

Technical Committee Meeting Brief
11-12 May 2010, Paris, France

The GWP Technical Committee met May 11- 12 in Paris, where it was kindly hosted by INBO and the International Office for Water.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss how to better fulfill the GWP technical function and to monitor progress on priority topics identified by the Committee as critical for its work, and, in particular, implementation of the new strategy.

Below is a brief summary of TEC objectives and progress as discussed during the meeting.

TECHNICAL FUNCTIONS

Objective

- Develop new and better ways of fulfilling the technical functions within the Network

Progress

- Discussion note on knowledge chain prepared (with SEC/COM and SIWI); paper being written (**draft for discussion completed for GWP Regional Days meeting**; final to be presented to SC in November)
- Workshop with Regional Water Partnerships and Knowledge Partners being organized (to take place on September 2, at the GWP Regional Days meeting)

Responsibility

Mohamed supported by Wouter and all TEC members and Secretariat

WATER SECURITY

Objectives

- Rally the global development community behind water security by framing the issues within current economic and development challenges and identifying key areas for action
- Provide input into discussions of how to take the GWP Strategy forward

Progress

- **Policy paper on water security being written (draft to be reviewed by TEC members in mid-July and to be presented at the CP meeting in September).**
- Concept note being developed for High Level Panel on Water–Food Security–Energy–Climate Change Nexus

Responsibility

Mike, Uma, Claudia, Wouter and Mohamed

THE ECONOMICS OF WATER SECURITY

Objectives

- Make a compelling economic case for water security
- Contribute knowledge to encourage more and better water investments and improved water management

Progress

- **Concept note being developed for Scoping Panel on Economic Case for Water Security**
- **Update of TEC Background Paper No.2 in light of water security under consideration**

Responsibility

Dale, Claudia and Uma

FOOD SECURITY

Objectives

- Identify opportunities to promote better water policy to support food security (based on previous work on “triggering” water policy change)
- Document successful examples (TEC will identify external expert to support case study development by RWP/CWP)

Progress

- Concept note under preparation to leverage support for regional workshops in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia (envisioned for 2011)

Responsibility

Uma, Akissa, Tushaar and Mohamed

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

Objectives

- Contribute to a better understanding of the negotiation agenda to help developing countries become actors and not objects of the negotiations
- Help make the case that investments in water security are investments in climate change adaptation
- Develop practical tools and guidelines for water managers and policy makers

Progress

- Working with Sec. Communications Team and Sec Focal Point on CC to formulate key messages (based on previous work) for use by the Network in advocacy (e.g., with the Climate Change Adaptation Fund & COP 16)
- Think piece being developed to more clearly link to Water Security

Responsibility

Claudia, Mike

WATER EQUITY

Objectives

- Provide decision makers with a clear framework for considering the multiple dimensions of equity in water resources development and management

Progress

- Background Paper being prepared (to be completed December 2010)

Responsibility

Humberto supported by Mike, Patricia and Uma

TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION

Objective

- Provide Regional Water Partnerships with tools and knowledge for encouraging genuine transboundary cooperation

Progress

- Background Paper on transboundary cooperation being developed (to be completed December 2010)

Responsibility

Patricia, Claudia and Tushaar

URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT

Objective

- Bring together existing knowledge on integrated urban water management to support the Network

Progress

- Background paper being prepared (to be completed in early 2011)

Responsibility

Akissa and Wouter