



Global Water Partnership Central Africa (GWP-CAF), one of the thirteen Regional Water Partnerships within the GWP network, started its activities in Central Africa in 2004 with the establishment of a Central Africa Technical Advisory Committee (CAFTAC). In 2008, a full Regional Water Partnership, GWP-CAF, was formally established.

In its vision for the 2020-2025 strategy, which is for a "Water Secure Central Africa", GWP-CAF is "supporting sustainable development through the promotion and implementation of Integrated Water Resources Management in Central Africa". GWP-CAF is a non-governmental, apolitical, non-confessional, and not-for-profit organization, open to all institutions, organizations, associations, and research institutions, that recognize and promote the principles of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) in Central Africa. Its regional secretariat is based in Yaoundé, Cameroon.

GWP-CAF is made up of five accredited Country Water Partnerships (CWPs).



### GWP-CAF's achievements are focused on

-  Promoting Climate resilience through water
-  Transboundary water Cooperation
-  Water solutions for the SDGs
-  Mobilising youth for IWRM
-  Contributing to Gender Equality



## WE MOBILIZE (mobilizing stakeholders to promote IWRM)

### Mobilizing the media to popularize national and regional laws and policies on water, climate and the environment

As part of the Regional Partnership on Water and the Environment in Central and West Africa (PREE), GWP-CAf trained over 15 media representatives (70% female) on the laws and policies on water, climate, and the environment in Cameroon and Central Africa.

The aim was to educate the media on the content of these texts so they can popularize them through detailed and informative media coverage of topics related to these sectors.



GWP- Central Africa at COP26

During the Gender and social inclusion session of the first-ever water pavilion at COP26, GWP-CAf shared a case study on how GWP-Cameroon with the financial support of WMO is supporting the Department of National Meteorology of the Ministry of Transport in Cameroon (through mobilizing local stakeholders and community radios) to strengthen farmers' resilience to climate change through improving access to agro-meteorological information in order to improve agricultural productivity and increase food security in the Far North region of Cameroon.

## Improving access to climate financing in the Central African Republic

GWP-CAf supported the Central African Republic in the preparation and submission of its GCF readiness proposal. In 2021, GCF approved the CAR's readiness proposal with a grant of USD 443,00, which will help the country's government address pre-identified gaps and underlying barriers hindering the country's ability to mobilize funds for its climate-resilient programs.

## WE ACT

### GWP- Central Africa at COP26

The Central African Republic now has a National Water and Sanitation Policy following the government's endorsement in November 2020. Since 2018, GWP-CAf and the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) have been supporting this process in CAR. GWP-Central Africa was actively involved in the development of the road map for the policy right up to the validation of the water policy.

### Addressing the dental fluorosis problem in Cameroon

After an independent study in 2017 revealed that the excess fluoride in groundwater in the Mayo-Tsanaga sub-basin in Cameroon was the principal cause of the prevalence of dental fluorosis in the Far North Region of Cameroon, GWP Cameroon in collaboration with its partners (UNICEF, ACEEN, CEDC) has sensitized at least 8000 people on the origin of the disease in a bid to reduce the stigmatization of affected persons.



Thanks to this sensitization, some young girls have regained their confidence and now take part in social activities like singing in the choir and reading the Bible in church - this wasn't the case before. Now the WACDEP-G pilot project funded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), over thirty female leaders have been trained so far on dental fluorosis, and they, in turn, sensitize their communities to further reduce stigmatization.



In addition to raising awareness, GWP-Cameroon's research to reduce the fluoride in drinking water using charred cow bones in adapted household water filters has proven efficient so far with further research still ongoing.

### Facilitating Cameroon's accession to the 1992 Helsinki Water Convention

Global Water Partnership, Central Africa (GWP-CAF) through GWP-Cameroon (GWP-Cm) supported the Ministry of Water Resources and Energy (MNEE) as a designated member of the technical committee charged with ensuring the country's accession to the March 17th, 1992 Helsinki convention on the protection and use of transboundary watercourses and international lakes. GWP's contributions to this process includes strengthening the capacity of national experts in transboundary cooperation and raising awareness on the importance of joining the convention.

#### Act on SDG 6

GWP-CAF in collaboration with UNEP has supported six countries within the region (Chad, Cameroon, Gabon Congo, Sao Tome-and-Principe, and Congo) in the implementation and monitoring of SDG 6.5.1 (on IWRM) in 2017 and 2020 .

Technical support has also been provided to the governments of Cameroon and Congo in the evaluation of the country's SDG 6.5.2. progress.



On December 28th, 2021, Presidential Decree No 2021/754 made Cameroon the 6th party to join the convention at the African level.



MNEE - MRE  
Ministry of Water Resources and Energy

### The Young Professional Program (YPP)

Under this programme which is implemented in collaboration with RECOJAC, GWP-CAF has trained more than 20 professional and academic interns on IWRM, climate resilience and other related fields - increasing their chances of picking up jobs in the water and climate sector.

### Mobilizing Youth for IWRM

#### RECOJAC

GWP-CAF backed the establishment of the Water and Climate Network of Central African Youth Organization (RECOJAC) in 2017 and continues to provide technical and financial support towards the implementation of its mission to contribute towards the achievement of SDG 4, 4.5, 6 and 13.





## We Learn

### Improving the implementation of IWRM in the Lake Chad Basin

As part of the GEF funded regional initiative, "Lake Chad Management Improvement Support" project, jointly implemented by the Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC) and UNDP, the LCBC in collaboration with GWP Central Africa (GWP-CAf) trained about forty national and regional trainers on the implementation of the IWRM approach at the transboundary level within a climate change context.

### WASH Sector Managers in Sao Tome and Principe trained on Gender

Within the framework of the AIP WACDEP-G program, GWP-CAf in collaboration with the Directorate General of Natural Resources and Energy (DGRE) STP and GWP Sao Tome and Principe trained WASH sector managers in STP on gender and Gender Responsive Budgeting (GRB) to enable them to identify problems related to water and gender, allowing them to intervene to fill any gender gaps in the access and management of this resource to ensure the sustainable development of the water sector in the country.



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