



# **Brief Report of Activities**

## **January to June 2007**



This is the Brief Report of Activities  
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## Global Water Partnership - Mediterranean

### Water situation today in the Mediterranean

The Mediterranean is among the most arid regions of the world. The natural water supply is unevenly distributed in space and time. Demographic growth and economic development vary in the sub-regions, shaping water demand and pressures while water ecosystems are rich and vulnerable. Agriculture accounts for 80% of water use. Important rivers, lakes and aquifers are shared among two or more countries of the region.

There is a need to :

- meet the WSSD target for IWRM in all countries and to strengthen and concretize the regional framework on IWRM
- raise water concerns into national development plans and integrate water concerns into policies of related sectors
- meet the MDG/ WSSD target to halve the proportion of people who do not have access to safe drinking water and sanitation
- further develop tools, build capacity, raise public awareness and educate the youth on water issues
- build synergies and boost commitment to action by setting up active water partnerships at the regional and the national level

### Programmes and action

GWP-Med's goal is to promote action and exchange knowledge on IWRM for the sustainable use of water resources in the countries of the Mediterranean region. GWP-Med act as a broker, catalyst, facilitator and advocacy organisation.

To achieve its goal, GWP-Med:

- Facilitates a multi-stakeholder regional water partnership, bringing together ten major Mediterranean networks of different water disciplines and over forty other organisations, institutions and companies.
- Seeks and facilitates multi-stakeholder engagement and donors' support for dialogue and action to promote IWRM at national and regional levels
- Makes the principles of sustainable water use and IWRM widely recognised and applied, through sharing information and experience

Since its establishment, the partnership has been instrumental in developing the Vision for Water in the Mediterranean and the Framework for Action for Water in the Mediterranean. GWP-Med has facilitated regional and sub-regional dialogues on effective water governance, water and climate, water demand management and river basin management, promoting IWRM practices. Activities on the role and engagement of the private sector in water resources management are implemented.

Through its partners, activities extend to water, food and environmental interaction; integrated groundwater management; and education, through the Mediterranean Education Initiative for Environment and Sustainability (MEDIES – [www.medies.net](http://www.medies.net)). Moreover, it facilitates the Circle of Mediterranean Parliamentarians for Sustainable Development (COMPSUD) and the Circle of Mediterranean Journalists for Sustainable Development (COMJST).

GWP-Med acts also as :

- Secretariat of the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative (MED EUWI), led by Greece and supported also the European Commission. MED EUWI aims to assist achieve the water-related MDGs and WSSD targets in the Mediterranean. Country dialogues are on-going in Egypt and Lebanon, as well as regional activities.
- Technical facilitator of the joint Petersberg Phase II / Athens Declaration Process on promoting transboundary water resources management in Southeastern Europe, led by the governments of Germany, Greece and the World Bank and assisted by GEF IW:LEARN ([www.watersee.net](http://www.watersee.net)).
- Lead of the Working Group on Shared Water Resources Management of the Joint Process between the EU Water Framework Directive and the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative.
- Technical facilitator of the Rabat Declaration on IWRM in North Africa, in cooperation with the African Development Bank, African Water Facility and UNEP Collaborating Centre on Water. The Declaration was adopted at the related Rabat Seminar (2006) hosted by Morocco. Follow up activities are carried out in Libya.
- Lead of the IWRM Component of the GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Large Marine Ecosystems (2008-2011).

Through its activities, GWP-Med has an established network of active collaborations and synergies with a wide spectrum of institutions and organizations at the regional, sub-regional and national levels.

## GWP Mediterranean Progress Report on activities during January - June 2007

### 1. IWRM WATER POLICY AND STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT FACILITATED AT RELEVANT LEVELS

#### Output 1.1. Assist to achieve WSSD target on IWRM in the Mediterranean

#### Activity 1.1.1 Capacity building of decision makers and experts on IWRM in transboundary waters in Southeastern Europe [SEE]– IW:LEARN Project (led by GWP-Med Secretariat)

Key Activities in 2007	Outcomes	Next Steps
<p>Activities supporting dialogue and building capacity of managers for transboundary water resources management in Southeastern Europe (SEE) continued within GEF IW:LEARN Activity D2 [2005-2008]. It is a collaborative action of GEF IW:LEARN, German Ministry for Environment, Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs, World Bank, UNESCO and UNECE and serves the joint Petersberg Phase II – Athens Declaration Process. GWP-Med is the technical facilitator of the Process. The following activities were undertaken during the period reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The 4<sup>th</sup> Coordination Meeting of the Process Partners was organised, 1-2 March 2007, in Athens. Water Directors from SEE countries, managers of inter-state water commissions and international partners discussed issues of shared groundwater resources management in SEE, that is the main focus theme of the Process in 2007.</li> <li>- A project proposal on "Enhancement of Integrated Management of the Nestos / Mesta River Basin" was submitted to the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and is under negotiation. The project aims at enhancing stakeholders' involvement for the coordinated management of the river that is shared between Greece and Bulgaria, assisting in complying with the provisions of the EU Water Framework Directive. GWP-Med collaborates closely with GWP-Bulgarian for the project.</li> <li>- The Process was presented in a number of regional events.</li> <li>- The web site on transboundary waters in SEE was regularly updated <a href="http://www.watersee.net">www.watersee.net</a> with contributions by partners.</li> </ul> <p>More info in <a href="http://www.watersee.net">www.watersee.net</a> and <a href="http://www.iwlearn.org">www.iwlearn.org</a></p>	<p>The need for effective management of shared waters is increasingly receiving recognition, followed up by action at the national and local levels. The project activities have contributed in building the capacity of decision makers, stakeholders and experts in the SEE countries on key issues of transboundary water resources management [rivers, lakes, groundwater, planning, financing, multi-purpose uses].</p> <p>Slovenia committed to support the shared groundwater activities in 2007 and host related events for the Process at the second semester of 2007.</p> <p>With the support of the Process, an agreement between countries sharing the river for the joint management of ground waters in the basin is being promoted in collaboration with the International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC) and Slovenia. The agreement will be signed at a Ministerial Meeting that will be organised in conjunction with the International Roundtable on Shared Groundwater Resources Management in SEE, that will be organised by GWP-Med and Slovenia, on 14-16 November 2007, in Slovenia.</p> <p>The Mid-Term Review of the IW:LEARN framework programme was conducted by an independent consultant. The review concluded very positively for D2 Activity rating that among the most effective in IW:LEARN.</p>	<p>The Work Programme 2006-2007 of the Petersberg Phase II – Athens Declaration Process provides the framework for development of activities. A medium-term (2009-2011) sustainability plan for the project will be elaborated in cooperation with partners in 2007. Follow up activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organisation of a High Level Meeting on Transboundary Water Resources Management in SEE during the 6<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference 'Environment for Europe', 11 October 2007, Belgrade, jointly with UNECE, Greece and Sweden.</li> <li>- International Roundtable on Shared Groundwater Resources Management in SEE, 14-16 November 2007, Slovenia, organised by GWP-Med and Slovenian Ministry for Environment and Spatial Planning.</li> <li>- High Level Meeting of Countries at the International Sava River Commission on Shared Groundwater Management, 16 November 2007, Slovenia.</li> <li>- Initiation of the project "Enhancement of Integrated Management of the Nestos / Mesta River Basin" with the support of SDC and in collaboration with GWP-Bulgaria.</li> <li>- Assessment, surveys, and local stakeholders consultations in Greece and Bulgaria on the effective management of the transboundary Nestos / Mesta River in 2007-2008.</li> <li>- International Roundtable on Stakeholder Participation for Shared Water Resources Management, 22-24 March 2008, Sofia, Bulgaria.</li> <li>- Four targeted Capacity Building Workshops for transboundary waters managers, in 2007-2009, with the support of IW:LEARN, Germany and MIO-ECSDE.</li> <li>- Operational links with the GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Large Marine Ecosystems 2007-2011. [Act 1.2.1].</li> </ul>

**Activity 1.1.2 Strategic Planning for IWRM in the Mediterranean – GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Large Marine Ecosystems (2007-2011)**  
(led by GWP-Med Secretariat)

Key Activities in 2007	Outcomes	Next Steps
<p>The new GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Large Marine Ecosystems [GEF SPM 2007-2011] aims to assist in achieving environmentally sustainable development in the region. GWP-Med has been appointed the Leader of the IWRM component of the Partnership. The main objective is to assist countries in advancing on IWRM planning and implementation. Emphasis is on addressing environmental concerns as well as linking the IWRM plans with National Development Plans. The countries of focus are Albania, Algeria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Egypt, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Montenegro, Syria, Tunisia and Turkey. A PDF-B (2006-2007) is being implemented in preparation of the Full Scale Project.</p> <p>A Reference Guide on Advancing National IWRM Plans and a Brief Status Assessment in the Mediterranean Countries was prepared.</p> <p>More info in <a href="http://www.qwpmmed.org">www.qwpmmed.org</a> and <a href="http://www.iwlearn.org">www.iwlearn.org</a></p>	<p>The importance of a defined IWRM component to address related challenges in the Mediterranean was recognised in the new GEF SPM. Activities in the Full Scale Project aim to: develop action plan for IWRM in the Mediterranean, implement catalytic actions for national IWRM planning in targeted countries, elaborate IWRM plans at the river basin level and facilitate country dialogues on water-related MDGs.</p> <p>Priorities of the IWRM Component were identified in consultation with key players involved and donors co-financing the full scale project.</p> <p>Operational links have been agreed with the Components on Groundwater (led by UNESCO) and on Integrated Coastal Zone Management (led by the PAP RAC / UNEP MAP).</p> <p>In June 2007, the Full Scale Project Proposal and its IWRM Component were approved by the GEF SC.</p>	<p>The Full Scale Project will be launched by the end of 2007 and will carry out activities until 2011, according to the agreed work plan.</p>

**Out. 1.2. Facilitate Dialogue on IWRM Planning and Effective Water Governance / Build New Partnerships for IWRM**

**Activity 1.2.1. Facilitate Dialogue on IWRM Planning and Effective Water Governance**  
(led by GWP-Med Secretariat)

Key Activities in 2007	Outcomes	Next Steps
<p>The Rabat Declaration Process on Enhancing National IWRM Planning in North Africa was launched in January 2006, in Rabat at a regional conference hosted by Morocco (MATEE). It is supported by the African Development Bank [AfDB], African Water Facility [AWF], UNEP Collaborating Centre on Water [UCC] and GWP-Med that facilitates the Process.</p> <p>Libya is facing critical water challenges and it is among the countries targeted for activities within the Rabat Declaration Process. Synergies were built with the Libyan General Water Authority (GWA) aiming to plan and implement activities assisting the country in taking steps towards IWRM. The 'Workshop on IWRM in Libya' was organised on 11-12 April 2007, in Tripoli, Libya, by GWA, UCC, AfDB, AWF and GWP-Med that was responsible for managing preparations. UCC and GWA were the main financiers of the event that discussed issues of water governance, water efficiency, water monitoring and assessment and non-conventional water resources in Libya. Case studies from North African countries and the Mediterranean were presented.</p> <p>More info in <a href="http://www.qwpmmed.org">www.qwpmmed.org</a></p>	<p>The Workshop's recommendations contribute to the enhancement of the Libyan National Strategy for Water Resources Management 2000-2025. They focus on governance and institutional development, water availability and use and water efficiency.</p> <p>Based on the Workshop's recommendations an agreement between Libya and AWF / AfDB has been promoted for a large scale project to support institutional development and reform of the water sector and built capacity of GWA on IWRM.</p> <p>GWP-Med with GWP support is assisting GWA to prepare the detailed work plan of the project and to elaborate on options for a national coordination body for water.</p>	<p>Formal agreement between Libya and AWF / AfDB on the work plan is expected in the second semester of 2007.</p>

**Activity 1.2.1. Facilitate Dialogue on IWRM Planning and Effective Water Governance  
(led by GWP-Med Secretariat)**

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<p>The Expert Group Meeting on IWRM in ESCWA countries took place on 18-20 March 2007, in Muscat, Oman, co-organised by UN ESCWA, BGR, Oman Ministry for Water Resources and GWP-Med that assisted representation of participants and presentation of cases from North African countries. Water experts discussed the status of on-going national institutional and legal reforms for IWRM application.</p> <p>More info in <a href="http://www.escwa.org.lb">www.escwa.org.lb</a></p>	<p>The meeting contributed in assessing status of IWRM application in the countries of the region, inter-regional sharing of experiences and further development of methodology and practice for application of IWRM principles.</p> <p>At the Seventh Session of UN ESCWA's Committee on Water Resources, 20-22 March 2007, in Muscat, a recommendation stated the necessity for coordination between UN ESCWA and GWP-Med for the promotion of IWRM.</p>	<p>GWP-Med and ESCWA will continue their long-lasting collaboration with joint activities at the regional level.</p>

**Activity 1.2.2. Build New Partnerships for IWRM  
(led by GWP-Med Secretariat)**

Key Activities in 2007	Outcomes	Next Steps
<p>- The Horizon 2020 Initiative to De-Pollute the Mediterranean was launched at the Euro-Mediterranean Conference of Ministers for Environment, November 2006, in Cairo. Emphasis is on water, waste and atmosphere. Among others, the Ministerial Declaration urged for action to enhance the involvement of the private sector for the objectives of the initiative. As a start up, a process to inform the private sector (companies and investors) was launched building on a related Conference on the subject that will take place on 22-23 October 2007, in Athens. The Conference is co-organised by GWP-Med, MIO-ECSD, EPE, IME and MedCities and is supported by the EU, UNEP/MAP, Greek Ministry for Environment, MED EUWI, Coca Cola 3e and Coca Cola Hellas.</p> <p>- Promoting joint activities with the private sector, an agreement was signed between GWP-Med and Coca Cola 3E and Coca Cola Hellas. The cooperation entails provision by GWP-Med of scientific assistance for the water awareness campaign (public and company's employees) of the company. The campaign was launched in June 2007 and it involves 2 tv spots, 3 radio spots and 4 type of advertorials in the press. The company will support targeted GWP-Med activities including the Conference on the Private Sector and Horizon 2020 and the establishment of GWP-Greece.</p> <p>More info in <a href="http://www.gwpmed.org">www.gwpmed.org</a></p>	<p>- The process contributes in raising the water profile within the private sector including investors (private banks and funds) and companies and in opening for joint action with a new player in the region for enhancing IWRM application and the de-pollution of the Mediterranean. The Conference is expected to agree on a roadmap for follow up activities.</p> <p>- The collaboration contributes in promoting IWRM principles to and with companies that are important water consumers for their products. The awareness campaign targeted to the public and the Coca Cola employees communicates messages on water challenges and water saving in a wide audience in Greece. The interest of the company in participating in the core group for the establishment of GWP-Greece demonstrates interest for such a national platform.</p>	<p>- Organisation of the Conference on the Private Sector and Horizon 2020 Initiative and follow up activities according to an agreed roadmap.</p> <p>- Potential for continuation of collaboration in 2008 with demonstration activities for non-conventional water resources.</p>

**Act. 1.2.3. Further development of the Water Theme of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development  
(led by Blue Plan / Mediterranean Action Plan of UNEP)**

Key Activities in 2007	Outcomes	Next Steps
<p>The 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Workshop on Water and Sustainable Development in the Mediterranean, entitled "Water Demand Management, Progress and Policies", was organised from 19-21 March 2007, in Zaragoza, Spain. The Workshop was organised under the aegis of the Mediterranean Commission for Sustainable Development [MCSD], a multi-stakeholder platform facilitated by UNEP/MAP. The Blue Plan is the leader of the MCSD Working Group on Water. Organised jointly by the Blue Plan and CIHEAM, IME, GWP-Med, MedWet and MIO-ECSDE, as well as Expo Zaragoza 2008 and the Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Zaragoza, it was held thanks to the support of the Spanish and French Governments, the GWP-Med, the European Commission &amp; the Mediterranean Action Plan.</p> <p>The synthesis report was elaborated, presented and adopted at MCSD meeting of May 2007, Istanbul, Turkey. More info in <a href="http://www.planbleu.org">www.planbleu.org</a></p>	<p>The Regional Workshop and the rich preparatory work done facilitate the implementation and monitoring of the water targets of the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development [MSSD] and the National Strategies for Sustainable Development [NSSD] agreed by the Contracting Parties to the Barcelona Convention. Mandated by the Parties, the Plan Bleu MAP/UNEP and its partners (volunteer pilot countries, EU authorities and regional partners and initiatives) have developed and documented indicators, carried out in-depth analysis and pinpointed good practices on water resources management and water demand management in the region. GWP-Med has particularly worked on the theme of international cooperation and development aid for water.</p>	<p>Follow up the activity plan of the MCSD Working Group on Water.</p>

**Act. 1.2.4. Facilitation of Circle of Parliamentarians [COMPSUD]  
Act. 1.2.5. Facilitation of Circle of Media Journalists [COMJEST]  
(led by the Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development – MIO-ECSDE)**

Key Activities in 2007	Outcomes	Next Steps
<p>The 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of COMPSUD took place on 3-4 May 2007, in Corfu island, Greece. 30 parliamentarians from 15 countries participated. The meeting was organised by MIO-ECSDE and GWP-Med that jointly serve as COMPSUD Secretariat and was financially supported by the Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</p> <p>COMPSUD 6 discussions focussed on possible ways to strengthen the dimensions of sustainable development and of IWRM in regional political processes such as the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership, the European Neighborhood Policy, the Horizon 2020, the Mediterranean Strategy for Sustainable Development and in particular the role of parliamentarians in promoting such processes in co-operation with governments and non-governmental actors. The cooperation of COMPSUD with other parliamentary bodies in the region and particularly with the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary Assembly and the Arab Parliament was also discussed. The meeting concluded with the Corfu Declaration.</p> <p>More info in <a href="http://www.mio-ecsde.org">www.mio-ecsde.org</a> and <a href="http://www.gwpmed.org">www.gwpmed.org</a></p>	<p>COMPSUD is receiving increasing recognition. The Greek Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Secretary General of the recently established Arab Parliament became members in May. They both participated at the Corfu meeting together with the Chairs of the Environment and Water Parliamentary Committees of Lebanon, Portugal and Greece. Today COMPSUD has more than 70 members from 20 Mediterranean countries.</p> <p>The Greek Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Corfu local authorities committed to support COMPSUD meetings in Corfu island every second year. COMSUD has held meetings in Egypt, Greece, Lebanon, Spain and Turkey.</p> <p>The European Commission invited COMPSUD to become member of the Steering Committee of the Horizon 2020 Initiative. The first meeting of the SC took place on 5-6 June 2007, in Marrakech.</p> <p>UNDP invited COMPSUD and COMJEST to become partner in the GEF/UNDP Petersberg Africa project (2007-2010) to enhance dialogue among parliamentarians and media on transboundary water resources management.</p>	<p>- Expansion of the membership and further consolidation of structure of the two Circles [Parliamentarians and Journalists]. Focus of their work with pilot national interventions, linked primarily with MED EUWI and GEF SPM activities and the process of establishing Country Water Partnerships.</p> <p>- Approval of the GEF/UNDP Petersberg Africa project (expected for autumn 2007) and implementation of activities for parliamentarians and media in North Africa described in the work plan in 2007-2010. The latter includes for 2008 a training course for parliamentarians on IWRM in collaboration with UN ESCWA and a related workshop for journalists in collaboration with ANEJ (African Network of Environmental Journalists). Collaboration with GWP East Africa for the project is foreseen.</p>

**Out 1.3. Assist the development of the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative**

**Act. 1.3.1. Running the Secretariat of the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative [MED EUWI]  
(led by GWP-Med Secretariat)**

Key Activities in 2007	Outcomes	Next Steps
<p>Day-by-day running of the MED EUWI Secretariat, supporting the Lead Country Greece and the European Commission.</p> <p>Country Dialogue in Egypt (launched in November 2006)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organisation of the 1<sup>st</sup> Technical Workshop on the Country Dialogue's requirements and the FESIBLE model, 14 June 2007, in Cairo, attended by about 60 participants from Ministries, governorates and water utilities.</li> <li>- Coordination meetings for the Dialogue with Ministries, stakeholders, donors and technical assistance agencies on 12-13 June 2007, in Cairo.</li> <li>- Update by OECD of the ToR for the Country Dialogue with emphasis on sustainable financing strategies, primarily in support of the national master plan for water and wastewater and the rural sanitation strategy that are currently under preparation.</li> <li>- Decision for the Holding Company for Water and Wastewater to chair the Country Dialogue with the support of the Ministry for Housing, Utilities and Local Communities and the Ministry for Water Resources and Irrigation.</li> <li>- Link of the Country Dialogue with the significant EU budget support for the water sector in Egypt.</li> </ul> <p>Country Dialogue in Lebanon (launched in November 2005)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Dialogue has been suspended due to the summer 2006 war in the area. After the crisis, the necessity of continuing the Dialogue is even greater and links with the reconstruction process have been investigated.</li> <li>- Coordination meetings with the Lebanese Ministry for Energy and Water were held on January and May 2007. Request to support the preparation of the national IWRM plan was expressed.</li> </ul> <p>A review of the overall EUWI and its regional and thematic components was undertaken by an independent consultant supported by DFID.</p> <p>Launch of the Working Group on Shared Water Resources Management within the Joint Process of the EU Water Framework Directive and MED EUWI aiming to promote synergies between EU and non EU partners in the Mediterranean. The Inception Meeting was organised on 17 January 2007, in Athens and attended by about 30 representatives and experts.</p> <p>GWP-Med submitted a project proposal to the Greek Development Aid for expansion of MED EUWI activities in Egypt.</p> <p>More info in <a href="http://www.euwi.net">www.euwi.net</a>, <a href="http://www.minenv.gr/medeuwi">www.minenv.gr/medeuwi</a>, <a href="http://www.gwpmed.org">www.gwpmed.org</a></p>	<p>MED EUWI is assisting through a range of activities developing countries in the Mediterranean and Southeastern Europe in meeting the MDGs and WSSD targets related to water.</p> <p>Egypt is assisted in the process of elaboration of the national master plan for water supply and sanitation with the development of a strategy for sustainable financing, an affordability assessment and related stakeholder consultation.</p> <p>Activities in Lebanon are resembling with emphasis on assisting the country in preparing the national IWRM plan, linked with the reconstruction process.</p> <p>MED EUWI was operationally linked with the Horizon 2020 Initiative and is a key collaborating process in the Horizon's roadmap 2007-2011.</p> <p>The MED EUWI Dialogue in Egypt became a demonstration project for the OECD Task Team on strategies for sustainable financing of the WSS sector.</p> <p>The EUWI review concluded very positively for MED EUWI and recommended continuation and enhancement of its activity, partnership and structure.</p>	<p>Follow up with the MED EUWI Country Dialogue in Lebanon.</p> <p>Follow up with the MED EUWI Country Dialogue in Egypt.</p> <p>Explore Syria's interest for a MED EUWI Country Dialogue at the second semester 2007.</p> <p>Follow up works of the Working Group on Shared Water Resources and links with GEF SPM and Petersberg Phase II / Athens Declaration Process.</p> <p>Organise the 4<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Water Directors of Euro-Mediterranean and Southeastern Europe Countries, 10-11 December 2007.</p> <p>Assist the preparation of the Conference of the Ministers for Water of the Euro-Mediterranean and Southeastern Europe Countries, in 2008.</p>

**Act 1.3.2: Continuation of activities related to North AMCOW**  
(led by the Centre for Environment and Development in the Arab Region and Europe - CEDARE)

Key Activities in 2007	Outcomes	Next Steps
<p>North AMCOW is the North African part of the African Ministerial Council on Water. Its technical secretariat is facilitated by CEDARE.</p> <p>A NAMCOW meeting was organised on 27 May 2007, in Brazzaville, prior to the TAC/EXCO meetings and the 6<sup>th</sup> Ordinary session of the AMCOW (28-31 May 2007). The meeting aimed to follow up with decisions of the previous NAMCOW coordination meetings, elect new members of NAMCOW Council, EXCO and TAC. The NAMCOW also discussed EUWI and the status of implementation of MDGs Report.</p> <p>The NAMCOW website was regularly updated.</p> <p>More info in <a href="http://www.namcow.cedare.int">www.namcow.cedare.int</a></p>	<p>Continuous assistance to policy makers within North AMCOW on priority water issues</p>	<p>National multi-stakeholder dialogues on how to effectively respond to the MDGs and WSSD targets are planned in countries of the region.</p> <p>Continuous updating of the NAMCOW activities, and improvement of the website modality.</p>

**2. IWRM PROGRAMS AND TOOLS DEVELOPED IN RESPONSE TO REGIONAL AND COUNTRY NEEDS**

**Output 2.1. Facilitate the development of Water Dialogues in the Mediterranean**

**Activity 2.1.1 Water, Food and Environmental Interaction**  
(led by MedWet / Ramsar Convention)

Key Activities in 2007	Outcomes	Next Steps
<p>Work continued on Water, Food &amp; Environmental Interaction with emphasis on wetlands, carried out by MedWet in collaboration with InWent.</p> <p>In Morocco the project focuses on the Menasra sub basin. The Ministry of Environment and Water (MATEE) and the Wilaya of Kenitra are the institutional sponsors of the dialogue, while the Agence Hydraulique du Bassin du Sebou is coordinating the dialogue implementation. Meetings of participatory diagnosis were organised about the aquifer status with the municipalities of Menasra.</p> <p>More info <a href="http://www.medwet.org">www.medwet.org</a></p>	<p>Scenarios and action plans for the participative management of water resources in relation to water, agriculture and ecosystems in Menasra sub basin (Morocco) have been prepared by a team of national experts.</p>	<p>Organization of a workshop to validate plans.</p>

**Activity 2.1.2 Integrated Groundwater Resources Management**  
(led by the Centre for Environment and Development in the Arab Region and Europe - CEDARE)

Key Activities in 2007	Outcomes	Next Steps
Consultation for more focused activity on transfer of know-how and inclusion of groundwater considerations in IWRM plans has taken place.	Further focus on planning of activities in the coming period and next work plan.	Hands on training activities and / or policy meeting on integrated groundwater management. Emphasis will be on transboundary aquifers, especially on national legislative matters and the implications of international law.

**Output 2.2. Assist to achieve water related MDGs and WSSD targets in the Mediterranean**

**Activity 2.2.1 Mediterranean Education Initiative for Environment and Sustainability (MEDIES)**  
(led by the Mediterranean Information Office for Environment, Culture and Sustainable Development – MIO-ECSDE)

Key Activities in 2007	Outcomes	Next Steps
<p>Activities of MEDIES continued:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Organisation of an awareness raising workshop on water and wetlands for 20 teenagers within the International Wetlands Day, 6 February 2007, in Athens, in collaboration with MedWet and Institut Francais. Drama techniques were used and a photo exhibition was organised.</li> <li>- Organisation of workshop on water cycle for children 5-12 years old within the celebrations for the World Water Day, 17-18 March, in Athens, in collaboration with the Hellenic Child's Museum.</li> <li>- Organisation of MEDIES Launching Event in Morocco and Training Seminar for Moroccan Educators, 27 May 2007, in Rabat, in cooperation with CMEPE and with the support of the Ministry for Environment and Water (MATEE) and the Ministry for Education. More than 55 educators attended the training.</li> <li>- The MEDIES web site [<a href="http://www.medies.net">www.medies.net</a>] was enriched with the section named "In the class": The aim of this section presenting lesson plans, games, pedagogic activities, etc is to gradually develop a data base available to all MEDIES e-members, to read and post their schemes of work.</li> </ul> <p>More info in <a href="http://www.medies.net">www.medies.net</a></p>	<p>Material produced and disseminated to the educational community in eight languages.</p> <p>The Turkish edition of the educational package 'Water in the Mediterranean' was printed in 20.000 copies by the MEDIES partner in Turkey Green Steps for Environmental Literacy and will be disseminated to schools in the country.</p> <p>Further political support and recognition received at the national (Morocco) and international levels. MEDIES network was recognised by UNECE as an 'International Good Practice for Education for Sustainable Development'</p>	<p>Activities will continue according to the MEDIES 2002-2007 work plan.</p>

### 3. LINKAGES BETWEEN GWP AND OTHER FRAMEWORKS, SECTORS AND ISSUES ENSURED

#### **Output 3.1. Establish / Consolidate operational links with key organisations (led by the GWP-Med Secretariat)**

Key Activities in 2007	Outcomes	Next Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Synergies with GEF IW:LEARN, Germany, Greece, World Bank, UNECE and UNESCO, continued and enhanced. Follow up on the Work Programme 2006-2007 of the Petersberg Phase II – Athens Declaration Process [see also Act 1.1.1].</li> <li>- Consolidation of agreement with GEF and UNEP for the work plan of the IWRM component of the new GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Large Marine Ecosystems, 2007-2011 [see also Act 1.1.2]</li> <li>- Synergies primarily with EU Commission, Greece [Lead Country], Italy, France, Spain, as well as AMCOW, MCSD, Egypt and Lebanon for the development of the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative [see also Act 1.3.1]. Consolidation of agreement with OECD for collaboration in the process of Country Dialogues.</li> <li>- GWP Med became Member of the Steering Committee of the Horizon 2020 Initiative to De-pollute the Mediterranean.</li> <li>- New collaboration with the Libyan General Water Authority for country activities [see also Act 1.2.1].</li> <li>- New collaboration with the Palestinian Water Authority for organising national conference in 2007.</li> <li>- New collaboration with GTZ-Syria for organising training on IWRM in Syria in 2007.</li> <li>- New collaboration with UNDP and GEF for the medium size project Petersberg Africa aiming to promote dialogue among parliamentarians and media for transboundary water resources management in Africa. GWP-Med is facilitating action in North African countries [see also Act 1.2.4].</li> <li>- New collaboration with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation for support of GWP-Med activities in the Nestos / Mesta River (see also Act 1.2.1).</li> <li>- New collaboration with the Greek Development Aid for expansion of MED EUWI activities in Egypt.</li> <li>- New collaboration with the Centre for Water Resources of the League of Arab States</li> <li>- New collaboration with the Arab Parliament that was recently established.</li> <li>- On going synergies with UNEP UCC, UN ESCWA and AWARENET for capacity building on IWRM in Middle East countries.</li> <li>- On going collaboration with NAMCOW [see also Act 1.3.2]</li> <li>- On going collaboration with MCSD [see also Act 1.2.3]</li> <li>- On-going synergies with EMWIS on water information.</li> <li>- New collaboration with Coca Cola 3E and Coca Cola Hellas.</li> <li>- Collaborations explored with IUCN WESCANA.</li> </ul> <p>More info <a href="http://www.gwpmed.org">www.gwpmed.org</a></p>	<p>Project proposals agreed with or submitted jointly with key organisations.</p> <p>Close collaboration of GWP-Med Secretariat and competent per theme GWP-Med Partners with respective organisations.</p> <p>Promotion of activities at regional, sub-regional and national levels.</p>	<p>Create concrete operational links with regional and national organisation and, where possible, jointly implement activities.</p>

#### 4. GWP PARTNERSHIPS ESTABLISHED AND CONSOLIDATED AT RELEVANT LEVELS

##### Activity 4.1 Capacity building activity for Horizon 2020 (led by the MedCities and GWP-Med Secretariat)

Key Activities in 2007	Outcomes	Next Steps
The Horizon 2020 Initiative to De-Pollute the Mediterranean was launched at the Euro-Mediterranean Conference of Ministers for Environment, November 2006, in Cairo. Emphasis is on water, waste and atmosphere. Capacity building is among the activities that will be supported through the Horizon 2020. GWP-Med partners decided to work together for developing a joint project proposal on capacity building for the water sector.	Agreement made for creating a consortium for the project proposal. Close follow up of developments in Horizon 2020. However, no call for proposals has been outlined yet by the European Commission.	Preparation of the joint proposal when more information on content of the call will become available.

##### Activity 4.2 Capacity building on IWRM with emphasis on river basin organizations (led by the Mediterranean Network of Basin Organisations – MENBO)

Key Activities in 2007	Outcomes	Next Steps
Preparations have taken place for the regional MENBO and INBO conference that is planned for November 2007. Emphasis will be on critical role of RBOs for the implementation of the EU Water Framework Directive as well as on challenges faced and methodologies developed in non EU RBOs. Climate change and stakeholder consultation are also among the focus themes. More info in <a href="http://www.remoc.org">www.remoc.org</a>	Further promotion of cooperation among RBOs in the Mediterranean.	Organisation of regional MENBO and INBO conference in November 2007, in Italy.

##### Activity 4.3 Promotion of Country Water Partnerships (led by the GWP-Med Secretariat)

Key Activities in 2007	Outcomes	Next Steps
GWP-Med is promoting the establishment of Country Water Partnerships in the region, where is desired, of added value and feasible. - Partners in Tunisia expressed interest to explore possibilities for forming GWP-Tunisia. Preliminary discussions took place with water authorities and a core group of stakeholders with positive responses. IME is also assisting the process. - Partners in Lebanon expressed interest to explore possibilities for forming GWP-Lebanon. Discussions will develop in 2007. - Partners in Greece expressed interest to explore possibilities for establishing GWP-Greece. Discussions will develop in 2007. - Discussions for the accreditation of the Egyptian Water Partnership in GWP continued.	In addition to the regional activities, partners are organising themselves at national level. Tunisia, Lebanon and Greece showed interest to promote the concept while accreditation of the Egyptian Water Partnership is also promoted.  Coca Cola Hellas has agreed to support the initial phase of the formation of GWP-Greece.	Further discussions will be made and roadmaps will be prepared for the countries where interest to form CWPs was expressed. Effort will be made by GWP-Med to support activities through on-going regional processes with country level application.

## 5. GWP NETWORK EFFECTIVELY DEVELOPED AND MANAGED

Key Activities in 2007	Outcomes	Next Steps
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Administration and logistics of the GWP-Med network. Preparation of briefings, reports, background material, etc. Representation in events. Dissemination of information.</li> <li>- The 8<sup>th</sup> GWP-Med Partnership Council took place in Athens, 16 January 2007. It discussed guidelines for elaboration of 2006 Financial Report, adoption of the detailed Work Plan 2007, issues related to conditions of accreditation.</li> <li>- Coordination of the GEF IW:LEARN D2 Activity on decision makers and experts on IWRM in transboundary waters in Southeastern Europe [Act 1.1.1]</li> <li>- Running of the Secretariat of the Mediterranean Component of the EU Water Initiative [organization of events, preparation of related background documents, administration] – [Act 1.3.1]</li> <li>- Lead of the IWRM component of the new GEF Strategic Partnership for the Mediterranean Large Marine Ecosystems [2007-2011] [Act 1.1.2]</li> <li>- Collaboration with AfDB, AWF and UNEP UCC for following up the Rabat Declaration on IWRM panning in North African countries [Act 1.2.1]</li> <li>- Development of synergies with players in the region leading to agreements for concrete actions [see under Out. 3.1.]. Related preparation of project proposals and other fundraising activities.</li> <li>- Exploration of interest and preparatory actions for the establishment of GWP-Tunisia, GWP-Lebanon and GWP-Greece. Promotion of the accreditation of Egyptian Water Partnership in GWP.</li> <li>- GWP- Med Secretariat assisted GWP Secretariat and TEC in the organisation of the Inter-Regional, TEC and ToolBox Meetings held from 5-11 February 2007, in Athens.</li> <li>- Regular update of the GWP-Med web site <a href="http://www.gwpmed.org">www.gwpmed.org</a></li> </ul> <p>More info <a href="http://www.gwpmed.org">www.gwpmed.org</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Management mechanisms in place, accessible and used at all levels by the network.</li> <li>- Enhancement of GWP-Med objectives and partnership in the region, through action.</li> <li>- Provision of technical and logistical support to GWP programme and services.</li> <li>- Enlargement of the membership and decision on opening the governing structure to individual organisations (in addition to networks and country water partnerships), fully abiding with the GWP Conditions for Accreditation..</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Further consolidation of the partnership through joint activities. Expansion of the membership to national organisations.</li> <li>- More targeted fund-raising activities and enhancement of synergies.</li> <li>- Further focus to national priorities and local actions.</li> <li>- Establishment of Country Water Partnerships, where desirable, feasible and of added value.</li> </ul>