Mobilising for a Water Secure World

Strategy 2020–2025

THE URGENCY
The global water crisis urgently needs more attention and coordinated action. Sound and integrated water resources management is needed more than ever.

OUR STRATEGY 2020–2025:
MOBILISING FOR A WATER SECURE WORLD
As countries and development partners work to address major water challenges, the Global Water Partnership (GWP) will mobilise key players and learn from new experiences in order to create and maintain momentum for coordinated action.

A multi-stakeholder action network, GWP will leverage global policy frameworks and mobilise its 3,000+ partner organisations – both within and beyond the water sector – to bring voices of water to the table and get things done.
Who we are

OUR VISION
A water secure world

OUR MISSION
To advance governance and management of water resources for sustainable and equitable development

HOW WE DRIVE CHANGE
Leveraging global policy frameworks, we will inject motivation, opportunity, and capacity into processes that have the potential to lead to systems changes at all levels.

OUR UNIQUE VALUE PROPOSITION

Our reach
We comprise 3,000+ partner organisations in over 180 countries, influencing change from local to global levels.

Our network
65+ Country Water Partnerships and 13 Regional Water Partnerships convene and broker coordinated action of government and non-government actors.

Our knowledge
We draw on implementation experience at the local level and link it across our Network and to global development agendas.
OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES
We strategically choose to work in areas where global or regional policy frameworks exist and bring leadership focus, progress measurement, development partner action and potential for financing.

Foster coordination on water across the Sustainable Development Goals

Value water for development

Leverage the SDG target 6.5 on integrated water resources management

We ensure water-specific insights are embedded and delivered towards national climate-related commitments, including Nationally Determined Contributions and National Adaptation Plans.

We support countries to access financing for climate adaptation by providing project preparation services such as feasibility studies, stakeholder outreach, and gender sensitisation.

We support the process of moving from initial investment planning by addressing key barriers in water-related infrastructure projects.

We reduce fragmentation and increase effectiveness by supporting coordinated planning and implementation with a range of actors.

We contribute to a better understanding of the value of water across sectors, as well as for societal well-being, future generations, and gender equality.

We support countries to establish national IWRM status assessments and use progress against SDG 6.5 as an entry point to prioritise and formulate responses to broader water challenges.

Advance national adaptation planning

Facilitate access to climate finance

Support integrated resilience planning, including in water infrastructure

We advance transboundary cooperation by supporting investment planning, mobilising finance, strengthening institutions, and developing mechanisms for benefit sharing.

We facilitate peer-to-peer learning on international water governance and law so that practitioners understand and identify solutions to complex transboundary water issues.

We act as neutral conveners, working across sectors and borders as facilitators of regional dialogues to establish trust and identify entry points for cooperation.

ENHANCE TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION

Improve transboundary water governance

Engage in learning on water governance and international water law

Convene through regional dialogues

Provide water solutions to development challenges

CATALYSE CLIMATE-RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT

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OUR MEASURES OF SUCCESS

GWP will contribute to water secure, sustainable, inclusive, and resilient development.

We will significantly advance water-related SDGs in 60 countries and 20 transboundary basins, with a combined population of over 4 billion people.

We will influence €10 billion+ in water-related investments from government and private sources.

300+ water-related policies, laws, institutional arrangements and related management instruments incorporating IWRM principles adopted at regional national, and local levels.

80+ approved investment plans and budget commitments associated with policies, plans, and strategies that integrate water secure development.

30+ countries access climate finance to implement water-informed National Adaptation Plans and integrated flood and drought management policies and measures.

Investments of €1 billion+ directly supported in climate-resilient water management and infrastructure founded on robust, inclusive, and effective water governance systems.

20+ new transboundary arrangements, commitments, and agreements supported through GWP’s role as a neutral convener and facilitator of cross-border dialogue.

20+ transboundary institutions strengthened or established with support from GWP teams, with a mandate to coordinate cross-border water resources management planning and investment.

20+ YOUTH-CENTRIC initiatives that mobilise youth to engage with water management and governance processes and systems and to participate in decision-making.

20+ COUNTRIES IMPLEMENT DEVELOPMENT PLANS, strategies, and formal commitments that aim to contribute to gender inclusion and/or equality through water secure development.

20+ INITIATIVES WITH PRIVATE SECTOR actors to mobilise investment, reduce impacts on water by key industries and promote innovation and entrepreneurship.
AN ACTION NETWORK WITH A GLOBAL PRESENCE

VALUES THAT GUIDE OUR WORK

Inclusiveness  Openness  Transparency  Accountability

Respect  Gender sensitivity  Solidarity

GWP Partners by type

GWP Region | No. of Partners (2019)
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Caribbean | 105
Caucasus and Central Asia | 146
Central Africa | 173
Central America | 216
Central and Eastern Europe | 184
China | 99
Eastern Africa | 303
Mediterranean | 91
South America | 359
South Asia | 404
South East Asia | 247
Southern Africa | 338
West Africa | 235
Global | 290
Total | 3,190

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RESOURCES REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE GWP STRATEGY 2020–2025 TARGETS

(million € projected)

- Core funding
- Earmarked funding (including secondments)
- Designated funding/Programmatic
- Locally raised funding

* Compound annual growth rate