The new post-2015 development agenda, adopted by member States at the UN General Assembly in September 2015, will drive development actions for the next 15 years (2030). The associated Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are ambitious and aspirational and will require integrated thinking and collaborative action to be successfully reached.

GWP and the SDGs
The GWP Strategy “Towards 2020” is closely linked to and mirrors the aims of the new post-2015 Development Agenda. GWP’s 13 regional and more than 80 country water partnerships are unique assets that maintain existing relations with various implementing agencies and civil society. Having these on the ground partnerships, all with the same overall Strategy, means GWP is an ideal partner to support the mandated in-country institutions in the implementation of the SDGs.

GWP’s SDG & Water Preparedness Facility
GWP is using its unique partnership strengths to help countries to immediately set out on implementing the new development agenda through its SDG & Water Preparedness Facility (SDG-PF).

With a specific focus on the dedicated water goal (SDG 6) and the other water-related SDGs, the SDG-PF will be rolled out through the implementation of individual 3-year projects taking place in up to 25 countries and commencing in 2016. The initiative will build on country-level consultations carried out in 2013 and 2014 which addressed water security and development issues, and will be implemented by an alliance of GWP – with its regional and country presence – and UNDP-CapNet, among others.

The SDG-PF is structured according to the means of implementation outlined under SDG 17: financing, policy and institutions, monitoring, knowledge and capacity, and strengthening of partnerships – elements that are entirely consistent with GWP’s strategic approach and 20-year experience in supporting countries in better water management.

Goal and objectives
The overall goal of the SDG-PF is to support countries in their commitments to the post-2015 Development Agenda through the provision of practical support for a rapid start to implementing SDG 6 and other water-related SDGs. The specific objectives are as follows:

- To embed SDG 6 (and interlinked SDGs) into existing national policy and planning frameworks
- To support countries to access finance for the implementation of the SDGs
- To support the establishment/strengthening of a national monitoring system for SDG 6 (and interlinked SDGs)
- To develop the capacity of national institutions to put in place the necessary skills to plan and implement actions for SDG achievement
- To facilitate the strengthening of partnerships at national and transboundary level to enable a multi-stakeholder approach to SDG planning and monitoring