

GWP IN ACTION

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KEY RESULTS



51

key governance outcomes influenced by GWP activities



19

new local, regional, and river basin policies, plans, strategies



16

investment plans, strategies, and budget commitments



6

river basin agreements and management frameworks



18

learning exchanges



45

knowledge products produced to address stakeholder needs for better water management



300

million euros worth of investments (approximately) can be linked to GWP's work since 2020



I'm looking forward to serving a global network that has a lot of reputational capital because of the unusual nature of the way it works – ensuring that the voices of water at the local level links to and informs global insights.

Pablo Bereciartua,
GWP Chair



2022 was a very fruitful and symbolic year for all the actors of the water sector in West Africa when, for the first time, we hosted the World Water Forum in our region mobilising nearly 13,000 participants despite the challenges of the Covid-19 health pandemic.

Abdoulaye Sene,
Chair of GWP Regional Chairs



We must take action on water now. Invest more in joint initiatives, new technologies, and nature-based solutions; coordinate more among governments, development agencies, and the private sector; and make data widely available for decision-making.

Darío Soto-Abril,
GWP Executive Secretary
and CEO (2022)



FINANCE



INCOME THROUGH GWPO

€13.6 million

in income provided by 22 Financing Partners through Global Water Partnership Organisation



LOCALLY RAISED INCOME

€7 million

raised by the Regional and Country Water Partnerships – 60% more than in 2021



IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

€2.4 million

reported by the Regional and Country Water Partnerships

Water solutions for the SDGs



GWP assisted governments in Honduras, Nicaragua, and China to monitor the implementation of IWRM, while in Tanzania, Panama, Zambia, and Paraguay, GWP and its partners supported IWRM planning processes, generating commitments from multiple stakeholders to support their implementation. In Argentina, Kazakhstan, and Kenya, GWP, UNEP and UNDP Cap-Net finalised their pilot project on improving the protection of freshwater ecosystems (SDG 6.6.1), promoting the preparation of watershed-scale action plans based on environmental data from satellite-based Earth observations.

Climate resilience through water



Between 2020 and 2022, GWP supported 42 countries to access EUR 23.8 million in international climate finance. With Green Climate Fund (GCF) Readiness financing, GWP supported Somalia, Central African Republic, Eswatini, and Sri Lanka to prepare inclusive resilience-building water investments. In Zambia, a gender-responsive National Adaptation Plan and financing strategy are being developed. The WMO-GWP joint programmes on flood and drought supported more than 10 countries across the world to combat extreme events in 2022. Under the Continental Africa Water Investment Programme (AIP), led by an International High Level Panel, GWP developed national water investment programmes worth USD 6 billion and USD 650 million in Zambia and Zanzibar respectively.

Transboundary water cooperation



In Ecuador and Colombia, GWP provided training to incorporate a gender approach and non-discrimination of women in the management of transboundary water resources, and in the Orange-Senqu River Basin, learning exchanges were organised on integrated catchment management for Lesotho officials. GWP facilitated the coordination of Drin riparian countries in the preparation of a USD 7 million proposal submitted to GEF UNDP, while also supporting the adherence of Cameroon to the 1992 UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes.

Contributing to gender equality



In 2022, GWP launched the second edition of the Gender and Integrated Water Resources Management course, involving training for 211 participants, with an above-average completion rate of 39 percent. Conscious of the need to keep building internal capacity to support country requests for assistance to bring a gender transformative lens to policies and practice, GWP organised a training for GWP staff at global, regional, and country level to look at gender budgeting, with a focus on its applications to water policies.

Mobilising youth for water management



GWP's engagement with youth continued in 2022 through the organisation of new regional chapters of the Water Academy for Youth (W.A.Y.) with the implementation of the programme in South Asia and Southeast Asia. Twenty young professionals were also trained through the eight-month capacity-building programme Youth for Water and Climate Programme, and 200 youths from 16 countries were selected to take part in the Youth Environmental Entrepreneurship programme to address water-related problems in Latin America.

Private sector engagement



The 2020–2025 global GWP Strategy sets the objective for the GWP Network to mobilise private sector engagement. At the global level, efforts continue to strengthen partnerships with the private sector, which materialised in 2022 with the election of the GWP Chair, Pablo Bereciartua, to join the Board of the Alliance for Water Stewardship. In parallel, GWP implemented a number of more localised engagements in partnership with the private sector, including in Eswatini, Uruguay, and in the Caribbean.

PARTNERS

At the end of 2022, the Network had 13 Regional Water Partnerships, 76 Country Water Partnerships, and 3,503 Partners located in 183 countries.

Our vision is for a water secure world.

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