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Welcome to Marrakesh!

On behalf of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), welcome to Marrakesh and the Ninth GEF Biennial International Waters Conference (IWC9). We wish to express our deepest gratitude to the Government and the people of Morocco for hosting this conference and for the warm welcome and hospitality extended to all of us.

The unique mandate of the GEF's International Waters (IW) focal area—to support transboundary cooperation in shared marine and freshwater ecosystems—has proven successful in achieving long-term benefits. Complex transboundary water ecosystems cut across myriad sectoral needs and themes, while not being bound by political boundaries. Consequently, setting effective policy goals, coupled with investments, requires working at all scales, with a range of stakeholders, in the public and private sectors and across the watershed, from source-to-sea and beyond. These are fundamental stepping stones toward safeguarding shared marine and freshwater ecosystems, which will ensure continued growth, prosperity, and unlocking of new local and national economic opportunities.

In this context, IWC9 is organized under the theme Sustaining International Waters Cooperation, with discussion tracks devoted to building traction of the GEF's foundational methodology, the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis-Strategic Action Programme process, toward 2030 and beyond; to utilizing new practices and tools for more informed decisions and better management of systems; and to incorporating transformational solutions for ensuring long-term sustainability of both ongoing and new interventions.

If you have been to one of the eight previous IWCs, you know that the week ahead will be filled with opportunities to learn more about the GEF and its IW focal area, to engage in peer-to-peer discussions about your project experiences, to expand your professional networks, and to visit portfolio-relevant technical sites in and around the city. If this is your first time attending this GEF IW signature event, we are delighted to have you join us and share with the GEF IW portfolio your expertise, experience and innovative approaches to transboundary waters management.

Let's get started!

The GFF Secretariat International Waters Team



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Agenda-	Saturday Nov 3	Sunday Nov 4	Monday Nov 5
at-a-	@ the Water Museum	@ the Water Museum	@ Jardins de l'Agdal Hotel
Glance	Pre-Conference Workshops	Pre-Conference Workshops	Portfolio Strategy and Methodology
Session Type Plenary	0900-1800 20th Annual Consultative Meeting on Large Marine Ecosystems and Coastal Partners (LME20) (By Separate Invitation) Good Practices in International Freshwater Governance Workshop (By Separate Invitation)	0900-1800 20th Annual Consultative Meeting on Large Marine Ecosystems and Coastal Partners (LME20) (By Separate Invitation) Good Practices in International Freshwater Governance Workshop (By Separate Invitation)	0900-0910 Expectations Video 0910-1030 Opening Ceremony, Perspectives on GEF-7, and Key Findings from the GEF IEO IW Focal Area Study 1030-1100 Break: Innovation Marketplace 1100-1200 Views from Policymakers on Sustaining IW Cooperation
Plenary Breakouts Participant-led Workshops Technical Site Visits Pre- Conference Workshops Evening Event		1300-1800 Innovation Marketplace Setup (@ Jardins de l'Agdal) 1600-2000 IWC9 Official Arrival and Registration (@ Jardins de l'Agdal)	GEF IW Project Showcase: Sustaining IW Cooperation 1230-1400 Lunch: Innovation Marketplace 1400-1530 Building Traction of the TDA-SAP Process Toward 2030 and Beyond: From Formulation Through Implementation (Kickoff) 1530-1600 Break: Innovation Marketplace 1600-1730 Building Traction of the TDA-SAP Process Toward 2030 and Beyond: From Formulation Through Implementation (World Cafés)
		1830-1930 Film Festival	1730-1930 Welcome Reception

Tuesday Nov 6 @ the Water Museum	Wednesday Nov 7 @ Jardins de l'Agdal Hotel	Thursday Nov 8 @ Jardins de l'Agdal Hotel	
Partnerships and Synergies	Tools and Practices for IW Practitioners	Solutions for Sustainability	
0900-0910	0900-0910	0900-0910	
Reflections Video	Reflections Video	Reflections Video	
0910-1030	0910-1030	0910-1030	
Shark Tank	New Practices and Tools for More Informed Decisions and Better Management of Systems (Kickoff)	Transformational Solutions for Long-Term Sustainability of Ongoing and New Interventions (Kickoff)	
1030-1100	1030-1100	1030-1100	
Break: Innovation Marketplace	Break: Innovation Marketplace	Break: Innovation Marketplace	
1100-1230	1100-1230	1100-1230	
1. Partnerships to Scale Up Community-Based International Waters Management 2. Toward a Gender Protocol for the TDA-SAP Process 3. Using Planning Tools to Support TDA-SAP Development and Updates 4. From Environmental Pressures to Investment Solutions Using the TDA-SAP and GEF Programmatic Approaches	New Practices and Tools for More Informed Decisions and Better Management of Systems (Clinic Carousel)	Transformational Solutions for Long-Term Sustainability of Ongoing and New Interventions (Breakouts) 1. Nature-Based Solutions 2. Circular Economy 3. Blue Economy	
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The GEF International Waters Focal Area and GEF IW:LEARN

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) (www.thegef.org) unites 183 member countries—in partnership with international institutions, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector—to address global environmental issues. The GEF International Waters (IW) focal area targets transboundary water systems, such as shared river basins, lakes, groundwater and Large Marine Ecosystems. The cumulative 27-year GEF IW portfolio consists of 359 projects with about US\$1.9 billion of GEF grants and \$12.6 billion in co-finance invested in more than 170 GEF recipient countries. Since the inception of the GEF in 1991, the IW portfolio has delivered substantive results and replicable experiences to be scaled up and mainstreamed globally.

GEF IW:LEARN, a GEF IW project (www.iwlearn.net), seeks to strengthen global portfolio experience sharing and learning, dialogue facilitation, targeted knowledge sharing and replication in order to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of GEF IW projects to deliver tangible results in partnership with other IW initiatives. Its services include knowledge management, technical support services, peer-to-peer learning exchanges, support to communities of practice, targeted training workshops and portfolio-wide learning through the GEF Biennial International Waters Conferences (IWC).

GEF Biennial International Waters Conferences and IWC9



The IWC is the signature event of the GEF IW Portfolio. The IWC objectives are to facilitate cross-sectoral and GEF IW Portfolio-wide learning and experience sharing. They strive to solicit advice from the existing GEF IW Portfolio on burning issues and to assist in building participant capacity in key management and technical areas. Participants sum up progress achieved and look to the future of programming within and beyond the GEF IW Focal Area. IWC9 convenes about 300 participants—comprising GEF IW project managers, representatives of beneficiary countries, non-governmental organizations, transboundary management institutions, GEF Agencies and the private sector. Collectively, the participants represent 84 active GEF IW projects, 80 countries and the various GEF Agencies.

IWC9 Results Framework

Conference Objective: To facilitate cross-sectoral and regional learning and dialogue for GEF IW projects and stakeholders, with a special emphasis on sustaining international waters cooperation.

Design Summary	Performance Targets and/or Indicators
Outcomes	
Good practices and successful approaches are identified and replicated leading to improved project performance. Active IW projects learn to apply evolving GEF policies, procedures, and results-based management to project implementation. Experiences and good practices shared among GEF IW projects.	New GEF IW project designs include ways to sustain international waters cooperation. Active GEF IW projects apply policies and procedures for results-based management. GEF IW projects present at least one of their top innovations and/or replicable experiences.
Outputs	
IW Portfolio learning needs captured for improving GEF IW:LEARN and LME:LEARN and other portfolio learning project services.	List of emerging learning priorities.

Data Sources and/or Reporting Mechanisms

Assumptions and Risks

Outcomes

IWC9 Conference Report includes guidance incorporating presentations of good practices and successful approaches.

New work plans or revised results frameworks; new experience notes.

exhibit posters and booths.

Applicability documented in participant evaluations and workshop reports.

Presentations from GEF IW portfolio in targeted workshops and plenaries; background documentation; portfolio solutions; films and Innovation Marketplace Assumption that good practices can be identified from the current GEF IW project portfolio.

Risk that identified good practices and successful approaches to IW projects may not have universal application and could be inappropriately applied in the wrong context.

Assumption that IW project managers and participants actively seek opportunities to apply evolving GEF policies, procedures, and good practices in their projects.

Assumption that 60 percent of current GEF IW projects attend IWC9. $\,$

Risk that increased knowledge is not incorporated into ongoing projects, as strategies and work plans are already fixed.

Risk that not all participating projects produce an exhibit poster, portfolio solution or film, operate a booth or participate in a conference workshop or plenary.

Outputs

Rapporteur summaries; expressions of interest for project-project twinning exchanges, and regional and thematic workshops to continue and improve IW learning post-IWC9.

Assumption that GEF IW projects value a central clearinghouse of information through IW:LEARN and LME:LEARN to service their learning requirements.

Day 1 – Portfolio Strategy and Methodology

Monday, November 5, 2018

Jardins de l'Agdal Hotel

0900 - 0910	Expectations Video Location: Agdal Hall
0910 - 1030	Opening Ceremony, Perspectives on GEF-7, and Key Findings from the GEF IEO IW Focal Area Study Location: Agdal Hall
1030 - 1100	Break: Networking and Innovation Marketplace
1100 - 1200	Views from Policymakers on Sustaining IW Cooperation Session Coordinators: Vladimir Mamaev, United Nations Development Programme; Mish Hamid, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Location: Agdal Hall
1200 - 1230	GEF IW Project Showcase: Sustaining IW Cooperation Session Coordinators: Taylor Henshaw, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Location: Agdal Hall
1230 - 1400	Lunch: Networking and Innovation Marketplace
1400 - 1530	Building Traction of the TDA-SAP Process Toward 2030 and Beyond: From Formulation Through Implementation (Kickoff) Pillar Coordinators: Andrew Hudson, United Nations Development Programme; Astrid Hillers, Global Environment Facility Location: Agdal Hall
1530 - 1600	Break: Networking and Innovation Marketplace
1600 - 1730	Building Traction of the TDA-SAP Process Toward 2030 and Beyond: From Formulation Through Implementation (World Cafes) Session Coordinators: Ivan Zavadsky, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River; Kathrin Hett, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; Aurélien Dumont, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization - International Hydrological Programme Location: Agdal Hall
1730 - 1930	Welcome Reception Hosted by Government of Morocco Location: Jardins de l'Agdal Hotel Function Area

Session Type

Plenary	Breakouts	Participant-led Workshops	Technical Site Visits	Pre-Conference Workshops	Evening Event

Day 2 - Partnerships and Synergies

Tuesday, November 6, 2018

The Water Museum and Marrakesh Vicinity

0900 - 0910	Reflections Video Location: Water Museum Conference Room
0910 - 1030	GEF IW Project Shark Tank Session Coordinators: Christian Severin, Global Environment Facility; Keith Lawrence, Conservation International; Keiron Brand, Aaron Vermeulen, Sarah Davidson, World Wildlife Fund for Nature Location: Water Museum Conference Room
1030 - 1100	Break: Networking
1100 - 1230	Partnerships to Scale Up Community-Based IW Management (Participant-Led Workshop) Session Coordinator: Sulan Chen, Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme Location: Water Museum Room 1
1100 - 1230	Toward a Gender Protocol for the TDA-SAP Process (Participant-Led Workshop) Session Coordinators: Michela Miletto, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization - World Water Assessment Programme Location: Water Museum Room 2
1100 - 1230	Using Planning Tools to Support the TDA-SAP Development and Updates (Participant-Led Workshop) Session Coordinators: Katharine Cross, International Waters Association; Oluf Jessen, DHI Location: Water Museum Room 3
1100 - 1230	From Environment Pressures to Investment Solutions Using the TDA-SAP and GEF Programmatic Approaches (Participant-Led Workshop) Session Coordinators: Lorenzo Galbiati, United Nations Environment Mediterranean Action Plan Location: Water Museum Conference Room
1230 - 1330	Lunch: Networking
1330 - 1800	Technical Site Visits Various locations in and around Marrakesh

Day 3 – Tools and Practices for IW Practitioners

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

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0900 - 0910	
0900 - 0910	Reflections Video Location: Agdal Hall
0910 - 1030	New Practices and Tools for More Informed Decisions and Better Management of Systems (Kickoff) Pillar Coordinators: Steffen Hansen, Global Environment Facility; Dimitris Faloutsos, Global Water Partnership-Mediterranean; Yumiko Yasuda, Global Water Partnership Location: Agdal Hall
1030 - 1100	Break: Networking and Innovation Marketplace
1100 - 1230	New Practices and Tools for More Informed Decisions and Better Management of Systems (Clinics Carousel) Location: Agdal Hall
1230 - 1400	Lunch: Networking and Innovation Marketplace
1400 - 1530	New Practices and Tools for More Informed Decisions and Better Management of Systems (Clinics Carousel) Location: Agdal Hall
1530 - 1600	Break: Networking and Innovation Marketplace
1600 - 1730	Getting the News Out: Communicating Your Project Results (Participant-Led Workshop) Session Coordinator: Tiina Kurvits, GRID-Arendal Location: Bahia
1600 - 1730	Managing International Waters Projects (Participant-Led Workshop) Session Coordinator: Mary Matthews, United Nations Development Programme Location: Menara
1600 - 1730	MSPglobal - Supporting Internationally Accepted Marine Spatial Planning Guidance (Participant-Led Workshop) Session Coordinator: Alejandro Iglesias Campos, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization - Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Location: Koutoubia
1600 - 1730	Enhancing Access and Dissemination of Knowledge to Improve Scientific Cooperation (Participant-Led Workshop) Session Coordinator: Youssef Filali-Meknassi, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization - International Hydrological Programme Location: Agdal Hall
1930 - 2230	Gala Event Location: Palais Soleiman

Day 4 – Solutions for Sustainability

Thursday, November 8, 2018

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0900 - 0910	Reflections Video Location: Agdal Hall
0910 - 1030	Transformational Solutions for Long-Term Sustainability of Ongoing and New Interventions (Kickoff) Pillar Coordinators: Leah Karrer, Global Environment Facility; Christopher Warner, World Bank Location: Agdal Hall
1030 - 1100	Break: Networking and Innovation Marketplace
1100 - 1230	Nature-Based Solutions (Breakout) Session Coordinator: Keith Lawrence and and Derek Vollmer, Conservation International Location: Menara
1100 - 1230	Circular Economy (Breakout) Session Coordinators: Nilguen Tas, United Nations Industrial Development Organization; Isabelle Vanderbeck and Jill Raval, United Nations Environment; Liz Izquierdo, Capturing Coral Reef and Related Ecosystem Services Project Location: Koutoubia
1100 - 1230	Blue Economy (Breakout) Session Coordinators: Henry DeBey, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; Julian Barbiere and Alejandro Iglesias Campos, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization- Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Location: Agdal Hall
1230 - 1400	Lunch: Networking and Innovation Marketplace
1400 - 1530	Adopting the Water Funds Model for Sustainably Financed Source Water Protection of GEF IW Project Basins (Participant-Led Workshop) Session Coordinator: Colin Apse, The Nature Conservancy Location: Menara
1400 - 1530	Analysis of Transboundary Water Ecosystems and Green/Blue Infrastructures: A Bottom-Up Approach (Participant-Led Workshop) Session Coordinator: Alejandro Iglesias Campos, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization- Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Location: Agdal Hall
1400 - 1530	Learning from the Past for Next Generation Source-to-Sea in Asia and Beyond (Participant-Led Workshop) Session Coordinators: Louise Whiting, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; Donneth Walton, Asian Development Bank Location: Koutoubia
1400 - 1530	Integrated Ridge-to-Reef Approaches in Pacific SIDS: Perspectives and Experiences (Participant-Led Workshop) Session Coordinator: Jose Padilla, United Nations Environment Programme Location: Bahia
1530 - 1600	Break: Networking and Innovation Marketplace
1600 - 1700	The Way Forward: Sustaining IW Cooperation Session Coordinator: Christian Severin, Global Environment Facility Location: Agdal Hall



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