

AFRICA & MEDITERRANEAN CONTINENTAL SESSION OF THE GLOBAL WATER PARTNERSHIP NETWORK MEETING 2020

IMPLEMENTING THE GWP STRATEGY: MOBILISING INVESTMENTS FOR WATER SECURITY – LET'S BUILD BACK BETTER

11:00-13:30 am CEST (Duration: 2.5h)

Thursday, 22 October 2020

SESSION SUMMARY:

This session will focus on how to transform and improve the investment outlook for water security and sustainable sanitation for a prosperous, peaceful and equitable society. It will bring together GWP Partners and collaborating entities from the regions of Africa (Southern Africa, West Africa, Eastern Africa, Central Africa, North Africa) and Mediterranean to discuss how this can translate into concrete actions in their regions, in the framework of the implementation of GWP's new Strategy.

The session will start with a sharing of perspectives on mobilising water investments, highlighting in particular the potential of the Africa Water Investment Programme (AIP) in that objective. Participants will be invited to exchange on challenges and avenues to move forward in their regions, with a focus on joint action. All participants will also be informed of key continental processes taking place with Partners. The second part of the session will engage participants around the questions: As water actors, how do you adapt your work to continue bringing change in a COVID-19 context? Can we identify 'success factors' to make change happen in this new environment?

As an interactive experience, Partners from different regions will have the opportunity to meet one another and share their views, experiences and perspectives, contributing to a stronger Global Water Partnership.

Key conclusions will be shared with the entire Network and with decision makers, and will further inform GWP programmes in the regions.

1.0 Bold, Ambitious, Systemic Change: Our new Strategy 2020–2025

In January 2020, GWP embarked on a new 6-year Strategy, which emphasises mobilising investments while also engaging the private sector, ensuring that youth participate in decision making, and taking a gender-inclusive approach to water-secure development. The new Strategy not only expresses the urgency of solving the world's water problems, but also emphasises the need to foster systemic change so that the pressures on water can be moderated and managed.

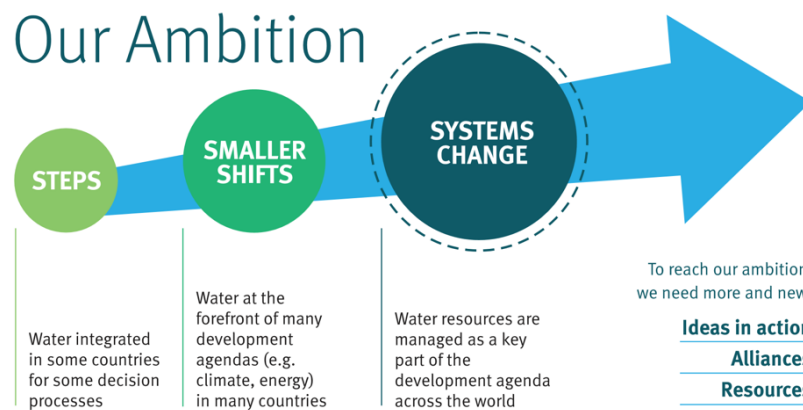
GWP's Strategy is bold and ambitious. By 2025, the new Strategy aims to:

significantly advance the water-related SDGs in 60 countries and 20 transboundary basins with a combined population of over 4 billion people, while influencing more than €10 billion in water-related investments from government and private sources.

The new GWP Strategy focuses on three main areas of work:

- Water solutions for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs),
- Climate-resilient development, and
- Transboundary water cooperation.

As countries and development partners work to address major water challenges, GWP will mobilise key players and learn from new experiences to create and maintain momentum for coordinated action.



To implement the new Strategy and contribute to better management of water resources and development in Africa and the Mediterranean, related GWP regions have developed the **Africa Water Investment Programme (AIP)**. In February 2019, the Governing Council of the African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW) adopted a Decision for ‘transformation of Africa’s water investment outlook through increased partnerships and implementation of an African Water Investment Programme’. AIP goal is to transform and improve the investment outlook for water security and sustainable sanitation for a prosperous, peaceful and equitable society. This will contribute to stimulating investment mobilisation to narrow the current water investment gap, estimated at \$64 billion/year, to achieve the Africa Water Vision 2025. AIP aims to leverage \$30 billion in climate resilience water investments by 2030, towards SDG 6 implementation. It is designed to enhance job creation through gender sensitive investments in water and industrialization, as well as contribute to continental efforts towards universal access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene and integration of water security in Covid-19 economic recovery plans. AIP is implemented through three integrated support programmes, addressing each one of the GWP Strategy main areas of work.

The Ministers commended efforts of GWP and partners, “to establish, through the AIP, a partnership to release Africa’s development potential to achieve both the African Union (AU) Agenda 2063 in collaboration with AU, AMCOW, NEPAD Agency, African Development Bank (AfDB) and the African Water Facility (AWF)”. The Ministers called for continued cooperation of GWP and partners to implement the AIP and AMCOW Strategy 2018-2030 in pursuit of the vision of a water secure Africa. The Ministers’ decision followed an earlier commitment signed in November 2018 by the African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD) and GWP to accelerate implementation of the water infrastructure projects under the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA), in collaboration with the AIP. PIDA was adopted by the African Heads of States in January 2012 as a blueprint for collective implementation of priority infrastructure projects in Energy, Transport, ICTs and Water.

Furthermore, the Water Agenda of the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM), launched through the UfM Ministerial Conference on Water (April 2017, Malta), provides a key Euro-Mediterranean political and action framework for sustainable water resources management. The UfM Water Agenda implementation unfolds through long-term Framework Programmes and biannual Work Plans of its four thematic priorities: Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystem Nexus (WEFE), Water-Employment-Migration (WEM), Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), and Water and Climate Change Adaptation as well as its accompanying Financial Strategy. The UfM Water Expert Group (WEG, by Water Directors), under the Co-Presidency of EC and Jordan, provides for its steer. The process is facilitated by the UfM Secretariat, including with GWP partnership and technical assistance. The UfM Water Agenda synergizes with regional initiatives in pursue of similar objectives. In that context, operational synergies between the UfM Water Agenda and AIP may promote further action, including in an Africa/Mediterranean/EU context, also contributing to ‘building back better’.

2.0 GWP Africa and Mediterranean Network Meeting 2020

On 22 October 2020, as part of the statutory GWP annual Network Meeting, GWP Africa and Mediterranean, their membership Partners as well as key collaborating Partners like the AfDB, AMCOW, African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD), European Union (EU), UfM, UNDP-CapNet and Regional Economic Communities (RECs), such as SADC, ECOWAS, ECCAS, UMA, IGAD, and others, will reflect on the implementation of the new GWP Strategy and the potential of the AIP, also in synergy with the UfM Water Agenda, to mobilise climate resilient water investments in support of development goals and of the African Water Vision. The theme of the Network Meeting is:

'Implementing the GWP Strategy: Mobilising Investments for Water Security – Let's Build Back Better'

All GWP Partners across Africa and Mediterranean regions are warmly invited to participate and contribute at the Session of the Network Meeting. Members of GWP Regional Steering Committees, Regional Technical Committees (RTECs) and the GWP Regional Secretariat staff will also engage. GWP Strategic Partners such as RBOs, RECs, UfM and others with whom GWP regions have partnership and programmatic alliances are also invited.

The Network Partners Meeting will collectively reflect on global targets of the GWP Strategy 2020-2025 and explore perspectives on the best way to achieve these including through the AIP, UfM Water Agenda and other action lines towards the water security agenda in Africa and the Mediterranean. It will also reflect on the impact of Covid-19 on the implementation of the new GWP Strategy and implications moving forward.

Partners will also consider key GWP Africa and Mediterranean achievements, outcomes, and lessons, to inform the implementation modalities for the new GWP Strategy. Though interactive sessions for each GWP region, GWP Partners will also share experiences on collaboration with regional Partners in implementing the GWP Strategy and explore modalities for accelerating delivery of the GWP regional programmes through these alliances.

3.0 Expected outcomes

- Exploration of joint perspectives on mobilising investments for water security as a key objective of the GWP Strategy 2020 – 2025
- Identification of responses to Covid-19 challenges for achieving the GWP Strategy objectives
- Awareness on the new GWP Strategy implementation in Africa and the Mediterranean
- Awareness of the key continental processes taking place

4.0 Agenda

10 min	Welcome by GWPO and Partners meet & greet <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome remarks by Peter Repinski, GWP's Interim Executive Secretary - 'Revolving door'; small break out groups for partner meet-and-greet, hosted by Hycinth Banseka, Regional coordinator GWP Central Africa - 'Handover' by Fany Wedahuditama, Regional coordinator GWP Southeast Asia, from the EURASIA continental session, sharing visual from their session with key points
5 min	GWP Africa and Mediterranean: Introductory segment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Introduction, Alex Simalabwi, Executive Secretary, GWP Southern Africa (5 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>Framing the focus of the segment in the context of GWP's Strategy 2020-2025</i>
75 min	Mobilising water investments for water security: key programmes and perspectives, Africa Water Investment Programme¹ <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keynote Address (15 min)

¹ AIP Water Climate Development and Gender transformation (AIP WACDEP G), AIP SDG water investment programme (AIP SDG Water Investments), AIP Transboundary water investment programme (AIP Transboundary Investments)

	<p>His Excellency President Jakaya Kikwete, former president of Tanzania and GWP SA -Africa Coordination Unit Chair</p> <p>2. Perspectives and statements from GWP Africa and Mediterranean Partners on opportunities and challenges (15 min)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Africa regional Integration corridor approach for project preparation of transboundary waters, Dr Towela Nyirenda, Head-Regional Integration, African Union Development Agency AUDA-NEPAD - Mobilising partnerships for climate resilient investments in Africa, Dr Anthony Nyong, Director for Climate Change and Green Growth, AfDB - Pan Africa reflections on impact of Covid-19 on water in Africa, Dr Paul Orengoh, Director of Programmes, African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW) - Mobilising African Finance Ministers for SDG 6 on water and sanitation, Nompumelelo Ntshalintshali- Motsa, Africa Coordinator, Sanitation and Water for all - Implementing the UfM Water Agenda & opportunities for coordinated financing of water and climate resilience, Almotaz Abadi, UfM Managing Director, Division of Water & Environment, Union for the Mediterranean - The EU Green Deal in the post-COVID 19 era, Andrew Murphy, Senior Advisor, DG Environment, European Commission <p>3. Breakout groups per Region (20 min) Hosting the breakout groups discussions: Armand Houanye, Regional coordinator GWP West Africa <i>Discussion question for breakout groups: What are the key opportunities and synergies for transforming and improving the investment outlook for water in your region, including building on AIP opportunities?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each group will have 1 facilitator and 1 note taker - The groups will be organized by region <p>4. Wrap up and closing segment: Mobilising water investments, 'Building back better' (25 min) <i>Key messages from the GWP Chairs/Vice Chairs from Central Africa, Eastern Africa, Southern Africa, West Africa, and the Mediterranean (3 min each)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Key messages from the Chairs with 1-3 highlights from the groups
45 min	<p>Global segment Segment hosted by George Sanga, Regional coordinator of GWP East Africa and Julienne Roux, Senior network officer, GWPO</p> <p>The same global questions will be discussed in all three Continental Sessions of the Network Meeting, and messages emerging will culminate in key messages from the whole Network in the Closing Session of the Network Meeting. While each Session will have its own focus, responses to Covid-19 crisis will cross-cut deliberations of the Network Meeting, building around the following questions:</p> <p><i>The Covid-19 crisis impacts water resources management today and will likely have long-lasting consequences due to the socio-economic crisis and shifting political priorities. As water actors, how are you adapting your work to continue bringing change to achieve water security? Can we identify 'success factors' to making change happen in this new environment?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5 min introduction to the discussion - Breakout Groups, on the global questions (20 min) - Reporting back (20 min)
10 min	<p>Closing and preparation of reporting back</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hosting and closing remarks: Vangelis Constantianos, Regional coordinator GWP Mediterranean - Showing visual by visual artist (inter-regional segment) - Group photo

Closing session of the GWP Network Meeting

Thursday, 22 October 2020, 2.30 to 3 pm CEST

The session focuses on reporting back on the three continental sessions and on “Voices of GWP Partners”, to share how the network is, and will continue, Bringing the Change for a Water Secure World. Representatives from the Africa & Mediterranean continental session:

- Reporting back from the Africa-Mediterranean Continental Session: **Hycinth Banseka**, Regional coordinator GWP Central Africa
- Sharing of reflections from a Partner from the Africa-Mediterranean Continental Session: **Dr Shehnaaz Moosa**, Director, Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN)