. Obeng** became the Chair of GWP in January 2008 after a career at the World Bank. She has extensive experience in water and sanitation strategy development and service delivery in Africa. She earned a Ph.D. in public health and water resources engineering from Imperial College, University of London.

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Report from the Chair
- 3) Report from the Executive Secretary
- 4) Report from the Chair of the GWP Technical Committee
- 5) Annual Financial Report

**10.00-10.30 Morning break**

10.30–12.25

### PLENARY: OPENING OF THE 2012 CONSULTING PARTNERS MEETING

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**KEYNOTE SPEECH: GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR CLIMATE SERVICES** *Mr. Michel Jarraud, Secretary General of WMO and Chair of UN-Water.* Before joining the WMO as Deputy Secretary-General, Mr. Jarraud was with the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF).



**DELIVERING CLIMATE COMPATIBLE DEVELOPMENT**, *Mr. Sam Bickersteth, Chief Executive of the Climate and Development Knowledge Network* brings a background in international development, natural resources and climate change, having worked as head of programme policy at Oxfam and prior to that led DFID programmes in Mozambique, Bolivia and Nepal.



**FRAMEWORK FOR WATER SECURITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT** *Mr. Alex Simalabwi, GWP Senior Network Officer & WACDEP Coordinator,* is a water resources expert with extensive experience in IWRM. Prior to joining GWP, he served with IUCN Eastern and Southern Africa as GTZ Project Coordinator.



**WATER, CLIMATE AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME** *Mr. Andrew Takawira, WACDEP Senior Programme Officer, Africa,* is the Senior Programme Officer for Water, Climate and Development Programme (WACDEP) GWP Africa Coordination Unit. Mr. Takawira has experience of Water Engineering, as well as serving as Officer of the Southern African Water Information Network (SAWINET).

**12.25-12.35 Instructions for Workshops, followed by group photo**

**12.35-13.30 Lunch**

**13.30-15.00 Workshops: Regional and national solutions for building climate resilience**

#### Workshop One

#### Building Resilience through Managing Drought Risks: developing the GWP-WMO Integrated Drought Management Programme

13:30–13:35	Welcome and introduction	<i>Dr Bruce Stewart</i> , Director, Climate and Water Department, WMO
13:35–14:15	Presentations <i>Max 10 min each</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated Drought Management Program, CEE, <i>Dr. Elena Mateescu</i>, Executive Director of National Meteorological Administration, Romania, GWP Central and Eastern Europe</li> <li>• Drought Program, South Asia, <i>Sardar Tariq</i>, GWP South Asia</li> <li>• Experiences on Drought Management in the Mediterranean, <i>Prof. Michael Scoullou</i>, GWP Mediterranean</li> </ul>
14:15–14:50	Discussion  Rapporteur: <i>Dr Danka Thalmeinerova</i> , Senior Network Officer, GWPO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposed governance structure of IDM Programme</li> <li>• Linkages in IDM Programme: sectors (water, agro, meteorology), inter-regional (RWPs) experience sharing, UN-agencies, international/regional organizations and national governments</li> <li>• Key elements of IDM Programme</li> </ul>
14:50–15:00	Synthesis and the way forward, <i>Dr Bruce Stewart</i>	

**Workshop Two****Building climate resilience in the World's Deltas: Managing for effective water solutions**

Chair: *Mr. Kees Slingerland*, Director, Delta Alliance/Environmental Sciences Group (ESG), Wageningen University and Research Center (WUR)

Rapporteur: *Mr. Chaminda Rajapakse*, Senior Network Officer, GWPO

13:30-13:40 Welcome and Introduction – *Mr. Kees Slingerland*

13:40-14:50 Panel discussion  
Facilitator – *Prof. Eelco van Beek*, GWP Technical Committee Member

Panel members:

*Eng. Mohamed Elrawady*, Governing Board member, GWP Egypt – The Alexandria 2030 Integrated Urban Water Management (IUWM) plan, the Nile Delta, Egypt

*Dr. Khondaker Azharul Haq*, Vice President, GWP Bangladesh –The Delta Development Plan 2012, the Ganga-Brahmaputra-Meghna Delta, Bangladesh

*Dr. Fabien Charles Cossi Hountondji*, Assistant Professor, University of Parakou of Benin –Towards designing a Master Plan, the Ouémé Delta, Benin

*Dr. Dao Trong Tu*, Chair, GWP Vietnam – The Delta Master Plan, the Mekong Delta, Vietnam

*Ms. Panpilai Sukhonthasindhu*, Alternate SC member, GWP Thailand – The Town and Country Planning Act, the Chao Phraya Delta, Thailand

*Dr. Wang Yuhai*, China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research – The Pearl River Delta comprehensive Regulation Planning, the Pearl River Delta, China

14:50-15:00 Synthesis and way forward, *Mr. Kees Slingerland*

**Workshop three****Building Resilience through regional Water, Climate and Development programmes**

13:30-13:40 Welcome and introduction *Prof. Torkil Jønych Clausen*, GWP Senior Advisor

13:40-13:50 Presentation: Building Resilience in the Caribbean – towards a regional programme for water, climate and development  
*Dr. Carlos Fuller*, Deputy Director, Caribbean Climate Change Community Centre

13:40-14:40 Facilitated Panel discussion  
Chair: *Prof. Torkil Jønych Clausen*  
GWP Regional Coordinators  
GWP Central America, *Ms. Fabiola Tábora*  
GWP Caribbean, *Ms. Avril Alexander*  
GWP South Asia, *Mr. Upali Imbulana*  
GWP Southeast Asia, *Mr. Djoko Sasongko*  
GWP Central Asia and Caucasus, *Dr. Vadim Sokolov*  
GWP South America, *Ms. Milenka Sojachenski*  
GWP Africa – the WACDEP Programme, *Ms Ruth Beukman*

Perspectives for scaling up regional water security and climate resilience programmes:

- Progress
- Constraints
- Opportunities
- Next steps

14:50-15:00 Synthesis and the way forward  
*Prof. Torkil Jønych Clausen*  
Rapporteur: *Mr. Kidanemariam Jembere*, GWPEA WACDEP Regional Programme Manager & *Ms Gabrielle Lee-Look*, Communications Officer, GWP Caribbean

## 15.10-16.20 **PLENARY : Outcomes of the workshops and discussion with key Strategic Allies**

Chair: *Dr. Ania Grobicki*, GWP Executive Secretary

MODERATED PANEL DISCUSSION



**Dr. Ania Grobicki** has degrees in Chemical Engineering from the University of Cape Town and in Economics from the University of South Africa, and a PhD in Biotechnology from Imperial College, London. Prior to joining GWP as its Executive Secretary in 2009, Dr. Grobicki worked at IWMI and WHO.



**Dr. Bruce Stewart, Director, Climate and Water Department, WMO**, has worked as a hydrologist with the Queensland Water Resources Commission the Northern Territory Power and Water Authority and the Australian Bureau of Meteorology. Dr Stewart was the President of the World Commission on Hydrology for eight years and joined WMO in 2012.



**Prof. Torkil Jønych-Clausen is Chair of the Scientific Programme Committee at SIWI, Water Policy Adviser to the DHI Group, Adjunct Professor at the Technical University of Denmark and GWP Senior Advisor.** He serves on a number of committees and boards worldwide. He was the founding Chair of the GWP Technical Committee (1997-2003) and also serves as Chair of the WMO-GWP Associated Programme on Flood Management.



**Mr. Kees Slingerland, Director General, Environmental Sciences Group Wageningen University and Research Center (WUR)**, has worked with the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (LNV), and as project manager for Nehem Intl. He studied animal husbandry in the tropics, with a minor in economy at Wageningen University. He is the Director of the Delta Alliance.



**Merylyn Hedger, GWP Senior Advisor and climate expert** is an environmental policy specialist who has worked within international, national and local levels of governance. She has specialised on climate change for 16 years, first as WWF's International Policy Coordinator, and later established the UK Climate Impacts Programme (UKCIP). She was head of climate change in the UK Environment Agency and is a national expert at the European Environment Agency and at the UK Overseas Development Institute (ODI).

Feedback from the climate resilience workshops and discussion with the audience.

- Are the current and proposed programmes effective in building water security and climate resilience for the future?
- Who would be the ideal partners for collaboration during programme implementation?
- What results and impact can be achieved, and over what timeframe?

### 16.10 **Looking ahead to 2013, the International Year of Water Cooperation (incl. video)**

## 16.20-16.30 **WRAP-UP AND CLOSING OF THE 2012 CONSULTING PARTNERS MEETING**

**16:30-17.00 Afternoon break**

**GWP Sponsoring Partners and other invited guests arrive**

### 17.00-18.00 **GWP Annual Lecture by Margaret Catley-Carlson "2020 Vision: The Future of Water"**

**Margaret Catley-Carlson** was Chair and is now a Patron of GWP. She is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Institute for Environment and Development. She was Vice President of the Canadian International Development Agency (1978), Assistant Secretary General in the United Nations (1981), President of CIDA (1983-1989), Deputy Minister of Health and Welfare (1989-1992), Chair of the Water Supply & Sanitation Collaborative Council (1992-1996), and GWP Chair (2000-2008). She is currently a member of the board of UNSGAB. In 2002 she was made an Officer of the Order of Canada.



### 18.00 **Formal vote of thanks** *Dr. Letitia A. Obeng, GWP Chair*

**18.00 - FAREWELL COCKTAIL RECEPTION  
ALL WELCOME**