



Pan-Asia Capacity Development Training Workshop on Water Governance: International Water Law and Multi-Stakeholder Processes

13-15 December 2018, Yunnan University, Kunming, China

Introduction

Across Asia, there has been recognition that regional cooperation in the management and development of water is needed to support economic and social development, as well as regional political stability and peace. As water scarcity intensifies, so does the reliance of countries on *transboundary* water resources which increase interdependencies between or among riparian states.

Geographically, transboundary water resource management in Asia can be grouped according to 3 sub-regions: South Asia, Central Asia and Southeast Asia, with China located in the centre of all the regions. Sharing 110 international rivers and lakes, and being home to most of Asia's great rivers that flow into 18 downstream countries, China is considered the water tower of the region.

Effective and coordinated management of transboundary water resources and effective cooperation across borders are among the major challenges that organizations, national governments, and regional bodies face. It is therefore essential to provide tools that will enable transboundary water resources to be managed efficiently, sustainably and equitably. This entails an understanding of the shared benefits resulting from sound water management and the establishment of collaborative governance mechanisms between and among concerned countries; as well as an enhanced understanding of different modalities of multi-stakeholder engagement in management of transboundary waters.

At the regional level, it is also beneficial to facilitate cooperation through south-south/peer-to-peer learning and exchange of experiences among transboundary water practitioners. Doing so not only promotes shared knowledge and improved capacity, but also promotes long-term cooperation.

As a neutral multi-stakeholder platform, Global Water Partnership (GWP) facilitates capacity development and collaboration to build synergies among various stakeholders on integrated approaches to better water resources management. As part of its capacity development program, GWP globally has implemented several regional trainings on water governance, international water law, and multi-stakeholder processes.

With the aim to facilitate good water governance, and promote cooperation among actors engaged in transboundary water management in Asia, the Global Water Partnership, along with the *Institute of International Rivers and Eco-Security* and the *Asia International Rivers Center* at Yunnan University, and the Network of Asia River Basin Organizations (NARBO), will host the **Pan-Asia Capacity Development Training Workshop on Water Governance: International Water Law and Multi-Stakeholder Processes** in Kunming, China **13-15 December 2018**.

Target group

This regional training program aims to facilitate good water governance through strengthening technical and institutional

capacities of agencies and individuals that have the potential to influence and advise decision-makers on negotiation, adoption and implementation of legal frameworks for water management, multi-track water diplomacy/stakeholder engagement, and implementation of SDGs.

The primary candidates for this training are: key personnel from ministries of water, environment and foreign affairs, water regulatory and management authorities, legislation agencies, who have management responsibilities over transboundary waters or implementation of relevant SDGs (SDG 6.5 and SDG 17); staff from Regional Economic Commissions and River Basin Organisations with a mandate to work on transboundary waters; as well as civil society actors who have direct input to the governance of transboundary waters; and members of academic and research institutions that have mandate to replicate similar trainings to enhance capacity of transboundary water practitioners in Asia.

Requirements

- Interested applicants for the training are required to have a university degree in Hydrology, Environmental Science, Earth Sciences, Law, Agriculture, International Relations or a related field.
- The trainings and materials will be in English. Thus, participants are required to be proficient in English.
- 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 (i.e. complete an online training or review reading materials).

Funding

Limited funding will be available for financial assistance. Financial assistance is available to applicants in need who are working and based in the region. 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. *You may indicate your need for financial assistance on the application.*

Applications (instructions)

Please submit the following documents to apply for the training:

- Application form (available to download from GWP's homepage www.gwp.org)
- A full CV and the contact information of two references
- A letter of motivation (description of past and current work as well as your suitability for the program)
- One letter of recommendation from your supervisor or place of work
- Copy of Passport
- Passport photo (digital copy, to size)

Please email the documents in Word or PDF to Mrs. Kathia Havens at kathia.havens@gwp.org, from whom further information on the training programme can be obtained. Applications will be accepted from **October 8 to 26, 2018. Incomplete applications will not be considered for evaluation.** Successful candidates will be notified by early November 2018. Participants who successfully complete the training will receive a Certificate of Attendance ratified by the course organisers.