

## Memorandum of Understanding

between

The Global Water Partnership Organisation

and

The Women for Water Partnership

### 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 multi-donor funded 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. **The Women for Water Partnership (WfWP)** is a global alliance of women organisations and networks created in 2004, working on the broad water- sustainable development - gender nexus.

WfWP consists of 26 women's networks in approximately 100 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, the EECCA region and Western Europe, reaching over one million women.

In line with the Dublin Principle (formulated in 1992), WfWP believes in women as agents of change and in their central role in the provision, management and safeguarding of water. This implies women's inclusion in Integrated Regional Water Management (IWRM), and in decision making in general.

WfWP is the linking pin between grassroots level and national and international stakeholders. The network bridges the gaps between the internationally agreed principles for sustainable development and the day-to-day practice in water management.

The vision of the Women for Water Partnership is for a water secure world in which women can exercise their full potential to achieve sustainable and equitable development.

The mission is to position women and their organisations as active leaders in sustainable development and to enable them to catalyse change towards integrated approaches and universal access to water for all uses, sanitation inclusive.

#### Article 2 Rationale/Purpose of the Collaboration

*The Global Water Partnership and the Women for Water Partnership both seek to advance and support global efforts related to ensuring the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation of all, with the full participation of women and girls. We see this work taking place in the context of the Post-2015 Development Agenda, which we anticipate to have dedicated goals and targets related to sustainable water and also to achieving gender equity and empowering women and girls.*

#### Article 3 Areas of Collaboration/Co-operation

The Parties will co-operate in the following areas:

1. *Support implementation of the GWP gender strategy*
2. *Identify and strengthen areas of joint work, including through events, information sharing, and project development where appropriate.*
3. *Particularly at country and regional levels, seek tangible ways for both networks to work together as partners and also as networks of partners.*

4. *Undertake joint fundraising. Where relevant, support respective fundraising endeavors to facilitate joint work and enhanced support for gender mainstreaming and women's inclusion in water management processes and initiatives.*

WfWP and GWP shall seek to meet annually (at year-end or the beginning of each year) to discuss potential areas for joint activities throughout the year and where appropriate will undertake joint planning and fundraising processes in support of mutually reinforcing activities.

All collaboration between GWPO and the WOMEN for WATER PARTNERSHIP under this MoU is based on voluntary allocation of staff time from the respective organisation. Where input in the form of voluntary staff time is offered, the parties shall specifically agree on tasks to be performed, outputs to be produced and exchange of information. Specifically, project proposals for future funding will be jointly prepared with contributions of time from both parties. Both GWP and WfWP will look for opportunities to leverage support opportunities that are available for partner organizations to engage within GWP and WfWP.

All collaboration between GWPO and the WOMEN for WATER PARTNERSHIP, 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 Rudolph Cleveringa.

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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 The Women Water Partnership.

#### Article 6 Duration

This Memorandum of Understanding enters into force upon signature by both Parties. It shall remain in force until **December, 2019**, unless terminated earlier by a three months written notice from either the Women for Water Partnership or Global Water Partnership. Project agreements entered into by the parties may have durations that extend beyond the term of this MoU, and the termination or expiration of this MoU will not terminate any project agreements then in effect, which will continue or be terminated in accordance with their terms.

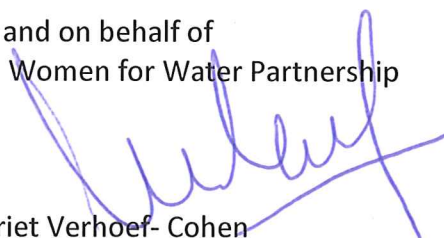
*Signed on April 15, 2015 in Daegu, Republic of Korea*

For and on behalf of  
Global Water Partnership Organisation



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For and on behalf of  
The Women for Water Partnership



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