



SUSTAINING INTERNATIONAL WATERS COOPERATION

Partnerships and Synergies:

Partnerships to Scale up Community-based International Waters Management

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Museum of Water, Marrakech

Key points:

1. The objective of the side event was to review the challenges and opportunities for translation regional frameworks and agreements into local action, while considering the mechanisms and processes necessary to incorporate local. Action into regional policy making and intergovernmental meetings.
2. The speakers shared experiences and lessons learnt from similar partnership programmes, in particular, the UNDP-GEF Yellow Sea Project and GEF IWECO, among others.
3. Recommendations included networking to determine the potential for and ensure synergies and linkages, and to improve understanding and knowledge sharing.
4. Participants spoke to improved effectiveness of GEF International Waters portfolio through more collaboration between SGP and the GEF full-sized projects: 1., Local solutions are frequently innovative; 2., SGP can fill gaps in full-size projects and has an existing delivery mechanism in most countries; 3., Partnerships with SGP can allow GEF to double the effect of its interventions.
5. Portfolio effectiveness can and should also be improved through vertical integration of actions at the regional, national, and local levels.