

## Memorandum of Understanding

Between

**Global Water Partnership China**

And

**Global Water Partnership South East Asia**

And

**Global Water Partnership CACENA**

And

**Global Water Partnership South Asia**

And

**Global Water Partnership Organisation,**

For

**Regional Co-operation**

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for regional co-operation between GWP's Regional Water Partnerships (hereinafter called Parties), signed on the 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2016, between

**GWP China** having their office in Room 978, Building A, China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research, No. 1 Yu-Yuan-Tan-Nan-Lu, Haidian District, Beijing, 100038, P R China, represented by the Chair of GWP China,

And

**GWP SEA** having their office in c/o Gedung Baru SDA 8th floor /808, Ministry of Public Works, Jl. Pattimura No.20. Kebayoran Lama, Jakarta-Indonesia, represented by the Regional Chair of GWP South East Asia,

And

**GWP CACENA** having their registered office in ICARDA-CAC (GWP CACENA/IWMI), Apt 123, Block 6, Osiyo str, Tashkent, 100000, Uzbekistan, represented by the Regional Chair of the Central Asia and Caucasus region (CACENA),

And

**GWP SAS** having their registered office at International Water Management Institute, 127, Sunil Mawatha, Pelawatte, Battaramulla, Sri Lanka, represented by the Regional Chair of GWP South Asia (SAS),

And

**Global Water Partnership Organisation** (hereinafter called **GWPO** or "**Facilitating Party**"), having their registered office at PO Box 24177, 104 51 Stockholm, Sweden, represented by the Executive Secretary of GWPO,

### WHEREAS

- a) Parties agree to cooperate as per the clauses of this MoU;
- b) The facilitating party agrees to facilitate the cooperation specified in the clauses of this MoU,
- c) In pursuance thereof, all Parties have agreed to enter into this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HERETO HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

## 1. GENERAL

### 1.1 Definitions and Interpretation

#### a. Definitions:

- i. **“Challenges”** means this Agreement, such as climate change related events, floods, droughts, rapid urbanization, food security and the implementation of the IWRM and the SDGs etc.;
- ii. **“Co-operation”** means the mutual sharing and exchange of development solutions - knowledge, experiences and good practices, policies, technology and resources - between and among GWP SAS, GWP China, GWP SEA and GWP CACENA;
- iii. **“GWP’s towards 2020 Strategy”** means GWP Six-Year Strategy runs from 2014 through to the end of 2019. It will respond to emerging challenges and serve our Network by building on our strengths in sharing knowledge & experience, facilitating policy development process, building institutional capacity, working in partnership with key sectorial players, and promoting investments in institutions, information, and infrastructure. Three strategic goals of catalyzing change in policy and practice, sharing knowledge, and strengthening partnerships will focus our activities;
- iv. **“Facilitating Party”** means the party who coordinate and facilitate implementation of this MoU from GWP Secretariat with the support of Regional Coordinators;
- v. **“GWP SEA”** means Regional Secretariat representing 8 Country Water Partnership in Southeast Asia, namely Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand and Vietnam. SEA also work with Partner organizations in Singapore.
- vi. **GWP CACENA’** means Regional Secretariat representing two sub regions namely, the Southern Caucasus (Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia), and Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) & Country Water Partnerships therein,
- vii. **“GWP SAS”** means Regional Secretariat representing the Country Water Partnerships of Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka

b. All terms and words not defined herein shall, unless the context otherwise requires, will have to be discussed and agreed upon by all Parties;

### 1.2 COMMENCEMENT, AMMENDMENTS AND TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

#### 1.2.1 Effectiveness of Memorandum of Understanding

This MoU shall come into force and effect on the date, on which this MoU is signed by all the Parties (the **“Effective Date”**).

#### 1.2.2 Amendments

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Cooperation may be amended at any time by mutual written consent of the four Parties. The four Parties will review the status of progress on the MOU during any inter-regional meetings.

#### 1.2.3. Expiration of Agreement

This MoU will remain effective for five (5) years. If necessary, MoU will be prolonged by written agreement between all parties.

## 2. AGREEMENT

- 2.1** Recognizing that the four Regional Water Partnerships (RWPs) in Asia, namely, GWP SAS, GWP China, GWP SEA and GWP CACENA (hereinafter referred to as “the four Parties”) of the Global Water Partnership (GWP), have many common water issues and will face similar **challenges** in water resources management in the coming years, the four Parties have held discussions, with the support of GWPO during the Regional Workshop on Flood Management on December 14-16 2015, in Guangdong, China, and expressed the willingness to promote cooperation amongst each other, based on win-win principles and with the aim to achieve mutual benefits.
- 2.2** The cooperation between the four Parties aims at promoting the better implementation of the Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) principles, delivering GWP’s “Towards 2020 Strategy” and contributing to the sustainable economic and social development of the countries in the four regions and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- 2.3** All Parties agree that the specific objectives of the cooperation are the exchange of knowledge and experiences between regions, the optimized use of resources and capacity in the development of joint programmes and projects the strengthening of GWP’s Regional Asian position in international fora and events; and the improved overall coordination of activities among the four regions.
- 2.4** The four Parties will cooperate for more effective, consolidated contribution to regional processes and activities in synergy with regional organisations, such as the Asia-Pacific Water Forum (APWF), the Network of Asian River Basin Organisations (NARBO), the Asia Water Council (AWC), etc. This cooperation shall be enhanced through information and knowledge sharing, workshops, specific project development and implementation, mutual visits, public awareness raising and dissemination activities.
- The four Parties shall invite each other to participate in their respective events and activities and mutually support each other by liaising with regional organisations in a coordinated manner. All parties agree to organise a one GWP Asian regional event per year. Hosting of such events should preferably take place on the basis of regional rotation.
- 2.5** The Regional Coordinators of the four RWPs (Parties) are the focal points for mutual communication and competent for identifying and coordinating the detailed cooperation programmes and activities.
- 2.6** The areas of cooperation between the four Parties include: implementation of IWRM, flood and drought management, drinking water security, disaster risk reduction, climate adaptation and resilience and Water-Energy-Food Nexus.
- 2.7** The parties will identify activities/co-operate on cross-cutting themes under GWP 2020 Strategy: Gender and Youth.



### 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MoU

#### 3.1 Fairness of the Implementation

The Parties recognize that it is impractical in this MoU to provide for every contingency, which may arise during the duration of the MoU, and the Parties hereby agree that it is their intention that this MoU shall operate fairly as between them, and without detriment to the interest of either of them, and that, if during the term of this MoU either Party believes that this MoU is operating unfairly, the Parties will use their best efforts to agree on such action as may be necessary to remove the cause or causes of such unfairness.

#### 3.2 Funding of Activities

All Parties agreed to allocate some funds to implement the activities under this MoU for each of the next five years and relevant activities shall be included in the annual work plan of each Party, under the guidance of GWPO Senior Network Officers, who are representing these four GWP Regions. Any activity which requires funding from any Party shall be regulated in separate legal arrangements.

**IN WITNESS WHERE OF**, the Parties hereto have agreed to have this MoU endorsed by their respective duly authorized representatives of the day and the year signed by all the Parties.

**GWP China:**

**Name:** Cai Qihua

**Designation:** Chair, GWP China

**Date:**

**For**



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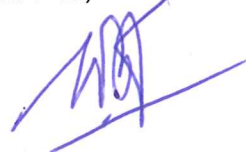
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**Name:** H E Watt Botkosal

**Designation:** Chair, GWP South East Asia

**Date:**

**For**



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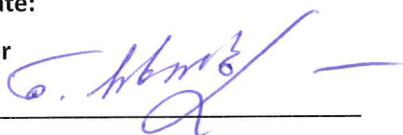
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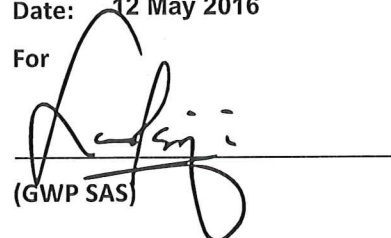
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**Date:** 12 May 2016

**For**



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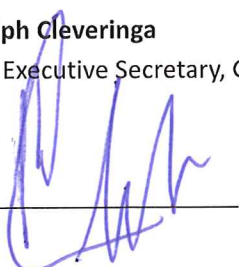
**GWPO:**

**Name:** Rudolph Cleveringa

**Designation:** Executive Secretary, GWPO

**Date:**

**For**



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