

Memorandum of Understanding

between
the Global Water Partnership Organisation
and
Cap-Net, UNDP

Article 1. The Parties

1. Global Water Partnership (GWP) is an international network created in 1996 to foster the implementation of integrated water resources management (IWRM): the coordinated development and management of water, land, and related resources by maximising economic and social welfare without compromising the sustainability of ecosystems and the environment. It is a non-profit action network focused on facilitating and supporting the sustainable management of water resources at all levels.

The **GWP Organisation (GWPO)**, established as an intergovernmental agency in Sweden, is managed by an Executive Secretary who is answerable to the Steering Committee (SC). The GWPO Secretariat acts as the 'network hub' for GWP. The Secretariat manages GWP's finances and reports on funding received at the global level. It also helps with the exchange of knowledge, resources, and ensures communication and coherence across the Network.

GWP has built up a network of Regional Water Partnerships (RWPs). These bring together various sectors and interest groups to identify and discuss common water problems and to develop action plans based on integrated water resources management. Each RWP, and the Country Water Partnerships, Area Water Partnerships, City Water Partnerships and River Basin Partnerships that may be established in the regions, has its own operational strategy, work programme and administrative structure. The RWPs are attached to host institutions that administer funds and employ staff on their behalf.

2. Cap-Net is a global network to strengthen capacity building at the local level towards sustainable management and development of water resources and improved access to water supply and sanitation. Cap-Net falls within the Environment and Energy Group of UNDP and works closely with the Water Governance Facility. UNDP recognizes the key role of capacity building for integrated water resources management as an important means in promoting sustainable development and in combating poverty. Water is a subject that runs across the Millennium Development Goals and Cap-Net is a response to the critical dimension of capacity development.

Cap-Net is a partnership of international, regional and national institutions and capacity building networks bringing together research and education organisations, trainers, educators, and other sector experts committed to capacity development towards sustainable management and development of water resources. The network is complemented by partnerships with international agencies with specific interests in supporting capacity development in aspects of IWRM.

Through the extended structure of capacity building networks on the ground and the linkages to international expert agencies, Cap-Net provides a logical framework for scaling up capacity development for more sustainable water resources management based on an

IWRM approach. The implementation strategy is built on three principles; local ownership, partnership among capacity builders and response to demand for capacity building.

Article 2. Rationale/Purpose of the Collaboration

The rationale for cooperation emerges from the organisations' commitment to IWRM and operation through networks. GWP and Cap-Net immensely complement each other's roles. GWP and Cap-Net will strengthen their quest for fostering of and building capacity for implementing the IWRM principles through joint action as set out in this MoU.

Article 3. Areas of Collaboration/Co-operation

The Parties will co-operate in the following areas:

1. Cap-Net and GWP will collaborate in order to increase coherence and transparency through
 - Sharing of each other's work plans and materials
 - Working together to increase coherence and transparency in guidelines and messages
 - Sharing of knowledge and experience in advancing the IWRM approach in practice
 - Coordinating efforts for optimising synergies and mutual benefits e.g. through joint identification of which materials should be developed and cooperation in developing such materials.
 - Consistent with the policy of each partner, GWP and Cap-Net logos shall appear on material products resulting from any cooperation. .
2. Cap-Net and GWP will collaborate to build capacity for implementation of IWRM principles using the advantages presented by the partnerships of GWP and the networks of Cap-Net through
 - Identification of training needs and demands throughout the GWP network as well as among other organisations and networks, where GWP's ability to assess and coordinate the demand is central
 - Cooperation on the delivery of training, where Cap-Net's ability to deliver capacity building that meet the identified demands is central
 - Sharing and mutually allowing use of training material developed by the other Party, especially through the GWP Toolbox and the Cap-Net website.
 - Providing input and support to each other on training in IWRM.
3. All collaboration between GWPO and Cap-Net under this MoU is based on voluntary allocation of staff time from the respective organisation. Where such input in the form of staff time is offered, a specific work plan shall provide detailed information on tasks to be performed, outputs to be produced and exchange of information . Such areas of collaborative work may include but not be limited to:
 - Financing Water Resources Management with a focus on national level financing of water resources management and financing of river basin management.

- Climate change adaptation and IWRM with the aim of identifying how IWRM actions can contribute to climate change adaptation.
- River basin management in various different aspects
- Groundwater with the aim to promote the issue of groundwater as a neglected aspect of sustainable water management.
- Floods with the aim of intensifying the existing collaboration through the joint GWP/WMO APFM and HelpDesk on Integrated Flood Management
- Droughts and disaster management : For further consideration as the programmes of GWP and Cap-Net develop.

Any collaboration between GWPO and Cap-Net, where financial resources are required or staff time is to be formally committed, will be based on specific separate agreements between the Parties. Such agreements shall provide detailed information on tasks to be performed, outputs to be produced, exchange of information and financial conditions for the collaboration.

Article 4. Contact Persons/Points

A. In the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, GWPO shall be represented by the Executive Secretary.

Notices shall be addressed to:

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B. In the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding, Cap-Net shall be represented by the Director.

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Article 5. Controversies

Any controversy arising as a result of or in connection with this Memorandum of Understanding shall be settled amicably between the Parties. In case that an amicable



settlement cannot be reached within three months of consultations, this Memorandum of Understanding will be terminated with immediate effect if one of the Parties states so in writing to the other Party.

Article 6. Duration

This Memorandum of Understanding enters into force upon signature by both Parties. It shall remain in force for a period of 3 years, unless terminated earlier by a three months written notice from either party.

Signed at.....*Stockholm*.....(date and place)

On.....*10 March 2010*.....

For and on behalf of
Global Water Partnership Organisation

Ania Grobicki
Signature

Dr Ania Grobicki, Executive Secretary

Signed at.....*Prebonia*.....(date and place)

On.....*23 Feb 2010*.....

For and on behalf of
Cap-Net

Paul Taylor
Signature

Dr Paul Taylor, Director