

**Memorandum of Understanding
between
Global Water Partnership (GWP)
and
World Water Council (WWC)**

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The Global Water Partnership and the World Water Council have been closely collaborating ever since their inception in 1996. This collaboration has taken shape over the last few years through a number of joint initiatives, amongst them the presentation of the Vision and Framework for Action documents at the Second World Water Forum, the joint sponsorship of the Financing Water Infrastructure Panel, the joint stand at the Johannesburg Water Dome, as well as the Camdessus Report for water financing.

The Global Water Partnership (GWP) and the World Water Council (WWC) perceive themselves to be complementary organizations and wish to formalize the general features and directions of this collaboration with the present document.

The GWP and the WWC will work together in the interest of water. Our joint motto is:

“One World – One Water”

The roles of the two organisations will reflect their respective strengths and achievements.

Their goals and work programmes will be complementary in nature.

- The GWP is a **global decentralized network** promoting the sustainable management of water resources through the application of Integrated Water Resources Management principles and practices.
- The WWC is a **global forum** for policy discussion and development and raising of awareness in relation to critical water issues.

Areas of Cooperation

GWP and WWC will cooperate in a number of ways and in areas, which are defined from time to time.

The general framework of cooperation includes the following functions and activities:

1. Governance

- The Executive Director of WWC and the Executive Secretary of GWP will be ex-officio members of the governing bodies of the two organisations.
- Regular coordination meetings between management representatives of the two organisations to take place. These will be at least two per year.
- The specific yearly framework for cooperation will be discussed, agreed upon and established before the beginning of every calendar year. This will be based also on the review of progress and results of activities of the current year.
- WWC and GWP are committed to use this agreement as a basis for proactively clarifying the respective roles within the wider international community.
- GWP and WWC are committed to try not to duplicate regional or country representation. When there are historical or compelling reasons for this not to be the case, a clear definition of roles in such regions or countries should be spelled out and publicized so that no confusion of roles is produced.
- In accordance with the agreement signed in Kyoto, the WWC will promote the establishment of partnerships in the so-called North with the support of the GWP so that a really global network is established, capable of fostering global communication (north-north, north-south, south-south) for the benefit of the worldwide water community

2. Information Management

- GWP and WWC agree to share all relevant information.
- Links between the web-sites will be maintained and cross-reference to information and databases should be made wherever required at both sites.
- Cooperate in the establishment and maintenance of a joint website under the heading of “One World – One Water” with key info (including 50 water programmes and 100 water websites in collaboration with NWP)

3. Programme Cooperation Areas

- As agreed from time to time. Both organizations are committed to avoiding overlaps and maximize synergies between themselves in the first instance and with other organizations.

- The GWP will assist the WWC in the organization of the World Water Fora as agreed from time to time. In particular GWP will make sure that its worldwide network is fully engaged with the process.

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