

GWP IN ACTION

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A year of inspiring results



Reflecting on a year of progress



I'm thrilled to join GWP. For me, water has always been key to sustainable development. My goal for GWP is to be more like water: essential, always in motion, and making ripples that grow into waves of change.

Alan AtKisson, Executive Secretary & CEO



In 2023, GWP continued to show its relevance in working towards a water secure world. We assisted 67 countries to evaluate how well they are managing their water resources, through SDG 6.5.1, and we supported a landmark report of the International High-Level Panel on Water Investments for Africa aiming to leverage US\$30 billion annually in water investments.

Pablo Bereciartua, GWP Chair



GWP has continued to support countries to increase water-related climate investments – influencing directly and indirectly an estimated €272 million in 2023, many of which specifically focused on climate. Through this, we are influencing real change on the ground.

Abdoulaye Sene, Chair of GWP Regional Chairs



The 2023 Water Changemaker Awards showcased climate-resilient innovations with potential to scale, paving the way for a water-secure future. It's also exciting to see the expansion of the Communities of Practice hosted on the IWRM Action Hub, connecting water professionals to improve the way water is managed globally.

Jaehyang So, Technical Committee Chair

Finance



INCOME THROUGH GWPO

€12.5 million

in income provided by Financing Partners through Global Water Partnership Organisation



LOCALLY RAISED INCOME

€6.3 million

raised by the Regional and Country Water Partnerships



IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

€2.2 million

reported by the Regional and Country Water Partnerships

Advancing water solutions for the SDGs



In 2023, GWP, together with [UNEP](#), [UNEP-DHI](#), and [Cap-Net](#) – through the [SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme](#) – assisted the governments of 67 countries in facilitating multi-stakeholder consultations to determine the status of SDG indicator 6.5.1 on integrated water resources management (IWRM), involving over 2,700 stakeholders. Based on the results, GWP assisted the governments of North Macedonia, Nicaragua, Botswana, Paraguay, and Tunisia to formulate IWRM action plans. Through the [Global Water Leadership \(GWL\) Programme](#), GWP supported 7 countries to continue developing policies and plans for enhancing national water and climate resilience.

Building climate resilience for water security



Between 2020 and 2023, GWP supported 43 countries to mobilise over EUR35 million in climate finance – including from the [GCF](#), [Adaptation Fund](#), [GEF](#), and the [NDC Partnership](#) – and to utilise this finance catalytically for preparing and implementing transformative water and climate resilience programmes and investments. GWP continues to be central to advancing the Africa Union's [Continental Africa Water Investment Programme \(AIP\)](#). At the [UN 2023 Water Conference](#), the AIP International High-Level Panel on Water Investments for Africa launched its flagship report [Africa's Rising Investment Tide](#), which aims to leverage US\$30 billion annually in water investments in Africa. GWP also provided technical support for climate change strategies and plans in Peru and Paraguay.

Facilitating transboundary water cooperation



In 2023, GWP supported 9 transboundary water management institutions and 6 regional organisations in advancing transboundary cooperation. The governments of Mozambique and Zimbabwe signed the [BUPUSA Water Courses Commission Establishing Agreement](#), a process closely supported by GWP. A new USD7.1 million project, implemented by GWP, was approved by [GEF](#), focusing on [transboundary cooperation in the Drin Basin](#). Also in 2023, the Minister Council of [CCAD](#) validated a set of [Regional Guidelines on the Principles of Cooperation for Transboundary Water Management](#) in the Central American Integration System, a process facilitated by GWP.

Mainstreaming gender equality



With its [Water, Climate, Development – Gender Programme \(WACDEP-G\)](#) across Africa, GWP has increasingly been able to influence the mainstreaming of gender into planning and investment processes. In 2023, thanks to facilitation by GWP in West Africa, gender was incorporated in the [Volta Flood and Drought Management Strategy and the Volta Basin Gender and Flood End-to-End Early Warning System Action Plan](#). GWP is also supporting 13 Southern African Development Community (SADC) Secretariat countries to develop a [Green Climate Fund investment proposal](#) for a SADC Gender-Transformative Water Investment Programme.

Mobilising youth for water management



GWP continued its engagement with young people throughout 2023, recognising their vital role as both beneficiaries and active partners towards a water secure world. GWP continued to host and support the moderation of several [youth Communities of Practice](#) on the IWRM Action Hub. In the Caribbean, GWP held a [three-month training programme](#) as part of its [Water Academy for Youth](#) programme, and in South Asia, GWP launched the [South Asia Youth Water Challenge 2023](#), sponsored by Brandix. The winning team was awarded USD2,500 to implement an innovative rainwater harvesting solution with integrated smart technology, enabling real-time water quality monitoring.

Working with the private sector



Throughout 2023, GWP continued with its global and network-wide efforts to forge win-win partnerships with the private sector. GWP committed to the [Forward Faster Water Resilience initiative](#); launched the [Water Footprint Verification Programme](#) in Uruguay in partnership with the Chamber of Industries and LSQA; supported agricultural and urban communities in Greece and Cyprus through the Zero Drop programme, financed by The Coca-Cola Foundation and Coca-Cola Hellenic Bottling Company; as well as facilitated workshops in Sri Lanka for private sector banks seeking GCF accreditation.

PARTNERS

At the end of 2023, the Network had 13 Regional Water Partnerships, 77 Country Water Partnerships, and 3,561 Partners located in 179 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.