



GWP STRATEGY 2026-2030

Transforming Climate-Resilient Water
Investments for a Water Secure World

An urgent call for bold investment

With the end date of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) less than five years away, the world remains far from achieving the water secure future envisioned by SDG 6. **It will take urgent, audacious action: closing an annual investment gap of over USD140 billion.** Water is central to economic development, health, food, energy, and climate resilience. This moment presents an opportunity to mobilise investments and innovative solutions that can accelerate progress and bring us closer to a future safeguarded by sustainable water resources.

Global Transformation Agenda on Water Investments

In 2025, the intergovernmental Global Water Partnership Organisation (GWPO) and its Network embarked on a Global Transformation Agenda on Water Investments. The outline for that bold new chapter is the GWP Strategy 2026–2030, signalling the start of an era of digitally connected, citizen-empowered, and climate-resilient water governance – and **five years of action towards a water secure world.**

GWP's approach to transforming climate-resilient water investment

GWP'S VISION is a water secure world.

GWP'S MISSION is to support countries in the financing, governance, and management of water resources for sustainable, climate-resilient, and equitable development.

Strategic goals and targets

GWP's Strategy 2026–2030 focuses on three critical, interdependent Strategic Goals – each playing a vital role in enhancing water availability for social and environmental needs, strengthening water security across economic sectors, and accelerating inclusive economic growth and sustainable development.

FINANCE AND INVESTMENTS

Increased volume, quality and efficiency of financing to achieve **climate resilient** water security

GOVERNANCE

Improved national water governance and **transboundary cooperation** in the water and water-related sectors

KNOWLEDGE, CAPACITY, DATA, AND DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION

Strengthened institutions & systems. Enhanced capacity of professionals. Increased data, knowledge sharing, innovation & application

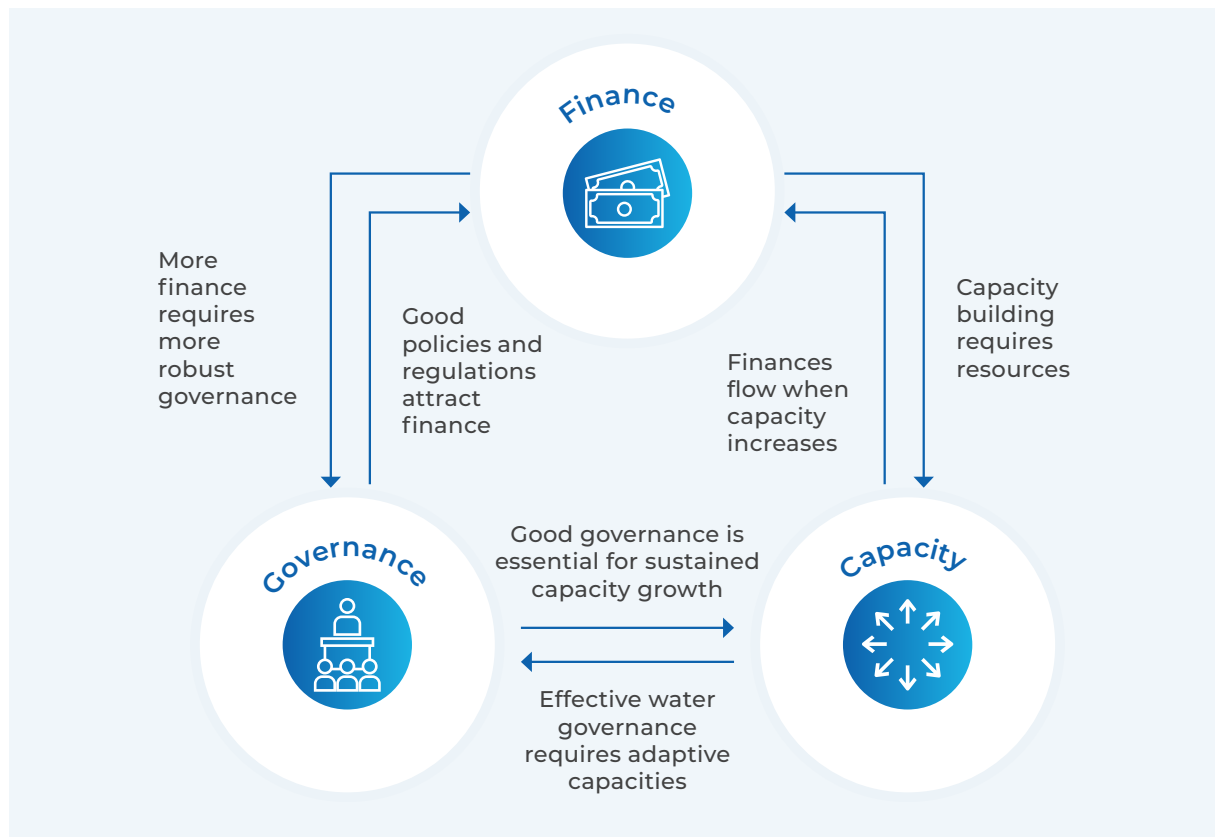
By 2030:

Influence **USD15 billion** and mobilise **USD500 million**, with at least **30 countries** supported to access finance from new sources.

Influence **150 water governance improvements and outcomes**.

Support at least **60 countries** with improved data to manage water and inform investment decisions and train at least **500 professionals** (50 percent men, 50 percent women).

GWP's added value is greatest at the intersections between its three Strategic Goals.



Strategic Interventions

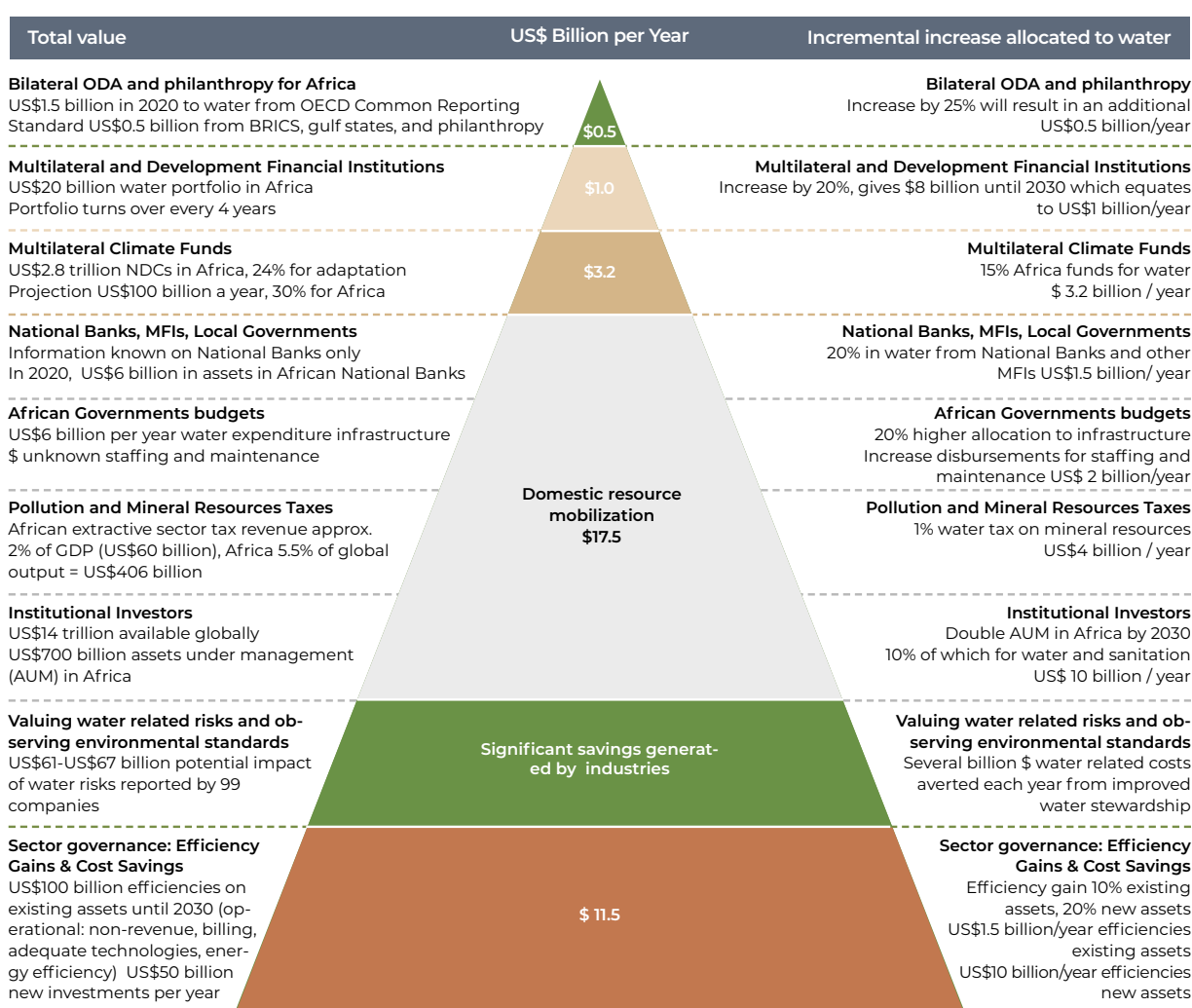
GWP will catalyse synergistic, scalable, and lasting impact through targeted interventions designed and implemented in partnerships, harnessing digital innovation, water technologies, and AI systems, and co-implementing water investments with the private sector.



Opportunities for closing the global water investment gap

In scaling up its support globally to unlock climate resilient water investments, GWP will build on the successes and lessons of the Continental Africa Water Investment Programme. In particular, the African Union's **Pyramid of Water Investment Transformation** which emerged at the UN 2023 Water Conference will provide a strategic framework to inform GWP's support to closing the continental water investment gaps in Asia and the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe.

African Union High Level Panel Pyramid of Water Investment Transformation with finance sources for at least USD 30 billion/year by 2030



Turning Vision into reality

As we enter these five crucial years leading to 2030, we are also scaling up our global engagement and partnerships, and further **leveraging GWPO's potential as an intergovernmental organisation**. We will sharpen our leadership position as the global impact mobiliser of the water sector and contribute to global processes to design the post-2030 agenda.

In 2025, GWPO opened its intergovernmental Memorandum of Understanding for signature by new states and governments – for the first time in over 20 years. This marks a historic opportunity for more countries to shape the future of global policy toward a water secure world.

Global Outlook Council on Water Investments – Mobilise G20 and global leadership

In August 2025, GWP supported the first-ever African Union AIP Water Investment Summit, convened under the G20 Presidency of South Africa. At the Summit, H.E. Cyril Ramaphosa, President of South Africa and G20 President, launched the Global Outlook Council on Water Investments and the Global Water Investment Platform as the **world's premier political and investment mechanism on water**. GWP will advance this G20 Presidential Legacy Initiative by supporting the alignment between the efforts of the G20, UN, multilateral development banks, and the private sector — positioning water as a global investment priority.

Programmatic vehicles

✓ Global Water Investment Platform (GIP)

Inaugurated under South Africa's G20 Presidency, the Global Water Investment Platform was launched as part of the Global Outlook Council on Water Investments. Leveraging its experience in the development and implementation of the Africa Water Investment Programme (AIP), GWP will work closely with the Council to mobilise global and regional partners and establish similar investment programmes in Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Europe, while retaining the AIP as its African pillar.

✓ The Associated Programme on Flood Management and Integrated Drought Management Programme

GWP and WMO will continue operating their joint HelpDesks. They will offer tailored guidance on flood and drought management to governments, organisations, and individuals, including support for project development and developing solutions like end-to-end early warning systems and establishing resilient frameworks for sustained climate action.

✓ Global Water and Climate Investment Support Programme

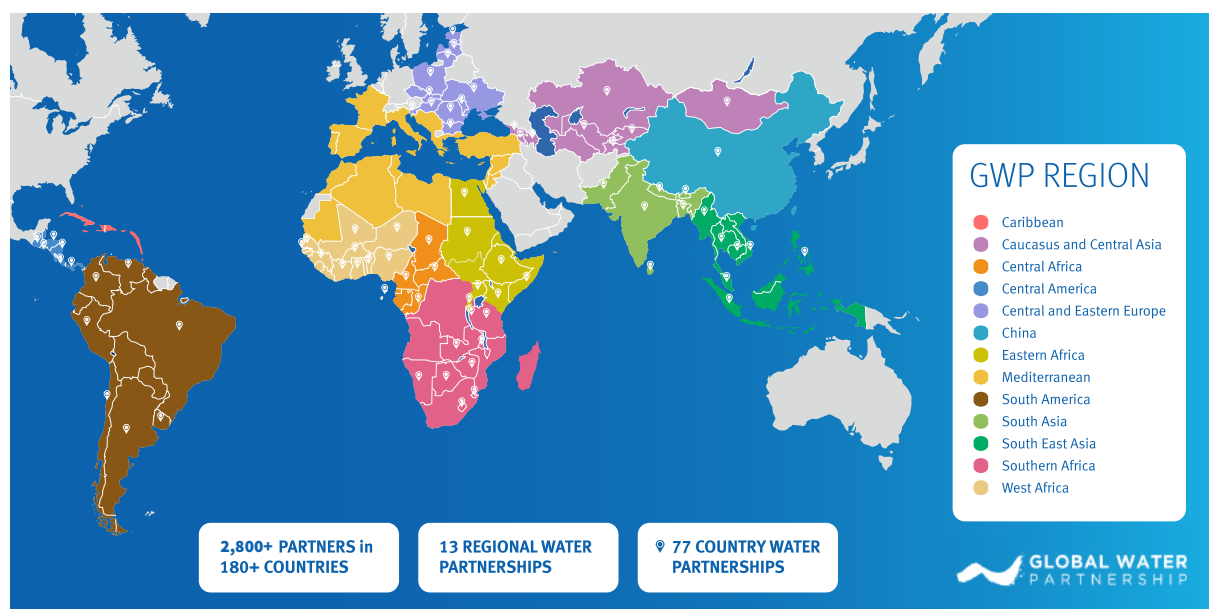
GWP will strengthen its collaboration with UNEP-DHI Centre, Cap-Net, and other partners to scale up water and climate investments. Through this programme, which is aligned with the Global Water Investment Platform, GWP will assist governments in designing and implementing country-led responses to water management challenges and will offer comprehensive support, including SDG monitoring and reporting, investment planning, and access to implementation support.

✓ Water Knowledge Hub

As a global knowledge platform, the Water Knowledge Hub will continue offering knowledge and training materials and hosting communities of practice to strengthen water management capacity and decision-making. By integrating knowledge with action, the Water Knowledge Hub will empower stakeholders to enhance climate resilience, improve governance, and drive sustainable water investments.

The GWP Network:




The Regional and Country Water Partnerships will continue to play key roles in facilitating cross-border knowledge sharing and stakeholder engagement to address water-related challenges. With an inclusive approach, they will bring together diverse stakeholders to develop locally tailored solutions informed by regional and global best practices.





Building on three decades of global impact

GWP was founded in 1996 with the support of the World Bank, United Nations Development Programme, and Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency. In 2002, **GWPO was established as an IGO with a mandate to support and work with the GWP Network of partners, in fulfilment of its vision for a water secure world** and to promote sustainable development and management of water resources at all levels. For over two decades, GWPO and its global GWP Network have been at the forefront of promoting adoption of integrated water resources management. Today, GWP comprises 13 Regional Water Partnerships and 77 accredited Country Water Partnerships.

 <h3>Over EUR2 billion influenced</h3> <p>Since 2014, GWP has directly and indirectly supported investments in water management through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Investment-ready water and climate projects ✓ Improved policies and investment planning to unlock action on the ground ✓ Strengthened institutional capacity to access climate and development finance 	 <h3>200+ governance improvements</h3> <p>Since 2020, GWP has supported 200+ water-related policies, laws, institutions, instruments, and financing mechanisms, resulting in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Stronger cross-sectoral water governance ✓ Improved water-related decision-making and investment planning ✓ Access to climate finance to build resilience through water 	 <h3>90+ Countries supported</h3> <p>Over time, GWP has supported water sector reforms in 90+ countries and 25 transboundary basins, contributing to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ National water policies, laws, and strategies ✓ Investment plans for water security and climate resilience ✓ Regional and transboundary cooperation frameworks
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