



Workshop Concept Note & Agenda

The 4th Targeted Regional Workshop for GEF IW Projects in Africa Entebbe, Uganda 2 May 2017 (Preceding the 3-5 May Africa Great Lakes Conference)

The 4th African Targeted Regional Workshop for Global Environment Facility (GEF) International Waters (IW) Projects will be jointly organized by the International Waters Learning Exchange and Resource Network (IW:LEARN), a GEF project implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) & United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), and executed by the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO, together with partners the Nature Conservancy and World Wildlife Fund. The workshop will take place alongside the Africa Great Lakes Conference in Entebbe, Uganda. The workshop will be centered on the theme Private Sector Engagement.

Background

The GEF IW:LEARN project (www.iwlearn.net), whose latest phase became active in 2016 and runs through 2020. has as one of its primary activities, the organization of regional workshops for GEF IW projects in three GEF regions: Latin America & the Caribbean, Asia & the Pacific and Africa. The workshops are also about transferring management approaches, tools and best practices amongst GEF projects and partners. Together with project-project twinning exchanges and the GEF Biennial International Waters Conference, these face-to-face training activities are part of a cycle of learning and partnership building across the portfolio and its partners.

Workshop Objectives

The overall aim of the workshop will be to raise capacity among GEF IW projects and partners on aspects of private sector engagement and water stewardship. The workshop takes place preceding the Africa Great Lakes Conference (<https://www.greatlakesofafrica.org/>), set to take place from 3 to 5 May 2017 in Entebbe, Uganda. This Conference, organized by the Nature Conservancy and supported by several organizations both global and regional, will provide training and experience sharing on a variety of topics central to the management of transboundary water resources. While this Conference has a lake-basin theme, most of the topics are of relevance also to river-basin and groundwater-system projects.

Thus, the workshop has the following objectives:

- ◆ Demonstrated tested approaches & methodologies to engage the private sector in GEF (and related non-GEF) both during project implementation as well as to sustain project outcomes and enhance water stewardship
- ◆ Discuss ongoing cross-cutting developments and priorities in the GEF IW portfolio

Workshop Outputs

- ◆ Collection of learning resource guides, presentations and other materials added as guidance on iwlearn.net, particularly through the IW project manager's manual on the workshop topics
- ◆ Brief synopsis of applied methodologies & specific examples to engage private sector



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Meeting Room: Kidepo Hall, Imperial Resort Beach Hotel

Workshop Agenda

Monday 1 May

1800 **GEF IW Welcome Reception – Location TBC**

Tuesday 2 May

SESSION I. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Session Chair: Mish Hamid, GEF IW:LEARN

0845-0900 **Workshop Registration**

0900-0915 **Welcome Remarks**

Jay Sherman, WWF-US
 Colin Apse, The Nature Conservancy
 Astrid Hillers, Global Environment Facility

0915-1000 **GEF IW Portfolio Update**
 Astrid Hillers, Global Environment Facility

SESSION II. CORPORATE WATER STEWARDSHIP

Session Chair: Jay Sherman, WWF-US

Objectives:

- ◆ Learn Which Serious Water Risks Confront the Private Sector in Major Basins
- ◆ Learn a Methodology for Engaging Corporations in your Basin
- ◆ Learn Key Lessons from a Model Water Stewardship Project in Africa
- ◆ Discuss Which Water Risks You Confront, Identify Key Corporate Players in Your Basin, and Begin to Make the Business Case for their Engagement to those Corporations

1000-1100 **Panel Presentation from WWF, the Ugandan Government and a Private Sector Representative**

1100-1130 **Coffee Break**

1130-1200 **Presentation – Water Management and Stewardship**
 James Dalton, IUCN

1200-1300 **Small Group Exercise – Small Groups are Organized by Basin**

Tasks

- *Identify the Major Water Risks in the Basin*
- *Identify which Corporations have serious Water Risks, and what they are*
- *Discuss which Corporations should be Strategically Engaged*
- *Begin the articulation of the Business Cases which would Persuade these Corporations to be Engaged*

1300-1400 **Lunch**

1400-1430 **Report back from Small Group Exercise and Discussion**

SESSION III. WATER FUNDS FOR WATER SECURITY AND ECOSYSTEM HEALTH IN AFRICA

Session Chair: Fred Kihara, The Nature Conservancy

Objectives:

- ◆ Learn a Methodology for Engaging in a Public-Private Partnership to Address these Risks through a “Water Fund”
- ◆ Learn Key Lessons from a Water Fund Project in Africa
- ◆ Discuss Where and What Conditions a Water Fund Approach May Be Effective in the African Great Lakes Region

1430-1515 **Panel Presentation from TNC’s Senior Corporate Advisor for Water, an Upper-Tana Nairobi Water Fund representative, and an Urban Water Utility representative**

1515-1600 **Small Group Exercise**

1600-1630 **Break**

1630-1700 **Report back from Small Group Exercise and Discussion**

1700-1730 **Overall Session Wrap Up and Next Steps**
Mish Hamid, GEF IW:LEARN

Thursday 4 May

1730-1800 **Meeting Recap for GEF IW Participants**
Location: TBC

Participants of the GEF IW workshop are kindly requested to reconvene for a short meeting to recap the outcomes of both the GEF IW workshop and the Africa Great Lakes Conference with regard to IW project implementation going forward