

GWP Partners' Stories

Prior to the virtual GWP Network Meeting 2015, GWP Partners were asked to share some stories/comments.

[The Center for Communication and Sustainable Development for All, CECOSDA](#)

About the work they do:

CECOSDA is an apolitical Non-Governmental Organization working in partnership with the Ministry of the Environment, Nature Protection and Sustainable Development in Cameroon (MINEPDED). The organization is based in Yaounde, Cameroon, with priority areas being the Center region, the Northern part of Cameroon and the Littoral Region. CECOSDA works mainly on the field by training and sensitizing the population on water related issues; they also advocate for an Integrated Water Resources Management approach and collaborate to influence water policy in Cameroon.

Why did they join GWP?

In order to strengthen the impact of their activities and most importantly to influence government policy with regards to water resources management, CECOSDA believes in networking as a strong advocacy strategy. This has been a great motivation for CECOSDA to become an active GWP Partner. Moreover, GWP's IWRM ToolBox put at the disposal of the public is a great information source that contributes to building CECOSDA's capacity.

What can GWP do for them?

GWP can be of assistance through capacity building and training, knowledge sharing, participation in workshops to improve the awareness of IWRM procedures and policies. This will be an indispensable tool to support CECOSDA in its field of activities. In addition, GWP can assist through the sponsorship of more Toolbox activities. CECOSDA also has a network of professionals in water management that hope to participate in short training workshops on water. CECOSDA also wishes that their idea of a publication on Water Resources in Cameroon can be supported by the GWP network.

[The AID Organization](#)

About the work they do:

With the financial support of Bangladesh Climate Change Trust Fund (BCCTF), the AID organization has been implementing the following interventions:

- a) Make people aware about the use of limited safe water, pollution, and how to keep safe and clean the sources of water.
- b) Separate safe water for humans, cattle, and other house work.
- c) Ensure equal responsibility for men and women in collecting safe water.
- d) Ensure water sealed latrines and their proper utilization for all families.

Why did they join GWP?

GWP has knowledge and experience on water management worldwide. The AID organization is willing to acquire knowledge from GWP and it will also share its experience with GWP and seek any other assistance from GWP.

What can GWP do for them?

GWP can make partnerships with a worldwide network and organize several events on water for its members. GWP can share knowledge with its members through newsletters and it can link the members with the water related projects of the World Bank and other donors. GWP can support small NGOs in capacity development training.

[Saul Montoya \(Gidahatari Change Water Management In Spanish\)](#)

This is a Peruvian consulting office with the to increase the water resources studies level by the use of higher analysis tools such as numerical models. They share the objectives of GWP, and since they are from the private sector, they have a good perspective about the "market" or the audience where ideas can get attention.

From the beginning, the company gave courses, but then they put them online and FREE to everyone. Now anyone from Spanish speaking countries can learn the latest software for water resources for free: <http://gidahatari.com/cu-es/cursos-online-libres>

Our approach is unique, because the software and courses we have do not exist in the universities yet, and some of them are not even available in English. Our plan is to have 10 free online courses in Spanish. We hope that our effort shows a truly inspiration reflected in specific actions, heavily based on internet tools.