



## **International Waters: Learning Exchange and Resource Network (IW:LEARN)**

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The GEF's IW:LEARN helps International Waters initiatives transfer best practices and adapt lessons learned in order to improve management of transboundary water systems.

### **IW:LEARN Regional Learning Centres**

Each Regional Learning Center (RLC) serves as a –

- Center of Excellence for transferring International Waters (IW) management expertise to countries and projects across its region
- Provider of IW:LEARN capacity-building services to regional IW stakeholders
- Contributing partner within the GEF's global network of IW:LEARN RLCs and related IW capacity-building institutions.

### **Center of Excellence for International Waters**

Each RLC is adapted to address its region's IW needs. The RLC works within its region to identify and address the needs of GEF IW projects and their partners. Regional expertise is needed for both Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and Integrated Coastal and Marine Management (ICMM). Needs include scientific, management and technical issues, as well as areas such as environmental assessment, good governance, resource mobilization, and economic valuation of ecological resources.

### **Service Provider to International Waters Partners**

The RLC leads and coordinates IW:LEARN services within the region. IW:LEARN promotes capacity-building<sup>1</sup> among GEF IW stakeholders from organizational to global scales. The RLC provides such services through regional learning exchanges, information dissemination, and technical assistance with information and communications technology (ICT).

### **Global Network of RLC Partners**

In serving the IW needs within its own region, each IW:LEARN RLC also contributes to and benefits from information and technical assistance distributed throughout the global network of RLCs. IW:LEARN promotes jointly developed knowledge products and knowledge transfer between regions and across the broader IW community. RLCs work with the IW:LEARN Secretariat to transfer technical assistance between regions and to promote knowledge-sharing at the global scale.

For more information on IW:LEARN Regional Learning Centers, please contact the IW:LEARN Secretariat at the address below.

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<sup>1</sup> See IW:LEARN services brochure at <http://www.iwlearn.org/ftp/iwlservices.pdf>.