



Training on Water Governance and International Water Law (IWL) for improved transboundary water investment in Africa

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Introduction

Transboundary water resources constitute nearly 80% of Africa's freshwater resources. Therefore, cooperation over management of shared resources is critical for sustainable development in Africa. Meanwhile, climate change, population growth and rising demand for water further exacerbate the highly variable climatic conditions found in most parts of the continent. In this context, increased regional cooperation and joint planning, development and management of water investments and infrastructure are essential to meeting SDG targets for agricultural and industrial development, food security, energy security, climate resilience, health, and other sectors. Stronger transboundary water cooperation, as measured under SDG Indicator 6.5.2, helps contribute to meeting these SDG targets. Therefore, facilitating investment in transboundary water, with evidence based, informed and strategic selection and implementation of water infrastructure projects, will be a critical factor not only for sustainable water resources management, but the above-mentioned targets, as well.

The Global Water Partnership (GWP) has been conducting Pan-Africa Water Governance and

International Water Law trainings since 2015. Building on the success of these trainings, and growing demand for knowledge and skills relevant to the preparation and financing of transboundary water projects, GWP will host, with partners, the **Pan-Africa Capacity Building Workshop on International Water Law and Water Governance: for improved practices in transboundary water investments in Africa, in Entebbe, Uganda 11-14 November 2019**. The training builds onto GWP's past training workshops and is aligned with the emerging needs of Africa to facilitate transboundary water investments and better recognize the role of groundwater in integrated water resources management.

Workshop Topics

Primary topics to be covered in 2019 training include:

- Key principles of international water law
- Transboundary water investment and international water law
- Science and law related to transboundary groundwater
- Relevance of global water convention to transboundary water investment in Africa
- Regional, basin level international water law and linkages to national legislations,

in the context of transboundary water investment.

- Negotiation skills related to transboundary water projects

In order to ensure effective learning experiences, the training will have 4 key components: 1) a pre-requisite online training, allowing participants to familiarize themselves with key concepts of international water law; 2) lectures on key principles, theory and overview of the topics; 3) case study presentations by participants from their projects/experiences, sharing of common barriers and inter-sectoral challenges they face; and 4) group exercises to deepen understandings from the training.

Participants who successfully complete the training, will receive a **Certificate of Attendance** ratified by the course organizers.

Target Group

The regional training is aimed at strengthening capacities of institutions of countries and basin organisations in Africa in addressing issues related to transboundary water resources management through enhancing knowledge and skills necessary for promoting cooperation among countries.

The primary target audience for this training is transboundary water practitioners from African countries. In particular, personnel from RBOs, line ministries and respective regional organizations and economic commissions that have roles in implementing transboundary investment projects are encouraged to participate.

The training will also consider a limited number of GWP Partners in Africa who are in position to contribute with specialised knowledge and experience on water governance in international watercourses.

Requirements

- Interested applicants for the IWL training are required to have a university degree in Hydrology, Environmental Science, Earth Sciences, Law, Agriculture, International Relations or a related field.
- The training will be conducted in both English and French with simultaneous translation. Thus, participants are

required to be proficient in either English or French.

- Applicants are expected to share relevant case studies and examples from their work. Successful applicants will have an opportunity to further develop case studies after the workshop for potential inclusion in the GWP Toolbox.
- Participants are expected to perform some preparation work before the training, including the completion of an [online training on international water law](#), developed by the University of Geneva, Geneva Water Hub.

Funding

The training is planned for 40 participants. Some funding support is available for applicants working and based in an African countries.

Self-sponsored participants are expected to cover their accommodation and travel costs. Self-sponsored participants may approach other development partners or projects for possible support.

Application Instructions

Submit your application form, as well as all required documents (listed below), to the [Workshop Application Portal](#).

- Completed application form
- Letter of motivation (description of past and current work and suitability for the program – 1 page maximum)
- A full CV and the contact information of two referees
- Optional: A letter of recommendation from your place of work, an organizing partner of the training, basin organizations, or a key African institutions such AU, NEPAD, IGAD, SADC, EAC, ECOWAS, ANBO.

Applications will be accepted from **8 August – 6 September 2019**. **Incomplete applications will not be considered for evaluation**. Successful candidates will be notified by the end of September 2019.

If you have any questions or technical difficulties, please email: Kathia.havens@gwp.org