

**GWP Southern Africa
Progress Report on activities during July–December 2006**

1. IWRM water policy and strategy development facilitated at relevant levels

Key Activities in 2006	Outcomes	Next Steps
<p>REGIONAL LEVEL SADC – GWP SA participated in the SADC Meeting on Strengthening River Basin Organisations as one of the SADC Water Divisions regional partners. GWP SA – ZACPRO6.2: GWPSA participated in the Zambezi regional stakeholder workshop involving senior officials and other stakeholders from the eight riparian countries of the Zambezi Basin, co-organized by GWPSA, ZACPRO, IUCN and the SADC/ Danida IWRM Awareness program.</p> <p>PAWD Regional Activities – GWP SA regional secretariat organised a retreat with Country PAWD managers in order to assess the work done so far and pave the way forward in the IWRM planning processes.</p> <p>NATIONAL LEVEL Progress in Zambia and Malawi High level participation at global meetings - The Director of Planning in the Ministry of Finance and National Planning from Zambia and the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Development from Malawi participated in the Global GWP SA CP and also in the 10th GWP Anniversary Celebrations in Stockholm. The Director of Planning also made a key presentation during the Stockholm Water Week</p> <p>Integrating with other sectors - Malawi representatives of Permanent Secretaries of Water related sectors (Finance, Energy, Health, Gender, Water Transport, Agriculture, Environment, Water Supply and Sanitation, etc), Deputy Secretary to Cabinet in Malawi and senior staff from GWPO (Stockholm) participated in the workshop.</p> <p>A National Workshop of Directors of Water related sectors and Heads of Planning jointly organized with Ministry of Finance/National Planning, Ministry of Energy and Water Development (MEWD) was held in Ndola, Zambia. The meeting was convened by the Cabinet office (through Secretary to the Treasury-Deputy to Cabinet Secretary).</p> <p>Progress in Swaziland: Integrating PAWD into government processes: In Swaziland the Country Water Partnership is working closely with the National Water Authority (NWA) as the NWA secretariat. The NWA is a statutory body enacted by the Swaziland Water Law.</p>	<p><i>GWP SA identified as a key role player in facilitating IWRM Capacity Building Courses with WaterNet targeted at commissioners and stakeholders within river basins.</i></p> <p><i>Agreement reached between GWPSA and Zambezi Basin Action Program (ZACPRO) Team to hold joint consultations on the Basin IWRM Strategy and National IWRM Plans for Malawi, Zambia and Mozambique. This is to ensure harmonization of the national and trans-boundary IWRM strategies. Clear outcome is that the relevant teams will now work together to link local, national and international basin IWRM planning processes.</i></p> <p><i>PAWD Country Managers capacity increased. In particular their ability to influence and manage the planning process. This was evidenced by their ability to refocus and customise the planning process. A revised process was developed. The main constraints to the process were also identified (such as work plans that do not critically consider internal government processes and end up leading to delays and under delivery on planned activities).</i></p> <p><i>The role GWP is playing in mobilizing stakeholders in the IWRM Planning process in Malawi was acknowledged by Senior politicians (The Permanent Secretary).</i></p> <p><i>Mere participation of the Ministry of Finance at a global water event was in itself an ‘awareness outcome’; The audience listening to the presentation from Ministry of Finance learnt much regarding the ground-breaking issues of IWRM and its benefits for national development planning. Experiences were shared from Zambia to the rest of the world on how IWRM had been incorporated into the Fifth National Development Programme.</i></p> <p><i>Cross-sectoral political support and ownership of the IWRM planning process strengthened in Malawi. Task forces involving representatives from water related ministries were formed to further investigate on root causes of prioritised water issues; Coordination, Catchment Management, Policy and Institutional matters and Capacity building</i></p> <p><i>Stakeholders agreed on preliminary root causes of water related problems. Key outcome was that the workshop developed recommendations on implementation of water related programs in the 5th National Development Plan through an IWRM approach.</i></p>	<p>GWP SA to incorporate RBOs in the ongoing Regional IWRM Capacity Building Programme being conducted for the PAWD programme.</p> <p>Facilitate collaboration between the Zambezi National Steering Committees and the Country Water Partnerships in the 8 riparian states to ensure harmonization of strategies.</p> <p>The 2007 work plans will take into consideration the new refocused approach. Malawi and Zambia are to integrate their plans more with on-going government processes. Swaziland will work on strengthening the involvement of the Country Water Partnership in the IWRM planning processes.</p> <p>A follow up national workshop is being organized by MWP to report on recommendations that will form part of the IWRM plan.</p> <p>Zambia Water Partnership was tasked to convene a meeting of Permanent Secretaries in the water related ministries and later government on Water Planning under the Fifth National Development Programme.</p>
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<p>Progress in Mozambique Mozambique launched its partnership and IUCN Mozambique office has been established as the host institution for the partnership.</p> <p>Developing IWRM Roadmaps: Angola and Lesotho In October, a MoU was signed between SADC Water Division, UCC Water and GWP SA to work together in developing IWRM road maps in Lesotho and Angola. In roads have been made into Angola and a number of meetings have been held with government and other stakeholders to set up a multi-stakeholder platform.</p> <p>In Lesotho the 1st Stakeholder Consultation Meeting on Developing a Roadmap for IWRM Planning was held in December. Funds supporting these activities are from the facilitation fund from GWPO.</p> <p>Progress in Botswana and Namibia The Botswana Country Water Partnership and the Namibia Water Partnership are currently supporting their Water ministries in the development of proposals to UNDP- GEF and AfDB respectively. GWPSA is kept informed so that guidance can be given when requested.</p> <p>Linkages with AMCOW(African Ministers Council on Water) GWP SA and East Africa attended an AMCOW meeting commissioned by Mr. R. Tekateka (Tekateka Commission). The meeting was aimed at looking at ways AMCOW can work with regional bodies like GWP and ANBO in Africa. Discussions are underway as to how GWP can add value to the work of AMCOW</p>	<p><i>Steering Committee, thus process and structured effectively integrated.</i></p> <p><i>Hosting arrangements in place with IUCN-Mozambique. 30 registered members secured. On launching, an interim taskforce was established, a Country Chair appointed to ensure all project structures and staff in place to start. Preparations for a project coordinator are underway.</i></p> <p><i>UCC Water and GWP SA successfully signed a MoU to collaborate rather than duplicate and / or compete in supporting Lesotho and Angola. The Angola Director of Water has officially invited GWP SA to launch a partnership in Angola. A contract between Angola-GWPSA and UCC water is in place to start the process.</i></p> <p><i>A Situational Analysis report on Lesotho has been developed from the workshop, which will guide the roadmap development process.</i></p> <p><i>Feedback from the two donors has been received and Namibia and Botswana are currently revising their documents for resubmission. GWPSA called on by both countries to advise .</i></p> <p><i>GWP was advised to specify its added value to AMCOW and work towards a MOU with AMCOW which will define a working relationship. Issue taken up at Global level for better coordination of 5 Africa GWP regions, now tasks planned to draft the MoU and develop a concept note on the Pan-Africa GWP meeting to prep for AMCOW support.</i></p>	<p>Project structures to be setup namely – Project Steering Committee and the Project Taskforce</p> <p>In Angola the next step is to setup a Country Water Partnership which will facilitate IWRM Planning. A meeting between the Minister and the Global ES is being planned for end of Feb. In Lesotho integration is needed with on-going processes namely with the World Bank Water Improvement Project.</p> <p>GWPSA will encourage participation of Namibia and Botswana in PAWD knowledge management workshops so that these two countries may learn quickly and effectively.</p> <p>GWP SA, GWP EA, GWP West , GWP Central and GWP Med to meet in Athens early February 2007 to discuss a working relationship with AMCOW. GWP regional offices to report the status of IWRM planning to AMCOW in March 2007, Brazzaville.</p>
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2. IWRM programmes and tools developed in response to regional and country needs

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<p>Regional Capacity Building Programme</p> <p>In this programme, key GWPSA regional partners developed the capacity building plan together and are executing the capacity building components together. Key regional partners are IUCN, IWSD, Water Net, ZACPLAN and country partners. Courses and training held in this period were –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A regional ToT on <i>Mainstreaming of Gender and HIV & Aids in IWRM planning</i> which was held in July 2006 with participants from SADC member states. • <i>Best practices for intersectoral water governance</i> developed through a regional course held in November 2006 for senior water officials and other related sectors the region. Course was jointly organized with WaterNet, InWent and SADC and involved participants drawn from the SADC region. • <i>An Environmental Flows Requirement (EFR) Course</i> was held December 2006. GWPSA mobilized key regional partners to jointly host the course; IUCN, Water Net, InWent (GTZ), Fetish –Water (Belgium) and Department of Water Affairs and Forestry in South Africa (DWAF). • Tool Box Training was held for the Swaziland IWRM Planning Task Force and also for the Botswana CWP. These initiatives have enhanced appreciation of Tool Box as a useful resource for IWRM planning information. 	<p><i>A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between GWPSA and WaterNet to collaborate on capacity building for IWRM planning.</i></p> <p><i>The ToT enhanced the appreciation of Gender and HIV issues and PAWD countries have incorporated Gender issues in their IWRM planning process. Namibia followed up with national level training in collaboration with UNESCO country office</i></p> <p><i>Darft document on best practices on Intersectoral Water Governance developed to be finalised and disseminated widely.</i></p> <p><i>Successful partnering based on demand and interest for EFR; Stakeholder's capacity to mainstream environmental flows in IWRM planning enhanced. In the course evaluation the participants confirmed that they were able to apply their knowledge back at work and pass on to peers thus added value beyond the course itself.</i></p> <p><i>Enhanced IWRM understanding among course participants. Stakeholders appreciated how the tools in the GWP Tool box can assist in solving water related challenges - 'relevance and solutions' and 'customising' a general tool is key to value of the product.</i></p>	<p>Next training in the first half of the year will be on Resilience building, transboundary waters, IWRM Strategy and Planning and Catchment Management</p> <p>Guidelines will be further developed and published for wider dissemination to other sub-regions in Africa.</p> <p>Follow up to monitor and evaluate impact of training in IWRM plans. Increase the awareness of the need of EWR in the SADC region through River Basin Committees</p> <p>Next training for Zambia and Malawi has been scheduled for March 2007 to assist in the development of strategies.</p>
<p>Knowledge Management</p> <p>During 2005, GWPSA partnered with CSIR in an ecosystem governance workshop. One of the planned outputs was a publication the papers from the meeting. GWPSA Contributed a chapter on IWRM planning lessons from Malawi and Zambia in a journal by the Council for Scientific and Industrial (CSIR) on Ecosystem Water Governance.</p> <p>Other knowledge management activities included in PAWD.</p>	<p><i>GWPSA has successfully had its paper published in the CSIR-Elsivier book (to be launched 22 March 2007) entitled 'Governance as a Trialogue'</i></p> <p><i>There will be wide distribution coverage to regional partners and other sub regions in Africa and Europe. This will enhance wider dissemination of lessons and experiences of IWRM planning.</i></p>	<p>Consider further similar opportunities with CSIR water programme and others.</p>
<p>IWRM Awareness: SADC – Danida Regional IWRM programme</p> <p>The Inception workshop was held in October 2006 with key regional partners (IUCN ROSA, SARDC and IWSD) collaborating in the SADC IWRM Awareness programme – an official SADC initiative supported by Danida. GWPSA is responsible primarily for the 'dialogue' component which involves hosting a major annual IWRM event, organising key presentations and involvement of marginalised groups in IWRM conference/workshops etc.</p>	<p><i>GWP SA's role clear in leading the "dialogue" component and linkages and contributions to the 'read' and 'see' components being led by other partners, of the programme and will link with other partners. Detailed project implementation plan submitted to Danida for contract agreement purposes, to be signed by end Feb 2007. Danida confirms USD200 000 in total for 2007/08 (100 000 per year).</i></p>	<p>GWP SA to ensure contract with Danida signed by end Feb 2007. GWPSA to coordinate the Regional IWRM Fair in May 2007 with regional partners and SADC.</p>

3. Linkages between GWP and other frameworks, sectors and issues ensured

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<p>WARFSA/WaterNet/GWPSA annual symposium</p> <p>The 6th Annual Symposium was held in Malawi and the theme was “Mainstreaming IWRM into National Development Processes”. GWP SA is tasked with bringing policymakers and practitioners to dialogue with researchers and capacity builders. For the first time media representatives were brought from 13 SADC countries to participate. GWP SA organised a dialogue on “Sharing Water Benefits” which brought together policymakers and researchers to discuss gaps in research and capacity needs. GWPSA shared practical experiences on mainstreaming IWRM into National Development processes.</p>	<p><i>Research gaps and capacity needs were identified during the Sharing Water Benefits Dialogue. Media practitioners who attended the meeting applauded the water sector for “coming out of the cubicle” and engaging other non-water sectors.</i></p> <p><i>GWP SA presentation highlighted the issue of integration and the importance of “selling IWRM” – beyond the water sector.</i></p> <p><i>Policy-makers actively engaged with the ‘academics’ on the theory of and reality of ‘sharing water benefits’, improving everyones appreciation of political realities vs ‘academia’.</i></p>	<p>GWP SA will work with WARFSA (Water Research Fund for Southern Africa) to help address the research gap on the practical and political aspects of sharing water benefits.</p> <p>Promote research on quantifying IWRM benefits – so as to sell IWRM to policymakers.</p>
<p>Collaboration with regional and international partners</p> <p>GWP SA has worked with a number of partners in the Regional Capacity Building Programme (see Output 2)</p> <p>Collaboration with Zambezi Project – see Output 1 GWPSA-ZACPRO</p>	<p><i>See output 2 and output 1</i></p>	
<p>Proposal drafting with IWMI</p> <p>GWPSA was involved with IWMI and GWPO in developing a proposal for DFID UK on research into use. The proposal was submitted in September and GWP and IWMI are still awaiting official feedback from DFID.</p>	<p><i>A joint IWMI-GWPSA proposal was drafted and the process of working together a valuable one which can be beneficial for further opportunities with IWMI and involving many regions where both organisations work.</i></p>	<p>Follow up regularly with GWPO on status of proposal outcome.</p>

4. GWP partnerships established and consolidated at relevant levels

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<p>CWP Strengthening workshop The annual CWP Strengthening Workshop brings together country chairs and coordinators to discuss issues that affect the partnership and to share experiences was held in Maseru, Lesotho. There is a strong focus on strengthening the CWPs – ‘institutionally’. The objectives of the meeting were –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To discuss the 2007 Regional Work plan • To assess the compliance by Country Water Partnerships to the Conditions of Accreditation • To contribute to the GWP SA long term strategy and the regional constitution • To clarify and define the role of the Country Water Partnerships within countries 	<p><i>Action Plans developed to assist countries in complying with the GWP Conditions of Accreditation</i> <i>Partner contributions to the GWPSA Long term Strategy and components of the Regional Constitution</i> <i>Clearer understanding of the role of a Country Water Partnership with respect to individual partner institutions and other multi-stakeholder platforms</i></p>	<p>GWP SA Secretariat to work with countries in ensuring Action Plans are implemented so as to ensure compliance by November 2007.</p> <p>Long term Strategy Consultants to be commissioned before year end (2006).</p>
<p>CWP and Youth programme activities All CWPS were busy winding up programme activities funded through the SIDA budget Botswana – Held a country wide road show promoting sustainable management and use of water resources DRC – ToolBox and IWRM training Lesotho – Developing a management plan with stakeholders for wetland rehabilitation and management Namibia – Country Water Partnership Strengthening and proposal development for IWRM planning Zimbabwe - Stakeholder Capacity Building in the development of an IWRM Catchment Outline Plan – IWRM Operationalisation in Gwayi catchment</p>	<p><i>Botswana road show was a success – increased the level of understanding and awareness by the youth and general public as well as the politicians - of the need to manage water resources in the country.</i> <i>IWRM capacity improved in DRC.</i> <i>Zimbabwe Water Partnership facilitated an iwrn operationalisation project and lessons from a previous sub-catchment scale were applied and upscaled to catchment level. The Government of Zimbabwe also contributed half the funds for the project based on the value gained to government and the water authorities – from the lower Manyame project of 2003/2005.</i> <i>CWPs are active and visible at country level through small projects from seed money and in this way their capacity is built.</i></p>	<p>Facilitate CWP fundraising so as to maintain CWP presence within countries.</p>

5. GWP network effectively developed and managed

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<p>Consulting Partners meeting 2006 Held in Botswana under the theme – “Mainstreaming IWRM into the National Developmental Processes”. The objectives of the meeting were as follows –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop strategies on integrating IWRM into regional and national development processes. To raise the understanding of water efficiency in the IWRM planning process To raise awareness on the concept of sharing of benefits as a contribution to regional integration based on the SADC Protocol on Shared watercourses To share and discuss mainstreaming of HIV and AIDS in IWRM processes and the Partnership To debate governance procedures and draft guidelines pertaining to the partnership 	<p><i>Strategic actions on the techniques of integrating IWRM into the national development processes discussed and developed. These have informed the current IWRM Planning processes in 4 countries.</i></p> <p><i>Increased understanding of water efficiency in the IWRM Planning processes.</i></p> <p><i>Increased understanding of the concept of Sharing benefits in transboundary shared watercourses and challenges facing policy makers revealed.</i></p> <p><i>Recommendations on mainstreaming HIV and AIDS in the IWRM processes, implementation and the Partnership developed. Awareness of HIV / Aids and relevance to IWRM increased.</i></p> <p><i>GWPSA Governance procedures, including procedure for selecting GWP SA Chair developed and endorsed by Consulting Partners.</i></p>	<p>Clearly document outcomes on each aspect dealt with so as to share experiences and implement recommendations within the partnership.</p>
<p>Regional Water Day GWP SA organised a Regional Water Day back to back with the Consulting Partners meeting in Gaborone, Botswana (discussed above) – the aim of the day was to bring regional partners together to showcase what they are doing in terms of water resources management in the region and to promote sharing of information, best practices on IWRM implementation and promote collaboration. Twenty (20) regional Institutions participated among them, IUCN, Water Net, and SADC Water Division, DANIDA, SIDA, Desert Research Foundation (DRFN) in Namibia, Water Utility Corporation and Kalahari Conservation Society in Botswana, Institute of Water Development (IWSA), Consultancy Research Fund for Southern Africa, Southern African Research and Documentation Centre (SARDC), WARFSA etc participated.</p>	<p><i>Integration opportunities amongst various regional partners undertaking regional initiatives explored.</i></p> <p><i>Increased understanding by participants of the progress of various regional initiatives in the region</i></p> <p><i>Dissemination of opportunities created to the SADC region by various players promoting sustainable water resources management</i></p> <p><i>A platform for regional partners to share experiences, network and encourage collaboration was created</i></p> <p><i>Partners funded own participation as tremendous value in showcasing their work at such a regional event.</i></p>	<p>2007 Regional IWRM Fair will be held in Maputo, Mozambique within the context of the SADC IWRM Awareness Programme.</p>
<p>15th GWPSA Steering Committee meeting - July 2006 The 15th SC meeting was held prior to the CP2006, and dealt primarily with the refined governance procedures for Chair and SC member nomination and selection. A draft rotational policy was also discussed by SC.</p> <p>16th Steering Committee meeting – October 2006 – was held to seek SC input and approval on the GWPSA annual 2007 work plan and budget and to discuss other strategic issues (e.g. AMCOW). As part of the CP2006 recommendations, SC set up a Chair search task force to develop and coordinate the nomination/selection process for the next GWP SA Chair after the term of the current chair ended.</p>	<p><i>After amendments were made, SC approved the SC and Chair procedures and agreed to table these at CP2006. GWPSA Governance procedures developed which will form the key content of the regional Constitution/Statutes.</i></p> <p><i>SC agreed that the draft rotational policy procedures were to be tabled at CP for discussion/ input purposes only. SC agreed to seek CP endorsement for the Secretariat move to South Africa.</i></p> <p><i>After inputs, SC approved the regional workplan for submission to GWPO. SC agrees that GWPSA should pursue strategic linkages with AMCOW.</i></p> <p><i>Chair search task force established to ensure 3 names of potential Chairs are proposed to CP2007 and one elected as the new Chair for 2007-2009. Guidelines given by SC.</i></p>	<p>Seek CP endorsement on procedures. Ensure governance procedures included in the GWPSA Statutes to be developed through the long-term strategy process.</p> <p>Discuss draft rotational policy with CP and amend where appropriate.</p> <p>Amend and submit 2007work plan / budget to GWPO. Follow up with AMCOW TAC – R Tekateka on AMCOW linkages.</p> <p>Chair task team to begin immediate work on process and schedule to ensure 3 names suggested to Cp2007.</p>

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<p>Regional Technical Committee The RTEC has been involved in the capacity building programme specifically the EWR course and the Intersectoral Water Governance course. The RTEC also assisted in the development of formats for Project concept Notes to be used by the PAWD drafting teams. RTEC is also assisting in the editing of the lower Manyame/Toolbox publication. The Regional Secretariat team and the RTEC met in Lesotho at the CWP Strengthening meeting and discussed ways in which the RTEC can contribute to the 2007 Work Programme.</p>	<p><i>RTEC support identified and planned for in regional work plan for 2007 – towards technical value addition to GWPSA given their technical expertise.</i> <i>RTEC partly alleviates capacity/ work load constraints in the Secretariat.</i></p>	<p>RTEC to be actively involved in the Regional Work Programme through the Capacity Building Programme, Manyame publication and the Project concept Notes development for PAWD Drafting teams.</p>
<p>Communications and Publications Articles for the Water Dialogue collated and sent to designers GWPSA commissions a team to develop a DVD on IWRM Planning in the region. A DVD on the Conflict Resolution Course, held in Zambia was developed. GWP SA website The Regional Website was upgraded and loaded under a new domain www.gwpsa.org. Work is being undertaken to develop a GWP SA IWRM Planning Portal.</p>	<p><i>Effective packaging and further dissemination of lead GWP SA activities/ IWRM issues in the region, improving the level of awareness of IWRM and the work of the regional and country partnerships.</i> <i>Regional Website up and running to be used as a tool to communicate with regional partners and globally. More effective and updated communication tool in place.</i></p>	<p>Water Dialogue to be issued by mid Q1 2007 – as a double feature. GWP SA to work with the team developing the DVD on IWRM planning in Q1/Q2 2007. IWRM Planning Portal to be launched in March 2006. Monthly updates on website to start in March 2007.</p>
<p>GWP SA Long term Strategy Since 2005, GWPSA has planned the development of a long term strategy, also encouraged by Sida, GWPSA's main regional donor since 1996. The final TORs were approved by SC in October and a call for proposals was made. 5 proposals were received and reviewed and a Zimbabwean consortium appointed early December. The strategy has 4 main components: Visioning/ programmatic; Financial; Institutional (including OD and legal aspects) & M&E considering outcome mapping as an appropriate framework.</p>	<p><i>Open and transparent commissioning process run.</i> <i>Consultants commissioned to facilitate the process of developing a long term strategy for GWP SA and begin work in December 2006.</i></p>	<p>GWP SA Secretariat, Steering Committee & CWPs to work with the consultants to develop a long term strategy that will include a financial plan and organisational development plan.</p>
<p>Governance – see CP and SC meetings above.</p>		