



Experience & Plans to Advance Transboundary Waters Management

The GEF International Waters
Learning Exchange and Resource
Network

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Organizational Vision



- *Stakeholders participating in Transboundary Waters Management are able to find the data, information and knowledge they need to sustainably manage their shared water resources.*

GEF IW:LEARN Objective



To strengthen Transboundary Waters Management (TWM) by facilitating structured learning and information sharing among stakeholders.



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Pilot Phase Experience
2000-2003

Pilot Phase Products



- 2 International Waters Conferences
- 5 Internet-mediated ICT Workshops and Experience sharing across GEF IW portfolio
- 7 IW-related Web sites and services for IW distance learning and information sharing
- Various IW-related Knowledge Products
- Demonstration and replication of successful practices



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Operational Phase Plans 2004-2008

2004-2008 Components

- IW Information Sharing and Access for stakeholders
- Structured Learning among IW partners
by region, ecosystem-type, and TWM issue
- Coordinating 3rd and 4th GEF IW Conferences:
Latin America (Brazil, 2005); Africa (South Africa, 2007)
- Testing and Transferring innovative approaches
to strengthen freshwater and marine IW initiatives
- Fostering Partnerships to sustain IW:LEARN benefits

IW:LEARN's INBO-Related Information Sharing Activities



- Facilitating Access to IW Information (via Internet and traditional media)
 - A1. Interconnect information systems among GEF IW projects and basin organizations
 - Use protocols to discover and share data and information across affiliated Web sites
 - A2. Research and respond to technical questions regarding transboundary basin management
 - A3. Produce guidance materials for freshwater TWM from GEF and non-GEF case studies

IW:LEARN's INBO-Related Structured Learning Activities



- Structured IW Learning
 - B1/B2. Establish and technically support a series of face-to-face and electronically-mediated learning exchanges among related projects within the GEF IW portfolio and beyond
 - E.g., INBO freshwater basins globally and regionally (Africa, Caribbean basin, Eastern/Central Europe, Southeast Asia)
 - B3. Coordinate inter-basin stakeholder exchanges to advance TWM (Cf. TWINBASIN)
 - B4. Deliver training to promote Public Participation in TWM

Other INBO-Related IW:LEARN Activities



- C. Two GEF IW Conferences (Rio 2005, CT 2007)**
 - Gather transboundary waters community for sharing TWM experience among GEF IW projects, stakeholders, evaluators and associated programs (e.g., INBO member organizations)
 - Showcase TWM success and lessons world-wide
- D. Testing Innovative Approaches to Strengthen TWM Implementation**
 - Develop, test and, where successful, replicate novel approaches and ICT tools to meet IW stakeholder needs.
 - Regional, sub-regional and thematic demonstrations for improving TWM among GEF IW projects.

One Final Activity -

E. Fostering Partnership with INBO and its Members to Sustain Benefits of IW:LEARN

- Through cooperation with INBO, sustain and institutionalize information sharing and learning exchanges across (past, present and future) GEF IW basin projects, their peers, partners and stakeholders.

IW:LEARN partners include:



THE REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER
for Central and Eastern Europe



International Water and Sanitation Centre

Additional partners...





Additional partners are welcome!

How?

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