

GWP at World Water Week 2014

List of Events and new GWP Publications

Sunday, 31 August 2014

Time: 12:45-13:45

Side event: [Action, Innovation and Learning for Managing Land, Rivers, Coasts and Seas](#)

Venue: K24

Description:

The “Action Platform for Source to Sea Management” will be launched to enable freshwater, coastal and marine actors to connect and engage in collaborative projects, develop and promote good practices, and take action to support climate resilient integrated governance and management concepts.

GWP recently joined this platform and its Executive Secretary, **Ania Grobicki**, will contribute as a panelist. Senior Network Officer **Natalia Alexeeva** will be present and in the partners meetings of the platform on the same day.

Monday, 1 September 2014

Time: 14:00-17:30

Seminar: [Water and Energy: Getting the Priorities Right for Smallholder Farmers](#)

Venue: T6

Description:

Smallholder farmers have a major stake in the water-energy-food nexus and in policies and strategies used to drive coherence and sustainability across these sectors. They make up the majority of farmers in most developing countries and have the most to lose from ineffective policies. Yet, the voices of smallholders are rare in current dialogues on water and energy or even water for food.

This seminar will explore water management and energy development that will better meet the needs of smallholder farmers. It will assess how applications of green water management change options for rural water, associated energy development and watershed management.

Rudolph Cleveringa, who has recently joined GWP as Deputy Executive Secretary, will present Investment Priorities for Water and Energy in Smallholder Agriculture.

Monday, 1 September 2014

Time: 17:34-18:45

Side event: [The Global Dialogue on Water Security and Sustainable Growth](#)

Venue: K2

Description:

This side event will present the work of the Expert Task Force of the Global Dialogue on Water Security and Sustainable Growth, a GWP-OECD initiative to promote and accelerate a transition to water security. The task force is led by Claudia Sadoff and Jim Hall and David Grey (both of Oxford University). The result will be a milestone report on "Water Security and Sustainable Growth" to be presented to a High Level Panel co-chaired by President Ellen Sirleaf Johnson, President of Liberia, and Angel Gurría, OECD Secretary-General, during the 2015 World Water Forum in South Korea. GWP Chair **Ursula Schaefer-Preuss** will chair the discussion, which will feature:

Alok Rawat, I.A.S. Secretary, Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, India

Benedito Braga, President, World Water Council

Herbert Oberhänsli, Nestlé, Vice President Economics and International Relations

Junaid Ahmad, Senior Director, Global Water Practice World Bank (TBC)

Tuesday, 2 September 2014

Time: 09:00-12:30

Seminar: [Water and Energy in Global Climate Policy: How to Increase Coherence and Ensure Effectiveness](#)

Venue: T4

Description:

The seminar will elaborate on the links between the global climate negotiations and the role of sustainable energy in both mitigation and adaptation strategies. The seminar will raise the question of how to increase resilience of infrastructures and institutions to droughts, floods and other extreme events. How can we ensure that national and global priorities support effective adaptation on the ground? How can lessons from the water and energy communities be better incorporated in UNFCCC processes?

GWP Programme Assistant for the Global Water, Climate, and Development Programme (WACDEP), **Susanne Skyllerstedt**, will speak at this event about linking global to national level for advancing climate adaptation in national planning.

Tuesday, 2 September 2014

Time: 09:00-12:30

Seminar: [Gender and Water: Issues for the Future](#)

Venue: Room T5

Description:

The aim of the seminar is to showcase case studies regarding gender and water, and to discuss future items of relevance for the gender and water agenda. GWP Executive Secretary **Ania Grobicki** will speak at this event in a multi-stakeholder panel discussion.

Tuesday, 2 September 2014

Time: 14:00-17:30

Seminar: Africa Focus – Building Climate Resilience for Water and Energy Infrastructure

Venue: K2

Description:

Integrating climate resilience in the water and energy nexus is critical to improving water and energy security. Demand driven interventions lead to development of sustainable infrastructure and attract high stakeholder participation. This will include establishing partnerships and sharing information on water security with relevant people and institutions, developing capacity and working with donors to support climate change adaptation options.

GWP is a co-convenor of the seminar. GWP Executive Secretary **Ania Grobicki** will moderate a panel discussion and **Andrew Takawira** will make a presentation on the Water and Climate Development Programme.

Tuesday, 2 September 2014

Time: 17:45-18:45

Seminar: Africa Focus: High Level Ministerial Panel

Venue: K2

Description:

Ministers discuss implementing the AMCOW Work Programme in the context of the outcomes of the Africa Focus. GWP Executive Secretary **Ania Grobicki** will speak about Africa's Grand Challenges: Water, Energy and Climate Resilience.

Wednesday, 3 September 2014

Time: 09:00 – 17:00

Workshop: [Integrating Energy and Water Policy and Governance](#)

Venue: K16/17

Description:

This workshop will explore tools and institutions that incentivize coordinated water and energy management. Experience of energy utilities, water basin authorities and academia is complemented by a panel moderated by GWP. Regional examples including fracking, desalination, and hydropower will show successfully deployed approaches that account for trade-offs. We will explore how to enable policy implementation and to encourage stakeholder participation.

GWP Senior Knowledge Management Officer **Danka Thalmeinerova** will be chairing this workshop and GWP Senior Network Officer **Angela Klauschen** will moderate the concluding panel. **Peter Rogers**, advisor to GWP and a Harvard University Associate Professor, will be a master of the workshop.

GWP is co-convenor of this workshop together with IUCN and Ministry of Energy and Water Resources Republic of Tajikistan.

Wednesday, 3 September 2014

Time: 09:00 – 12:30

Seminar: World Water Day 2015: Water and Sustainable Development

Venue: K2

Description:

GWP is co-convening this seminar which focuses on the theme of World Water Day 2015: 'Water and Sustainable Development. Participants will get an update on how the international community perceives water's role in the post-2015 framework and will be invited to get involved in the campaign. In addition, the logo of the World Water Day 2015 will be unveiled. GWP's Head of Communications, **Steven Downey**, will do a short presentation about Reaching the Regional and National Levels.'

Wednesday, 3 September 2014

Time: 09:00 – 17:30

Workshop: [Water, Energy and Urban Development: Potential for Integrated Approaches](#)

Venue: K16/K17

Description:

This workshop will reflect upon integrated planning, sustainable water and energy use and innovative solutions for urban infrastructure. It takes a multi-disciplinary approach, and asks

questions about how to achieve greater urban sustainability. The workshop includes a field visit to the eco-friendly neighborhood of Hammarby Sjöstad in Stockholm which demonstrates integrated planning and joint solutions to water, energy and waste.

GWP Research Assistant **Ankur Gupta** has been involved in organizing this workshop as a member of SIWI's Young Scientific Programme Committee and will be a Rapporteur. GWP Senior Network Officer **Francois Brikké** will moderate the morning session and is a panelist in the final session.

Wednesday, 3 September 2014

Time: 17:30 – 19:00

Event: Launch of the GWP Gender Strategy, and New GWP Publications (see below)

Venue: GWP Booth B01:21

Description:

You are invited to join us for the launch of our GWP Gender Strategy! The objective of GWP's Gender Strategy is to bring gender into the mainstream of GWP's work, by providing a framework to practice gender- and women-inclusive approaches. This dedicated gender strategy will guide GWP's operations into the future and is in support of the overall [GWP Strategy, Towards 2020: A Water Secure World](#).

In addition, GWP will launch new publications, and sign a Memorandum of Understanding with UNESCO-IHE.

Thursday, 4 September 2014

Time: 9:00-15:30

Workshop: [Access, Poverty and the Post-2015 Development Agenda](#)

Venue: T6

Description:

This workshop will explore and debate the feasibility of novel approaches being proposed to use and allocate energy, water and food equitably and efficiently, within existing ecological constraints in the post-2015 development agenda.

GWP Chair **Ursula Schaefer-Preuss** will be a panelist and GWP Executive Secretary **Ania Grobicki** will lead the concluding discussion. GWP is co-convenor of this workshop together with WLE and SEI.

New Publications



Groundwater Governance and Irrigated Agriculture, No. 19

This Background Paper provides an excellent overview of the global groundwater economy and assesses the opportunities it offers for irrigated agriculture and also the risks it poses for depleting and degrading aquifer systems. A review of the various ‘groundwater governance models’ suggests that while each has merit, none can claim to have achieved the sustainable use of groundwater. The author emphasizes that the socio-ecological and political environment is critical in determining the elements of an appropriate groundwater governance regime.



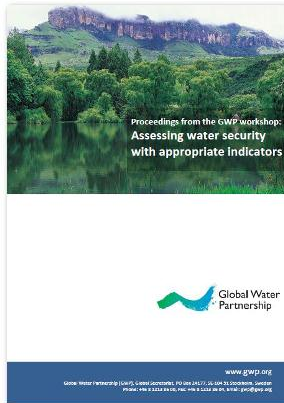
Water Security: Putting the Concept Into Practice, No. 20

This Background Paper describes the journey over two decades in which the process of integrating water resources management has developed and is reaching adulthood. The paper says that water security can never fully be achieved because ever-changing physical and economic conditions will require the continuous adaptation of water systems and behaviours to meet growing demands and changing climatic conditions. The authors examine two approaches to increasing water security: the developmental approach seeking to increase water security over time, and the risk-based approach focusing on managing risks and reducing vulnerabilities resulting from climate variability and water-related disasters.



The links between land use and groundwater – Governance provisions and management strategies to secure a ‘sustainable harvest’

This Perspectives Paper argues that a common understanding of the interaction between groundwater and land is needed. This will facilitate cross-sector dialogue on governance needs and management approaches, targeted at sustaining water resources and enhancing land productivity.



“Proceedings from the GWP workshop: Assessing water security with appropriate indicators”

In November 2012 the GWP Technical Committee organised a two-day consultation comprising 26 experts to address the question on whether it is possible to quantify and measure water security. If so, what do we measure? And what can we measure? This paper is the outcome of those discussions.



Ecosystem services and water security

One of the great barriers to achieving sustainable development is the increasing depletion of natural resources resulting in the degradation of ecosystems that are essential for human well-being and economic prosperity. This Briefing Note delivers GWP’s key messages on the conservation of the world’s ecosystem services.