

# Highlights of *Towards 2020* The Global Water Partnership 2014–2019 Strategy



Global Water Partnership (GWP) has learned from its worldwide network of partnerships that increasing water security needs sound policies, knowledge, and action. Moving *Towards 2020*, we strengthen our resolve to achieve a **water secure world**.

Our six-year strategy from 2014 through to the end of 2019 responds to emerging challenges and serves our network in innovative ways by building on our strengths in facilitating policy development processes; promoting investments in institutions, information, and infrastructure; developing and sharing knowledge products; building institutional capacity; and working in partnership with key sectoral players and our worldwide network of partner organisations.

#### About GWP

GWP is internationally recognised as a leading advocate for the integrated development and management of water, land, and related resources in order to support economic efficiency, social equity, and environmental sustainability – the three pillars of sustainable development.

Founded in 1996, GWP's network comprises 13 Regional Water Partnerships and 84 Country Water Partnerships, involving 2,900 partner organisations in 172 countries.

#### Vision: A water secure world

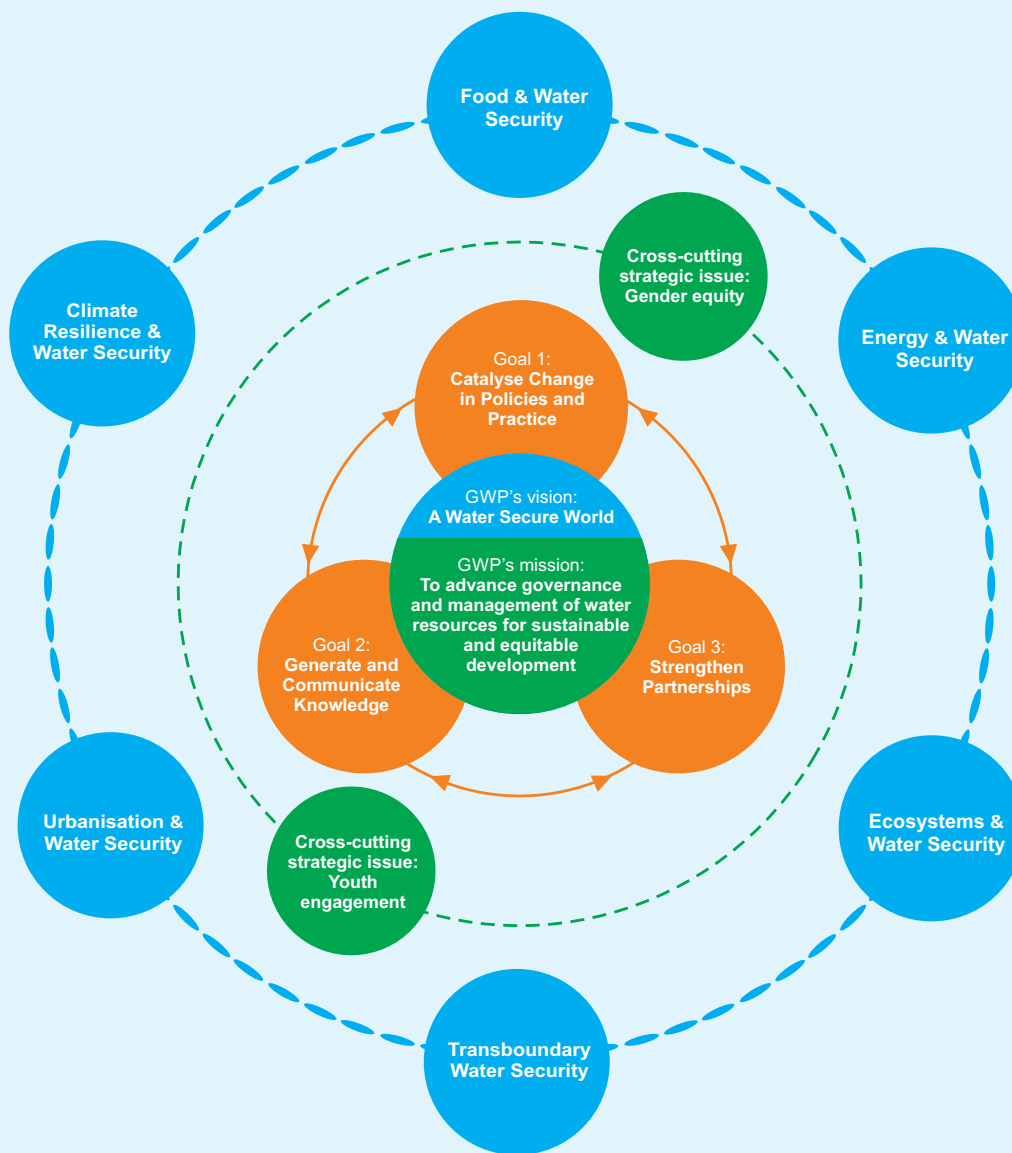
A water secure world is vital for a better future; a future in which there is enough water for social development, for sustainable and inclusive growth, and for ecosystems. A water secure world integrates a concern for the intrinsic value of water together with its full range of uses for human survival and well-being.

#### Mission: To advance governance and management of water resources for sustainable and equitable development

GWP is at the forefront of helping countries to prepare and take full ownership of their plans for integrating water resources and services. Our support moves beyond planning and into practice. *Continued*

#### Join Us

The challenges of achieving a water secure world can only be overcome with the collaboration of all agencies working towards the same end. We invite you to join us in achieving this vision. Apply at [www.gwp.org](http://www.gwp.org).



### Strategic Goals

- Goal 1 Catalyse change in policies and practice:** advancing effective governance, based on comprehensive and mutually supportive policies, institutions, partnerships, processes, and information-sharing.
- Goal 2 Generate and communicate knowledge:** developing partners' capacity to share and communicate knowledge to advance water governance and management.
- Goal 3 Strengthen partnerships:** enhancing the viability and effectiveness of GWP's Network by strengthening partnerships and partner organisations to catalyse change, enhance learning, and improve financial sustainability.

### Thematic Areas

Our new strategy takes a thematic approach to water security and supports programme implementation in six key interlinked areas of development:

- **Climate resilience and water security**
- **Transboundary water security**
- **Food and water security**
- **Urbanisation and water security**
- **Energy and water security**
- **Ecosystems and water security**

This approach integrates water security initiatives with development actions in each of the six areas so that the global development agenda reflects the importance of water security for meeting human development goals.

### Cross-Cutting Strategic Issues

**Gender equity:** We actively support the Dublin Principle that women play a central role in providing, managing, and safeguarding water. Our gender strategy supports gender mainstreaming to ensure that the interests and needs of women and men are taken equally into account in water policymaking.

**Youth engagement:** We encourage and support young people and youth organisations to be active and engaged in water partnerships and processes. Our youth strategy guides our partnerships with youth organisations and our work with young water professionals and entrepreneurs.

### Delivering the Strategy

We will deliver this strategy through strengthening network capacity, rigorously monitoring and evaluating our work, securing new and sustainable financing, and by contributing to the global development agenda.