Ready to exchange your knowledge?

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Why we need Communities of Practice?

- Immense amount of knowledge and experiences over 20 year of GEF IW (good and bad practices)
- A tool for preserving and sharing of this knowledge is needed – innovative and interactive
- Present and share results
- Exchange knowledge with external networks

Integrated Water Resources Management?

- **Beyond silo attitudes**
- **Learn from each other**

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Why should this work?

- Elements of success:

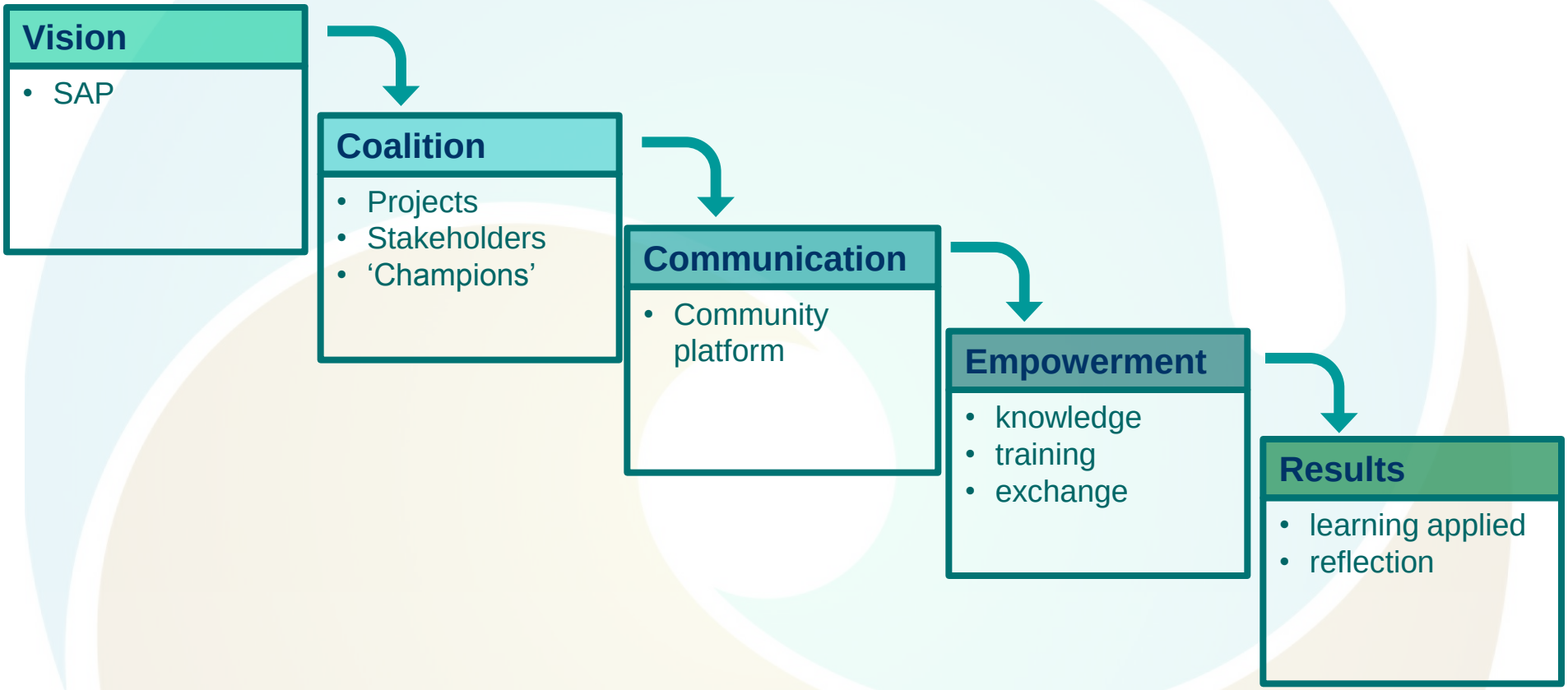
- People with expertise and/or experience
- People who like what they do
- People who are willing to share their knowledge... and profit by learning from others

- Facilitation by IUCN and UNESCO-IHP

Who will be part of this?

- **Project Managers or designated focal points (Project 'Learning Champions')**
- **National experts and policy makers of the key ministries**
- **Other interested GEF IW Projects**
- **Water resources practitioners and scientists beyond the GEF community**

How can learning help?



What services can you expect?

- Project learning agendas
- Learning resources
- Tailored regional workshop support
- Brokering knowledge exchange
- Follow-up action support

The Communities of Practice *in practice…*

- Online and face-to-face
- Common “box” (look & feel)
- Similarities and differences
- Roles of moderators and participants
- What will be in the CoPs
- Examples of specific activities of GW and SW CoPs

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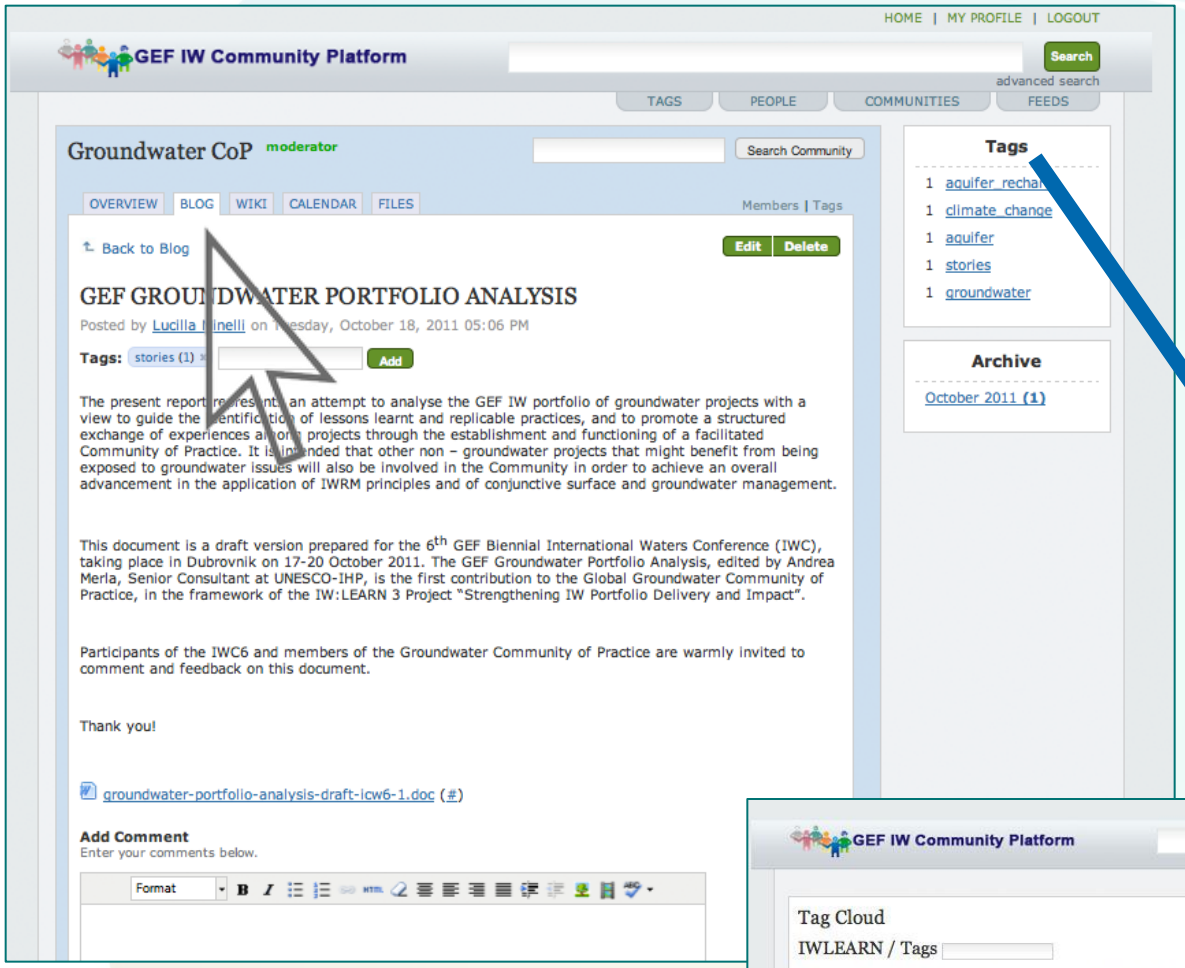

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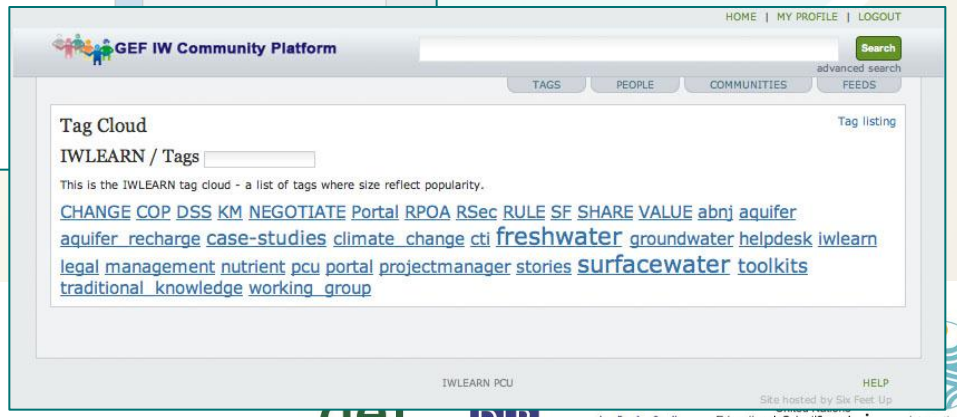

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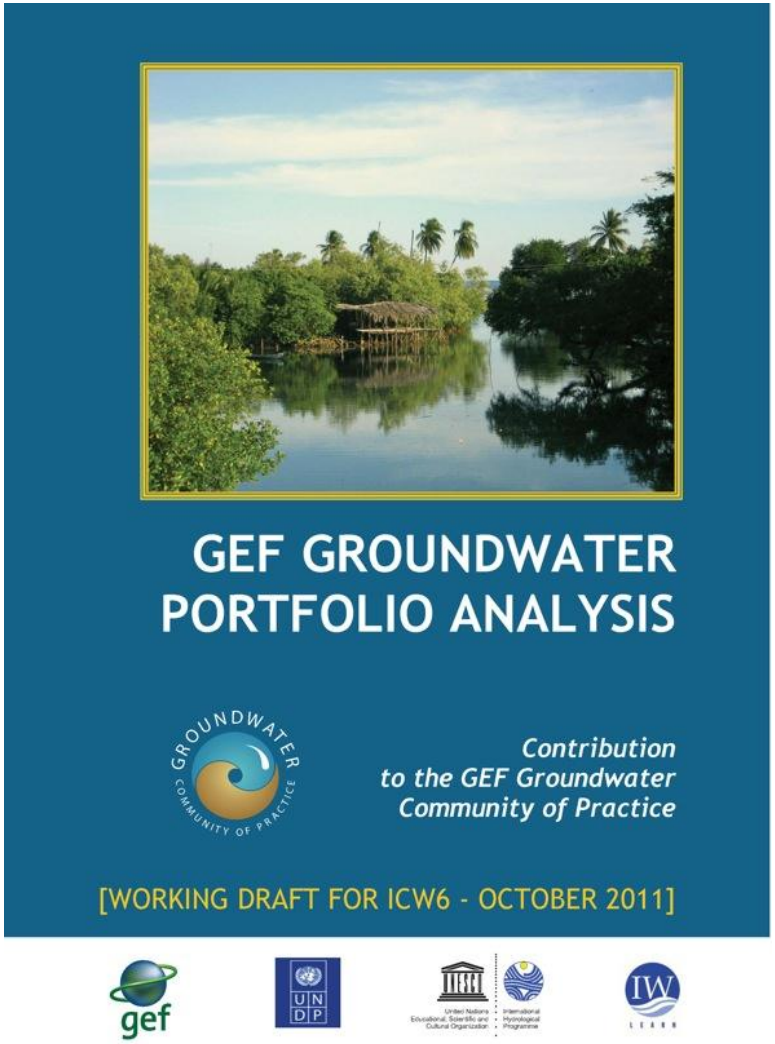
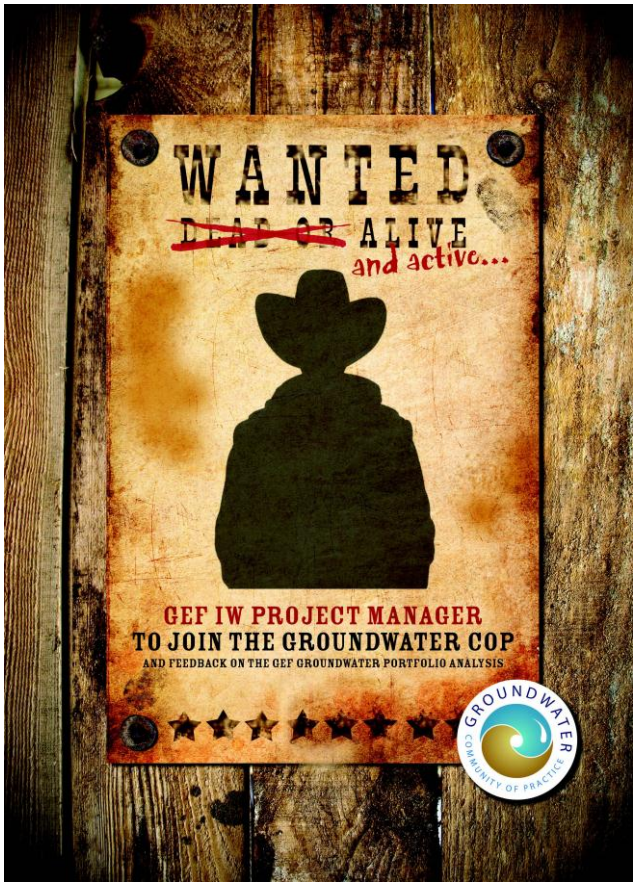




Specific activities and next step

Facilitated online exchange among Learning Champions to prepare thematic learning agendas for participating projects:

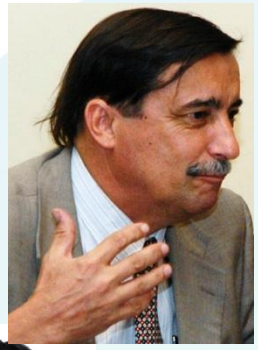
- prioritisation of topics
- key participants at project level
- target outputs and outcomes

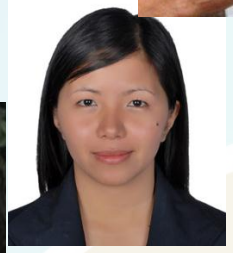
Role of moderators

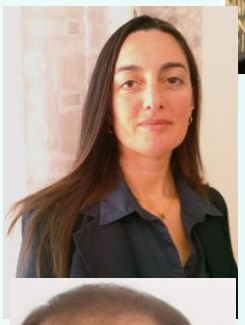
- Channel requests and suggestions from projects
- Facilitate and stimulate thematic discussions
- Identify one to one project exchange opportunities
- Support regional dialogues and workshops

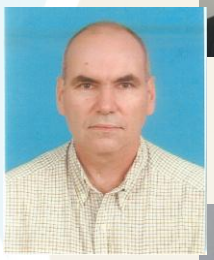
Role of participants

- Register as a member with a complete profile and expertise
- Actively contribute to CoPs with feedback and fresh content









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