



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

Action/Decision Items from IW:LEARN Steering Committee Meeting 9 June 2008 - Teleconference

The IW:LEARN Steering Committee (SC) held a teleconference meeting on 9 June 2008. Envisioned completion dates are **bolded in the text**. Actors responsible are underlined. ~~Strike-outs~~ were completed before this list was circulated. Participants are listed at the end.

2. Urgent Experience Notes (20 min)

1. DMS to call PEMSEA (new project mgr, post-Adrian) following up on Hanoi agreement discussed w/Chua, Adrian & Pupu who as new PM needs to delegate to Adrian & we need Andy to back us up on request by **???**.
2. Each IA to nominate three key IWEN's (e.g., local demonstrations from SCS, WIO..., World Water Day demo (UNEP), etc.) for IWL(MHH) to followup on by **???**.
3. MHH to pursue the following three IWEN's by **30 June**:
 - UNEP SCS Fish Refugia
 - Bermejo...soil erosion control...how did communities benefit
 - WIO-LAB on constructed wetlands...World Water Day

Discussion Recap:

- ◆ AD: Need to include great experiences, like PEMSEA. PEMSEA & ICM (Chua's books & repts great but desperately need IWENs).
- ◆ DMS: Need to include projects which are finished, in addition to projects ending soon.
- ◆ JRMdS: Need specific on what we need -- topically and logistically.
- ◆ DMS: Need those IWEN topics in June 2008 (Oct 2008 too late).
- ◆ These IWENs should contribute to GEF-5 replenishment, WWF5, next Oceans Forum....
- ◆ CS: WioLab had several experiences with constructed wetlands and low tech solutions. So maybe he will have a lot of interesting info to share
- ◆ MHH: Chris Patterson from SCS finishing refugia, already have 2 constructed wetland - need 4 or 5. IWL may have some funds to support development if that's an issue

4. Terminal Evaluation (10mins)

4. SC to provide feedback by end of week **13 June**.

QUESTION: How to raise additional 9K?

Discussion Recap (JKM):

- ◆ Have not finalized who will be doing evaluation of 27 applicants. Some CVs shared w/UNDP, will decide on candidate w/in next few days
- ◆ TE potential start by 1 July
- ◆ 1st draft of TE by 1 September,
- ◆ UNEP part to undergo TE May-June 2009
- ◆ Budget about \$34,000

- ◆ DEWA a potential resource
- ◆ Copy of final TOR to be posted on website.

1. UNEP feedback on progress towards the Caribbean inter-focal learning activity (20 min)

5. UNEP provide a short update by **13 June**?

6. TG will look into the circulation of minutes of that meeting by **18 June**.

PROPOSAL: Reevaluate a document prepared two years ago describing this activity.

REQUEST: AD would like a conference call on Caribbean organized by UNEP

Discussion Recap:

- ◆ AD: This was to be a multi-focal community of practice in an area of fragmented interventions. It is critical because we are making similar interventions now with MENARID and Coral Triangle Initiative...so the question is...What is the experience what can be replicated?
- ◆ JRMdS: SAK has revived a document from two years ago...
- ◆ VS: There was an initiative to do followup based on this document. UNEP Jamaica has potential to convene a face to face in November. In advance of that would be preparation...sending out information, obtaining feedback, preparing some indicative "experience notes"
- ◆ SAK (intervention via skype): I cannot join as I am in Guyana and have an urgent appointment. Regarding the Caribbean....I circulated the summary of next steps and am seeking an approval or comments to proceed.
- ◆ AD: CEO interest in Carib SIDS \$100mil program similar to pacific... IW-CAM dealing w/similar issues to WB climate adaptation program...Revolving fund proposal for Carib that should learn from, build on IW-CAM, look to UNEP to lead - RONA doing some work.. need project to come now or reallocate to something else. Tessa & Takehiro please liaise w/regional office. Isabelle: met w/IDB, PIF to be submitted in Sept.
- ◆ AD: The first thing was supposed to be an inventory. UNDP/IADB proposal to do a revolving funds projects - building on IWCAM. I know UNEP RONA has been doing some work. We need to hold telcon. Need to begin w/an inventory: each project put 1-pager on website. We need to have this project come now or re-allocate the money somewhere else.
- ◆ IVB: Met and will meet again with IDB (IVB and CS). Aiming for a PIF submission in Sept.
- ◆ VS: Jamaica prepping Int-Govt meeting for September (which has postponed)...then they will take lead (in concert with Nairobi). Advisory coordination role. No specific role for IW-CAM but have agreed to collab and aware linkages need to be strengthened, work v. closely w/Jamaica, will continue to be closely involved informally.
- ◆ AD: CS to go to Inter-governmental meeting
- ◆ AD: We need to learn from Barcelona convention meeting where GEF project played no role in meeting. The IG meeting is critical to next step of possible revolving fund project. Will make or break request. Urge UNEP to emphasize this in time for IG.

3. SC direction on "GEF IW Project Knowledge Documents" button on website -- UNEP/GEFSEC (5min)

7. UNEP-IWL to rename the Lessons Learned tabs "Knowledge Products" by ???.

Discussion Recap:

- ◆ AD: Experience notes are collective lessons learned, signed off by IWTF. Then there are lessons-learned...

- ◆ AD: "Knowledge Products" button should replace the lessons-learned button and reflect content not vetted by the IWTF, IWL GEFSec, whereas the Experience Notes tab (which does) should remain.
- ◆ TG: Agree that IWEN's should be separated...and other documents should not be under heading of lessons learned by GEF IW project docs
- ◆ AD: KM Products done by projects (EX: SCS project mgmt & fish refugia) don't necessarily have to be vetted by IWTF, however do need summaries in IWEN format. Need series updated for March WWF5 & May Manado-Global Forum - and for GEF replenishment process:
- ◆ DMS: Suggest
---> By Topic/Issue
-----> 1st IWENs (vetted) -- noted as such, 2nd other (unvetted) [like advertiser's paid links above non-paid links on search engine results]
- ◆ JRMdS: GEF IW Exp Notes are top level summaries, vetted by IWTF & capturing lessons generated by projects, perhaps top level button should be IWENs; effectively GEF IW toolbox of lessons, to be used as pointers to supplemental info which can be in a variety of formats - knowledge docs like those produced by SCS, key contacts, experts, etc. IWENs should be cross-referenced.

5. WWF5 Preparation (10 min)

Discussion Recap:

- ◆ AD: What are IA's doing to plan...and how you planning to involve GEF? Who are your WWF5 focal points? Are they planning any joint session with GEF?
- ◆ AD: INBO has been preparing...meeting this week in Marseilles... PB went to Istanbul planning mtg. Heard from INBO seeking comments, meeting in Marseille this week to finalize transboundary sessions.
- ◆ TG: We have a task force, this group is meeting regularly all water people from various divisions, they are looking at water forum, collectively put forward a suggestion for a session, as u heard from Japanese some things already planned, TN has better information
- ◆ IVB: All LAC cluster GEF projects will be featured
- ◆ VS: There will be a Dialogue as part of Carib Environment Forum to prepare feed the LAC
- ◆ AH: Several levels 1. UN-Water on behalf of all member organizations 2. Joakim leading for UNDP 3. Ankara UNDP-CO also involved in WWF planning participating...not specifically GEF collaborative thing. Might be able to plug in however.
- ◆ JRMdS: UNESCO a big partner of AFrica MSP, will be feeding information to WWF5.

6. IWC5 Preparation (10 min)

REQUEST: In next 5 months...if IWL could lead email discussions and a conference call...have a discussion, what did we learn from that IWC...what would we do now with 3.5 days?

Discussion Recap:

- ◆ AD: PPG grant CTI-IW:LEARN in place, don't know who will do preparation.
- ◆ AD: CEO would like to attend and October 2009 is preferable.
- ◆ ...issue before the group what to do next, IW:LEARN-Contractor model no longer applicable...We will need some kind of summary of opinions.
- ◆ JRMdS: PPG process would work in concert with the existing IWL staff
- ◆ JRMdS: Plan is to identify Australian event coord contractor under PPG; also to form substantive planning comm including GEFSEC, all IAs & IWL
- ◆ JRMdS: PPG responsible for preparation of workplan for next IWC 'cycle' - expected that GEF, IAs & IWL will work w/PPG consultant on IWC component. Janot can share finalized PPG w/SC by June 16 (if possible will include in prep material for SC mtg)

7. Any Other Business

DECISION: IWC to be a 30minute agenda item at face to face meeting.

Steering Committee Representatives Present
GEF: Al Duda, Chris Severin
Projects: Vincent Sweeney (UNDP-IWCAM)
UNDP: Andrew Hudson
UNEP: Tessa Goverse, Isabelle van der Beck
World Bank:

Steering Committee Members Not Present
GEF: Ivan Zavadsky, Peter Bjoernsen
Projects: Samuel Taffesse (IBRD-Guarani),
John Pernetta (UNEP-SCS)
UNDP: Vladimir Mamaev
UNEP:
UNOPS: Andrew Menz
World Bank: Mei Xie

SCOM “Executive Body” – IW:LEARN Project Coordinating Unit (PCU): UNOPS: Dann Sklarew,
Janot Mendler de Suarez, Mish Hamid, ~~UNEP: Sean Khan~~

~~Friends of the Steering Committee: Takehiro Nakamura (UNEP), Tracy Hart (World Bank)~~

Other Participants: Jessica Kitakule-Mukungu (UNEP), Alberto Fernandez (UNEP-DEWA)