

# About GWP

## What you need to know



### Who

GWP's diverse network of 3,000-plus institutional partners gives it convening power and deep technical expertise to improve the way communities and countries manage water.

When managed well, water is an enabler of sustainable growth, and a solution to many of the challenges of the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#) – from achieving food and energy security to alleviating poverty, creating equitable societies, reducing disaster risk, and combating climate change. Ultimately, good water management is about **good governance**: policies, laws, financing, and institutions that are transparent, inclusive, and integrated across sectors. That's why GWP supports the application of an integrated approach to water resources management ([IWRM](#)).

In addition, Agenda 2030 calls for the renewal of a global partnership for sustainable development. GWP's local-national-regional-global network works with stakeholders – government, civil society, and business – who have the power to solve water problems. GWP's **multi-stakeholder partnership** provides the knowledge, capacity, and flexibility to respond so that political will brings about water security.

### What

Our mission is to advance governance and management of water resources for sustainable and equitable development.

### Where

Our Partners are in 180+ countries. We have Country Water Partnerships in 60. And we have 13 Regional Water Partnerships spanning the developing world and emerging economies.

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### GWP Value Added

#### For governments

- Helping countries formulate the water dimension of their NDCs, NAPs, Climate Change strategies, etc., and connecting their development agenda with global processes
- Facilitate their access to climate finance through the preparation of bankable projects

#### For the private sector

- Helping companies engage “beyond the factory fence” and have a voice in water-related decision making
- Helping sustain value chains and ‘license to operate’ through connecting water stewardship efforts to IWRM planning and implementation, and strengthening the enabling environment

#### For development finance

- Helping mandated institutions (governments, river basin organizations, etc.) to prepare projects for investments
- Strengthening the enabling environment and governance framework for investments
- Facilitating access to bankable projects that address water security and enhance the resilience of fragile, water stressed communities

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## Why

“Water crises” are among the top global risks in the World Economic Forum’s [Global Risks Report](#). In response, GWP supports countries to ensure that every person has clean water to lead healthy lives, to protect communities from water-related threats, and to harness the productive power of water for sustainable growth while protecting vital ecosystems.

## How

### Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The SDG on water (SDG 6) – “ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all” – includes a specific target (6.5.1) on IWRM. GWP championed IWRM for 20 years, culminating in its inclusion on the 2030 Agenda. [GWP’s SDG programme](#) is helping countries monitor SDG 6.5.1 and design implementation plans for water-related SDGs. GWP is partnering with UN Environment and UNDP Cap-Net to develop the programme, providing global and country-level support to accelerate action on SDG 6.

### Climate resilience

Ninety per cent of natural hazards and disasters are water related. And “water” is the most-cited priority sector in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the 2015 Paris climate agreement.

GWP supports 50+ countries and institutions to integrate water security and climate resilience in development frameworks, helping them to deliver on their NDCs, National Adaptation Plan (NAPs), and to prepare bankable projects for climate finance. GWP is strengthening climate resilience through Flood and Drought Management programmes with the World Meteorological Organization and GWP’s partnership with UNICEF on climate resilient WASH.

Through our SDG and climate programmes, GWP integrates water security actions in **urban water, transboundary cooperation, and the nexus of food, energy, and ecosystems**. In addition, GWP mainstreams two cross-cutting issues in all our programs: **gender equity and youth engagement**.

## Impact

Since 2014, GWP has influenced more than **170 water governance outcomes**. Those plans, strategies, and initiatives have influenced water-related **investments of more than € 1.2 billion**.

As a result, approximately **60 million people benefited** from improved water management in 2014-2017. [Examples of investments](#) include:

- More than 20 million EUR in climate financing leveraged in Africa, potentially benefiting 74 million people
- 51 million USD for water investments in Zambia
- 6.5 million EUR for water management in Mali
- 56 million USD for an IWRM Plan in Botswana
- 2 million EUR for water sector reform in The Gambia

## Strategic approach

The GWP Network has set itself three overarching [strategic goals](#):

### 1. Catalyse change in policies and practice

*Advancing effective governance, based on comprehensive and mutually supportive policies, institutions, partnerships, processes, and information-sharing.*

### 2. Generate and communicate knowledge

*Developing the capacity to share and use knowledge and fostering a dynamic communications culture.*

### 3. Strengthen partnerships

*Enhancing the viability and effectiveness of GWP’s Network by strengthening partnerships and Partner organisations to catalyse change, enhance learning, and improve financial sustainability.*