

GWP-WAWP POGRESS REPORT (January-December 2003)

Objective 1: Establishing on the ground partnerships

Brief Description of Significant Activities

1. Establishment of a sixth Country Water Partnership in Mali

WAWP has worked to promote the establishment of CWP in the West African region. After Benin, Burkina, Ghana, Nigeria and Senegal in 2001 and 2002, a sixth CWP was established in Mali on April 18, 2003. A General Assembly convened in Bamako set up the Mali Country Water Partnership to gather main stakeholders at national level around the promotion of IWRM. The Malian Minister of Mines Energy and hydraulics, Mr. Hamed Diane Semega, said how important the role of the CWP will be in tackling the harsh issue of water scarcity.

2. CWP meeting held in October 2003 in Ouagadougou and presentation and discussion of Canadian Initiative for Africa

WAWP organised a meeting in Ouagadougou on October 26-27 with all CWP in the region. During this meeting the following points were discussed :

- GWP Strategy 2004-2008,
- Outlines of CWP activity programme 2004,
- Strategy to implement for CWP fundraising,
- Operational CWP Secretariats.
- Support strategy for the elaboration and/or implementation of National IWRM plans (Canadian initiative)

Highlight the outcomes of the Activities

1. The establishment of a CWP (like in Mali) provides the country with a plate form for water stakeholders to dialogue around the issues and push forward IWRM as a way out.
2. The CWP meeting enabled CWP representatives to have a good understanding of GWP philosophy and procedures. The meeting gave participants the opportunity to discuss the Canadian Initiative for Africa which is to be implemented through GWP and to start discussion on the MOU between GWP and Mali and between GWP and Senegal. These MOU were later on signed respectively with the Ministers in Charge of Water Resources of these countries.

Next Steps for the activities

1. Since the Mali CWP has gone through all the process of official recognition, it is now mainly involved in the implementation of the Canadian Initiative for the elaboration of Mali national IWRM Plan and is looking for enlarging its national base to many more stakeholders. The same process is ongoing for Senegal CWP as regards the Canadian Initiative. In collaboration with GWP secretariat, everything possible will be done to seek funds in order to support other countries in the elaboration of their National IWRM Plans
2. The next steps for these activities is the implementation of the GWP new strategy 2004-2008 at regional and country levels taking into consideration the procedures of GWP

Current Problems and Remedial Actions

1. Being a new organ with no financial means the CWP-Mali as well as others in the sub region is much limited in its activities. It needs to recruit a permanent secretary to follow up the activities. To help, WAWP intends to provide technical support and work together with CWP to raise funds for the implementation of their respective activities.
2. Activities on the ground should be undertaken at national/area level. Therefore there is a need of necessary means to develop existing CWPs and create new ones, to make our regional network very active.

Objective 2: Building of Strategic Alliances for Action

Brief description of Significant Activities

1. Collaboration Contacts established with the Secretariats of NEPAD and AMCOW

A collaboration request was sent by the WAWP Chairman to the Executive Secretariat of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and another one to the Interim Secretariat of the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) in Abuja. The two secretariats replied back with good appreciation of WAWP activities. While AMCOW is giving itself time to go deep in the matter, NEPAD is inviting to contact ECOWAS since WAWP's activities are mainly West Africa centred.

2. Technical and Financial support and participation to the organisation of WAC/IWRM+5 and AMCOW meetings

The West African Conference on IWRM Plans (WAC/IWRM+5) was organised in Ouagadougou from 29th to 31st October 2003 by ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States) Water Resources Coordination Unit (WRCU) established in Ouagadougou. GWP/WAWP collaborated with WRCU for the organisation of this meeting by supporting them technically and financially. About 160 participants attended the meeting (Representative of government, of Basin Organisations, bilateral and multilateral cooperation agencies, International and regional organisations, NGOs...)

Highlight the Outcomes of the Activities

1. These two important institutions for achieving the development goals of the continent are aware of WAWP's activities which will help draw a wide range of activities that fit their goals as well for future collaboration.
2. The WAC/IWRM+5 was the occasion to have the status of IWRM in countries and to reinforce the collaboration with ECOWAS/WRCU and this will help GWP/WAWP push forward the MOU under consideration with ECOWAS.

Next Steps for the Activity

1. The most important thing is to keep the contacts and explore all possible ways to collaborate. It helps push forward with the MOU under consideration with ECOWAS. The WAC/IWRM+5 has been a good opportunity to lobby and strengthen ties with all regional and continent institutions.
2. Collaboration with WRCU will continue to be strengthened as far as WRCU was established on the recommendations of governments to follow the regional action plan elaborated by the Ministerial Conference. Together with this institution, IWRM will be well promoted in the sub-region.

Current Problems and Remedial Actions

The regional networking on water and climate that should involve a number of partners (IUCN-BRAO, CILSS, ECOWAS, National Focal points of the UNFCCC et.) is a key tool for collaboration.

The concept proposal entitled "Copying with climate change in West Africa" proposed by GWP/West Africa taking profit of the outputs of the regional dialogue still has no funding. Actions should be taken to get the necessary means for the implementation of this proposal in collaboration with Henk Van Schaik, the General Director of the Dialogue on Water and Climate.

Objective 3: Promoting Good Practices in IWRM

Brief Description of Significant Activities

1. Knowledge of IWRM good practices and support to special issues. GWP/WAWP was involved in a training session organised by CEFOC (Centre de Formation Continue) during which the Toolbox was presented and discussions were made on case studies. Discussions are ongoing on the strategy to be used for implementing the Dialogue on the ground water management.
2. The WAC/IWRM+5 was also the occasion to present and to give the maximum of information on GWP IWRM Toolbox. During this meeting a Presentation on the status of IWRM in West Africa was made by WAWP.

Highlight the Outcomes of the Activities

1. Many people do not still understand the Toolbox well and the opportunity was right at the point. Ideas of case studies were identified and could be dealt with by some participants who have well understood the utility of the toolbox.
2. The WAC/IWRM+5 permitted to identify countries which will share their experience by elaborating case studies for GWP Toolbox. Those countries are Nigeria, Burkina and Ghana.

Next Steps for the Activity

1. To have many West African cases in the Toolbox it is better to make a follow up on some of the participants with whom discussions can be made on their ideas.
2. Contact with people who will elaborate the case study of Nigeria, Burkina and Ghana related to IWRM issues in these countries.

Current Problems and Remedial Actions

Few people in the region are really willing to develop case studies and share their experiences. The reaction time, if any, is too slow and the communication systems in our countries do not help too. GWP-WAWP is intensifying discussions with targeted people for the development of case studies. And the work already done by WRCU for WAC/IWRM+5 is all benefit for WAWP for the identification of resource persons who will elaborate the case studies following GWP/Toolbox format

Objective 4: Developing and Promoting Regional Actions

Brief Description of Significant Activities

1. WAWP team building Workshop and Steering Comity meeting : A Team building workshop for WAWP Technical Committee, Steering Committee members and CWP Chairpersons was organized in Cotonou (Benin) on May 4-5, 2003. The theme was : «In the context of GWP Mission and Objectives whose Strategy for 2004-2008 is being defined, what must be the West African Water Partnership great orientations; what is the role of the Steering Committee members and how should my Institution contribute to this?»
2. Elaboration of the WAWP Programme of activity 2004-2008 and the detailed 2004 following the GWP new strategy

The WAWP Programme of Action 2004-2008 was developed following a participative process which permitted to take into consideration the action plans of all CWP. After the meeting of the Steering Committee in May 2003, the discussions continued by e-mail. During CWP meeting in October the format and the logical frame of the work plan were presented.

Normally a Steering committee meeting should be held end of the year to adopt the Programme. But due to the lack of money only 3 members living in Ouagadougou were invited to finalise the document in collaboration with the Secretariat.

The Final Draft is ready and will be submitted to the Steering Committee in March 2004.

Highlight the Outcomes of the Activities

1. Twelve priority themes were drawn up after the brainstorming exercise of the workshop and served as guidelines for the regional action plan. Among the outcomes of this workshop are the elaboration of a document as the contribution of the West African region to the GWP Strategy 2004-2008 and the formulation of the terms of references for the recruitment of the Executive Secretary.
2. The participatory approach in the elaboration process of the Programme of Action helped in the finalisation of the document taking into account the recommendations of the Steering Committee meeting and proposals from CWPs

Next Steps for the Activities

The regional action plan for 2004 has been developed and a new Executive Secretary is to be recruited to lead the WAWP Secretariat.

Mobilisation of financial resources at national and regional levels and implementation of the regional detailed Programme 2004.

Current Problems and Remedial Actions

- 1- All the activities programmed by the region and the countries could not be implemented due to the relatively small amount of the core budget given to the region. As planned before a fundraising strategy is being developed for the mobilisation of financial resources at regional level. For that, we need help from global level for the development of this strategy. Another problem is the bilingual state of our region with very expensive translation of documents. Since we are building a partnership, this constraint must be taken into account in elaborating documents.
- 2- For 2004 the money allotted to WAWP is related to the core budget and to the implementation of Canadian Initiative. This means that for the activities, GWP West Africa has to develop a good fund raising strategy for the mobilisation of enough financial resources.

Outputs	Indicators, end 2003	Actual achievements, end 2003
1.1 On the ground partnerships established (WA output 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ At least one CWP established ➤ A meeting involving the six existing CWP(Benin, Burkina, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria and Senegal) organised ➤ MOU signed in the framework of the Canadian Initiative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Six CWPs (Benin, Burkina, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria and Senegal) were established at the date ➤ The meeting held and there is a better understanding of GWP philosophy and procedures : Strategy 2004-2008, Outlines of CWPs activity programme 2004, Support strategy for the elaboration and/or implementation of National IWRM plans, Strategy to implement for CWPs fundraising, Operational CWP Secretariats. ➤ MOU between GWP/Mali and GWP/Senegal for the implementation of the Canadian Initiative elaborated and signed by the Ministers in charge of Water resources of each country and GWP Executive secretary.
1.2 Mobilizing political will and raising awareness on IWRM (WA output 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Status report on IWRM in WA available and sent to GWP secretariat ➤ Available information disseminated with Running Water on the Web site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Identification of consultants who were recruited and funded by GWP Secretariat to elaborate a status report on IWRM in each of the West African countries. The report was finalised and submitted to GWP for the conference on “water for the poorest” to be held in Norway ➤ New appointed members of the editorial board of Running Water met on April 12, 2003 ➤ Issues 6 to 10 of Running Water (the newsletter) were published and disseminated to partners ➤ The last issues available on the GWP web site ➤ GWP/WAWP 2002 activity report edited ➤ An exhibition stand was taken during the AMCOW meeting in October ➤ An information leaflet on GWP/WAWP published and disseminated ➤ Press releases were published in many countries on the occasion of the World Water Day ➤ Some stakeholders were sent to the 3rd Water Forum
2.1 Alliances with key international and regional organisations (WA output 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Initial contacts established with NEPAD and AMCOW ➤ WASH-STREAMS launched in WA in collaboration with CREPA and STREAMS ➤ ANBO Action Plan finalised ➤ Report of the WAC/IWRM conference available 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Contacts for collaboration were established with NEPAD and AMCOW ➤ Participation with CREPA (member of Streams of Knowledge) and other organisations such as WATERAID or EAU VIVE to the launching of the WASH-STREAMS Campaign during the AMCOW meeting and the exhibition ➤ A meeting to finalise the Action Plan of ANBO (African Network of Basin Organisations) was held in Dakar on October 16-17, 2003. ➤ Active participation as member of the Organising Committee of the Conference on West African action Plans (WAC-IWRM+5).

<p>2.2 Building and supporting alliances (WA output 6 &7)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The West Africa Regional adaptation Strategy document for climate change and Climate Variability available ➤ Action Plan Available ➤ Report on AMCOW meeting available ➤ The proposal on water governance on Volta river Basin available ➤ A government initiative supported 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ In collaboration with IUCN and CILSS Three meetings of stakeholders were organised (in Ouagadougou, Bamako and then in Niamey) on Water, climate change and climate variability to finalise the regional adaptation strategy ➤ The West African Network for capacity building on IWRM (WANet) nodes coordinators met in Accra to discuss the management of the network and the implementation of activities with the support of CAP Net in WA ➤ Collaboration and support to ECOWAS Water Resources Coordination Unit for the organisation of WAC-IWRM+5 ➤ Support to AMCOW for the organisation of the Ministerial Conference on Water held in Ouagadougou, October 30-31, 2003. ➤ GWP/WAWP communicator invited by ADB to the Pan-African Partnership and implementation Conference on Water in Addis Ababa on December 8-13, 2003 ➤ A meeting was held in Tamale, Ghana, on Effective water Governance on the Volta River with actors of Ghana and Burkina in Collaboration with IUCN. The dialogue project was finalised. ➤ Senegal government requested WAWP to support a team of its experts for an experience exchange with the Programme-GIRE- Burkina on the elaboration and implementation process of National IWRM Action plans
<p>3.1 Knowledge of IWRM good practices generated and disseminated (WA output 5)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Toolbox was well introduced and explained to workshop participants <p>Information on Toolbox disseminated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presentation on IWRM made during conferences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ GWP/WAWP was involved in a training session on IWRM organised by CEFOC during which the Toolbox was presented and discussions were made on case studies. ➤ Dissemination of Information on IWRM ➤ Presentation of GWP Toolbox at the following events : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Conference on regional action plans on IWRM in Ouagadougou - Team Building Workshop held in Bamako for the members of Mali CWP ➤ Presentation of the draft TEC paper on IWRM at the WAC/IWRM+5

<p>4.1 Regional FFA's completed and tangible actions prioritised (WA output 8)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The West African Water vision edited document available ➤ A Team building workshop organised 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The West African Water vision document and the FFA were edited and disseminated ➤ A Team Building Workshop was organised for WAWP Steering Committee, Technical Committee and CWP Chairs which theme was: «In the context of GWP Mission and Objectives whose Strategy for 2004-2008 is being defined, what must be the West African Water Partnership great orientations; what is the role of the Steering Committee members and how should my Institution contribute to this?»
<p>4.2 Special Studies identified and supported (WA output 9)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Consultants ToR are under discussion ➤ Water and Gender issue is being discussed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Terms of Reference for the elaboration of communications and launching the dialogue on ground water management project have been finalised ➤ Discussions were continuing on the strategy for the consultation on Gender and Water issues in West Africa. It is expected that a meeting of West African actors on gender issues be held before the end of the year on this matter.
<p>Network management and governance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Meeting of Steering Committee members ➤ Recruitment process of Executive Secretary Applications received, selection committee set-up ➤ GWP and auditors Meeting reports available ➤ Draft agreement available ➤ Kribi Meeting report available ➤ Annual and quarterly reports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ WAWP Steering Committee members met in Cotonou on May 6, 2003. The meeting was enlarged to the six (6) CWPs chairpersons. ➤ WAWP technical Committee met in Cotonou on May 3, 2003 to prepare the Team Building workshop ➤ Terms of Reference for the recruitment of the Executive Secretary were finalised and advertised ➤ The process of recruitment of the WAWP Executive Secretary is continuing. The first selection has been made and the final one is scheduled for January 2004 ➤ Visit of GWP administration and auditor to GWP West Africa 5-6-7 November 2003. Objective of the visit : Coordination with GWP West Africa on matter of budget, accounting, reporting and audit ➤ Meeting with GWP West Africa auditors (NIZA Firm) ➤ Elaboration of a draft agreement between CREPA and the host institutions of CWPs. ➤ Management of the budget of GWP for the support to WAC-IWRM+5 conference held in Ouagadougou end October 2003 ➤ Active Participation in the Meeting for the elaboration of the action plan of GWP Central Africa TAC held in Kribi, Cameroon on 11-14 November 2003. ➤ Elaboration of financial and progress reports for GWP West Africa

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