



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between

The Global Water Partnership (GWP)

and

The Gender and Water Alliance (GWA)

Article I. Background

Global Water Partnership:

- (A) The GWP, established in 1996, is an international network open to all organizations that recognize the Dublin-Rio principles and are involved with issues related to integrated water resources management.
- (B) The GWP's initiative is based on promoting and implementing integrated water resources management through the development of a worldwide network that could pull together financial, technical, policy and human resources to address the critical issues of sustainable water management
- (C) The GWP is guided by the principle of involving both women and men in all aspects of water resources management. In that context it is committed to support water sector stakeholders to make this principle central and operational in IWRM.

Gender and Water Alliance:

- (A) The GWA is an informal network of organizations and individuals from around the world with an independent steering committee. It is an Associated Programme of the Global Water Partnership funded by the governments of the Netherlands and United Kingdom.
- (B) The GWA was formed to promote strategic improvements in the practice of gender mainstreaming in the water sector through a network committed to gender mainstreaming in their own work and that of their partners. The GWA believes that that promotion of water security for men and women is integral to the efficiency and sustainability of water resources management initiatives and services.
- (C) The mission of the GWA is to “achieve equity and equality among women and men, irrespective of age, color, culture, religion, language or income in sustainable water resources development and management at all levels”.

Article II. Agreements

In recognition of the above, GWP and GWA will collaborate for mutual benefit, including but not limited to, the areas specified below and elaborated as specific activities in Annex 1.

(A) GWP and GWA will cooperate to:

- Jointly devise a means for linkage and sharing between the respective websites allowing discovery and display of resources from either site on the other.
- Promote the mutual goals of sustainable management of water resources in a gender sensitive environment through partnership in the development and promotion of materials, tools and capacity building activities.
- Strengthen and improve visibility of our respective networks through cooperative activities which reflect the benefits and synergies of partnership.
- Ensure that gender is fully reflected in the IWRM agenda of GWP and that the gender mainstreaming approach of GWA is structured for incorporation into water management at all levels.

(B) GWP will undertake to:

- Develop a conceptual paper on mainstreaming gender in IWRM through the assistance of its Technical Committee. These concepts will also be a major consideration for including attention to gender issues in all TEC papers and work of all GWP Associated Programs.
- Create better mechanisms of reporting on gender across the internal network. Such a reporting system should cover monitoring aspects such as gender composition in the regional and country water partnerships, levels of gender participation in decision making, etc.
- Facilitate knowledge and experience sharing on gender mainstreaming through the use of the GWP Toolbox. The toolbox should be accompanied by successful case studies, checklists and methodologies for harnessing gender mainstreaming in IWRM.
- Provide advice and guidance to the GWA work programme regarding integrated water resources management through representation on the Steering Committee of the GWA

(C) GWA will undertake to:

- Provide GWP networks with access to all GWA materials and tools
- Support the strengthening of capacity building for IWRM at regional and country level by providing GWP members the opportunity to participate in training of trainers events organized by GWA.
- Provide advice and guidance to the GWP network regarding gender mainstreaming. This may be in the form of technical assistance for the development of gender policy for GWP member organizations, review of products and proposals and recommendation of gender experts for consultancies/missions/events etc. on a need's basis
- Provide relevant case studies on successful practice of gender mainstreaming in IWRM for use in the GWP toolbox
- Jointly implement pilot projects to demonstrate good practice on gender mainstreaming in IWRM

Specific activities and agreements related to this MOU will be attached as an Annex that will be updated regularly.

Article III. Contacts

(A) The Gender and Water Alliance Executive Secretary, Jennifer Francis, will serve as lead focal point for all collaborative activities, including development of work plans, timelines, and budgets for activities as needed, and act as primary liaison with GWP for strategic cooperation and operational purposes. This constitutes an in-kind contribution of staff time towards the realization of the specific activities to be identified.

(B) The GWP Deputy Executive Secretary, Per Bertilsson, will serve as primary liaison with GWA, facilitate GWP collaboration and support, and coordinate joint activities under this agreement. This constitutes an in-kind contribution of staff time towards the realization of the specific activities to be identified.

(C) Written communications between GWP and GWA may be delivered by email, facsimile, hand or air mail. For this purpose, the respective representatives and addresses of GWP and GWA are as follows:

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Article IV. Amendment, Arbitration and Terms

(A) This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended at any time by the mutual written consent of GWP and GWA. Both organizations will review the status of progress on the MOU during the GWP annual meeting.

(B) ENTRY INTO EFFECT: This Memorandum of Understanding will come into effect on the date of signature, and will remain effective indefinitely, or until the closure of either project, or by written agreement between GWP and GWA.

Signed,

Date: _____

For GWP:

For GWA:

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Global Water Partnership

Jennifer Francis
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