



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

Action Items from IW:LEARN Steering Committee Meeting – Paris, France January 24, 2006

The IW:LEARN Steering Committee (SC) held a face-to-face meeting on January 24, 2006. Envisioned completion dates are **bolded**. Actors responsible are underlined. Participants are listed at the end.

A1: IW-IMS

1. SK w/CH and IWL office will develop keyword index. Need to ask projects, "What have you learned (that could be relevant to other projects)?" (ongoing)

B3: Inter-Project Exchanges

2. MHH: Since IWTF is not yet ready to use PIR to focus on potential exchange targets, MHH will send follow-up email to SC members & Marea, for their spontaneous suggestions for exchanges, by **January 30**.
3. Danube Reg. Proj. (DRP) will draft communications guidance doc, based on successful Vienna workshop, by **March 1**.
4. DMS and JRM will facilitate edits to communications guidance by exchange participants to release v1.0 on UNDP WaterWiki, by **March 15**.
5. MHH will include call for exchange proposals and article on Vienna workshop and guidance in next IW Bridges, for circulation at WWF4, by **March 15**.
6. JRM will assess whether BCLME is interested in working with Patagonia LME to prepare an Argentina-to-Benguela exchange proposal by **March 30**.
7. JRM w/MHH will place reports from past exchanges in discoverable location (under "About IW:LEARN?") on new iwlearn.net by **April 30**.
8. JRM will circulate to SC proposals from Guarani and MBRS as soon as formulated.
9. JRM w/MHH will solicit and intake 2006 exchange proposals for SC review, by **May 23** (prior to June 8 SC meeting).
10. DMS and JRM will consider successful conditions from Vienna workshop in planning future multi-project exchanges and agenda for IWC4 -- e.g., projects'

needs-driven, pragmatic, expertly facilitated, preparatory surveys, content experts on hand, leveraged funding from other GEF IW projects (ongoing).

11. TN will provide IW:LEARN with info. on timing (and outputs) of UNEP-DGEF-IW portfolio-wide meeting this year.

C2: IWC4 (Cape Town) – New recommendations attached below

12. PCU w/GETF will develop straw agenda for SC review by **June 8** SC meeting.

13. DMS will discuss with Globallast potential for excursion at CT port, by **January 30**

E2: IW Experience Notes (IWEN) and Side-Events

14. DMS will discuss w/Kari E. @ DRP refinement of "Small Grants Program" note to include comments from SC (role of NGO, resources req., transparency), obtain her insights for improving IWEN survey by **January 26**.

15. GEF will place at least \$1M GEF to leverage additional \$1M from Small Grants in each Strategic Partnership project as they are developed.

16. DMS w/MHH: Will incorporate AH comments for integration with GETF best practices survey format by **February 10**.

17. IW:LEARN (MHH) will include article versions for 1-2 IWENs in each quarterly IW Bridges newsletter.

18. JRM will try to get GEF/OAS WWF4 LAC region public participation session included within Mexican National Council block of sessions, and will discuss w/UNESCO partners support that may be needed for GEF groundwater projects to participate in WWF4 sessions.

19. JRM will schedule mtg w/INWENT (and AI) at WWF4 re: partnering to carry out joint Africa IWRM activity(s).

20. JRM/DMS will work with GPA to organize GEF session on strategic partnerships at IGR (Beijing 16-20 Oct) as per discussion w/AI. Per VV and AD's guidance, IWL to submit partnership form to Nancy @ GPA by **February 17** (following AD input and SC review)

Steering Committee Members Present

GEF: Al Duda,
UNDP: Andrew Hudson, Vladimir Mamaev
UNEP: Takehiro Nakamura
World Bank: Marea Hatzios

Steering Committee Members Not Present

GEF: Sara Graslund, Christian Holde, Andrea Merla
UNEP: Sean Khan
UNOPS: Andrew Menz
World Bank: Tracy Hart, Mei Xie

Other Participants – IW:LEARN Project Coordinating Unit (PCU): Dann Sklarew, Janot Mendler

ATTACHMENT: January 2006 Recommendations for IWC4

SC Recommendations:

- 4-days, w/(half?) day trip to Cape of Good Hope and [outside of GEF TOR] pre-conference LME visit to Globallast site.
- Focus on Partnerships and modalities of collaboration. Perhaps three sequential breakouts on "enabling activities" (TDA/SAP), implementation (partners) and "sustainability and partnerships." These breakouts would proceed within each thematic group (aquifers, rivers, lakes, LME's)
- Keep thematic breakout groups (Rivers, Lakes, Aquifers, LMES)
- Should be a learning process, starting w/ prep exercises well before event itself. Ask "What are 3 things you'd like to learn from other GEF IW projects?"
- Need to identify objectives, then create a "marketplace of ideas"
- Consider requiring IW Experience Notes (IWENs) from all either *all participants* or *a representative from each project*, well in advance of IWC4 (provide areas to consider?)
- Cluster and incorporate useful IWENs into conference agenda/discussions
- Schedule 1 hour coffee breaks and any early evening receptions in the exhibit area with several projects per break prepared to demonstrate/showcase innovative project tools and experience (GIS, interactive web sites, PP strategies, river basin/LME/Aquifer models, economic instruments, etc.) according to posted time schedules. Also schedule fun innovative activities/events (e.g., project shows, videos, scavenger/treasure hunt across exhibits (based on exhibits w/clues submitted by projects), prizes, etc.)
- Limit "Plenaries" to beginning and end of conference (begin: opening remarks, 1 brief (15 min) top notch presentation per thematic area; end: breakout group reports, closing remarks)
- Need to clarify our message(s), then use creative, informative and "fun" formats, e.g., games, role playing, demos/seminars, "raffle" or "vote" for presentations
- Agenda should be packed but carefully scheduled to create a dynamic learning process. At end of IWC4, participants should feel, "I'm tired, but I learned"
- Africa Day (&/or LME Day?) could be given to Africa projects to address in indigenous, informative and fun way.
 - Or to avoid a full Africa Day Plenary, perhaps a FOURTH focus for the thematic breakouts (along with above) could be for Africa portfolio to present their experience and challenges in each area breakout (LMES, rivers, lakes, aquifers) and to receive constructive input from other regions (esp. given implementation challenges in Africa).
- Invite projects to provide contact info for those of their NGO partners they may want invited.
- Registration fee for some G8 folks could be waived: NGOs, projects, recipient country participants.
- Clarify S. African expectations through DEAT & DWAF involvement in local planning/advisory committee. [Janot spoke w/SA-DEAT Deputy Minister in Paris: August is South Africa Women's month; Dep. Min. Mabudafhasi wants to link this w/IWC, is willing to serve on IWC host comm, can enlist Minister

(Sonjica) from DWAF (Ethne Davey in DWAF chairs Gender & Water Alliance), and is pleased that we may get Ambassador Masekela to speak.

DMS and JRM add:

- Africa could be incorporated into a day or [as case studies to focus discussion] across some or all IWC4 days.