



GEF International Waters Learning Exchange and Resource Network

IW:LEARN4 Activities

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GEF International Waters:Learning Exchange And Resources Network (IW:LEARN)

Project Objective: To strengthen knowledge management capacity and promote scaled-up learning of disseminated experiences, tools and methodologies for transboundary waters management—across and beyond the GEF IW portfolio, together with a global network of partners—in order to improve the effectiveness of GEF IW and partner projects to deliver tangible results and scaled-up investments.

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Scaled-up Partnerships

- Conservation International
- Global Water Partnership
- Int. Commission for the Protection of the Danube River
- International River Foundation
- International Union for the Conservation of Nature
- The Nature Conservancy
- UN Economic Commission for Europe
- UNESCO-International Hydrological Program
- UN Industrial Development Organization
- UN University – Institute for Water, Environment & Health
- World Wildlife Fund

Project Components

Component 1: Support the Harvesting, Standardization, Dissemination and Replication of Portfolio & Partner Results, Data and Experience

Component 2: Share Knowledge Across Projects and Partners (Through Dialogue Processes and Face-to-Face Capacity Building) to Advance Transboundary Water Management

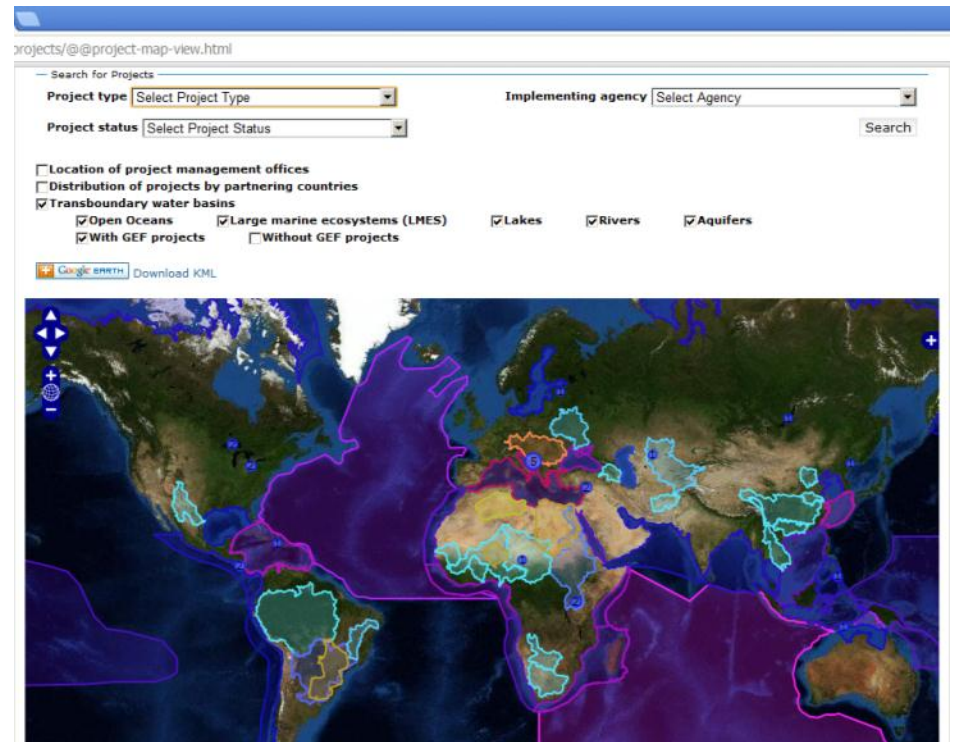
Component 3: Expand Global Freshwater Communities of Practice to Advance Conjunctive Management of Surface, Ground & Marine waters and Partner with New Enterprises on Initiatives to Better Manage International Waters

Component 4: Promote GEF IW Portfolio Results, Tools & Best Practice to the non-GEF Community to Increase Awareness, Replication, Scalability and Sustainability of GEF IW Investments

Component 5: Launch Programmatic Tools to Improve Portfolio Performance and Sustain Project Interventions

Upgraded portfolio visualization tool

Description: a spatially-based reporting system—to be based on instantaneous direct project inputs along the indicators of the GEF IW tracking tool as well as metric-based performance assessment tools pioneered by the GEF Transboundary Waters Assessment Programme to measure the state of international waters as well as project progress and basin scorecards



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Improved IW:LEARN.net Website

Description: dynamic and topical/thematic navigation system (among other improvements). expanding the IW:LEARN website through linkage with partners' online knowledge platforms and serving as an information exchange for beneficiaries to access services from the global learning partnership.



Information & Communication Training (ICT)

Description: ICT trainings on applying cost-effective & state-of-the-art technologies to improve the management of information by GEF projects



Project-Project Twinning Exchanges

Description: twinning between projects on a more programmatic and long-term basis



GEF International Waters Conference

Description: 8th and 9th GEF Biennial International Waters Conferences as key vehicle to promote face-to-face portfolio learning



Regional/Global Targeted Training

Description: regional and global training, through workshops, on specific topics such as, inter alia, groundwater modeling, legal frameworks for transboundary cooperation, gender mainstreaming, economic valuation (with Component 5) and mainstreaming climatic variability & change. Workshops will be undertaken in collaboration with the LME governance project, with the support of partners in the Global Network.



Regional dialogue processes

Description: facilitate the replication of the trust- and consensus-building regional dialogue model, known as the Athens-Petersberg Process, to promote transboundary cooperation in various regions. The tested approach includes trust and confidence building measures, deployed as such through policy roundtables, capacity-building workshops and written assessments.



Global Freshwater Communities of Practice

Description: facilitated face-to-face exchanges among particular subsets of projects, especially ecosystem sub-sets, with a particular focus on integrating freshwater projects to advance conjunctive management, particularly with groundwater resources.

Activities may include things like integration dialogues, webinars, video lectures, specific technical support to projects, training material (in conjunction with Components 2 and 5), peer-to-peer assistance (in conjunction with Component 2 project twinning), ecosystem-specific programmatic support through guidance materials and face-to-face exchanges.

Private sector engagement

Description: Activities in this area will include trainings on water stewardship and risk tools, dialogues on business participation in water resource management and multi-stakeholder basin funds. Activities will be designed to engage local and national officials, as well as the private sector. Such activities mean this component is specifically targeted at reaching beyond the GEF IW portfolio, to build partnerships with other actors in the water sector, as well as specifically with joint management bodies like transboundary commissions, with an aim to support global scale-up of GEF IW investments through various knowledge management approaches.

Support for Participation in key global events

Description: supporting participation in key global dialogue processes as an organizing partner, mostly of side events—and in supporting GEF IW project participation—at large international IW events to promote the IW portfolio and obtain tools and ideas to enhance its knowledge management activities.

Description: act as a co-organizer of large international events centered on water management (both fresh and marine), as well as relevant private sector events in the water sector, some events might include Stockholm Water Week or International Marine Conservation Congress (IMCC)

International Waters Awareness Raising Kit

Description: GEF IW Box (akin to the Danube Box), aimed at wider communities, containing pertinent information and guidance on the portfolio, its results, its processes



Economic Valuation

Description: Integrate economic valuation of natural resources into the TDA-SAP guidance and other processes to enhance advocacy for proposed SAP reforms to senior government decision-makers as well as the private sector.

Community-level SAP Engagement

Description: guidance on the translation of SAPs into local actions as well as how to link community-level actions with regional governance processes and facilitate the scale-up of identified community-based management models to support the coming generation of SAP implementation-phase projects.

Support to SAP Implementation

Description: how well the governance measures in these SAPs have worked, good SAP practices need to be shared and SAP use scaled up for greater governance impact in the IW portfolio. This activity aims to improve the quality of SAPs by ensuring they are focused on actions that can be realistically implemented thru new guidance. The activity will also improve the existing methodology in terms of uptaking results from the Transboundary Waters Assessment Program recommendations, specific guidance on ecosystem-specific considerations in the process as well as improvements in the area of gender mainstreaming.

Online thematic training courses

Description: This activity may include the creation of short , interactive training courses on topics like economic valuation/payment for ecosystem services, stakeholder engagement, mainstreaming climatic change and variability, governance, communications and outreach, and data and information management as possible topics.