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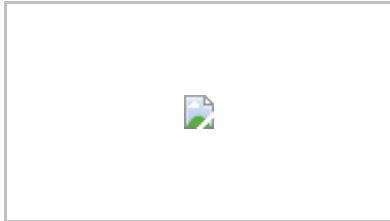
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## Training of Trainers- Earth Observation Tools in IWRM - Costa Rica



A Training of Trainers workshop was held in Costa Rica from March 18th - 22nd, 2013, organized by Cap-Net and partner network REDICA, CIEDES-UCR, Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC), and hosted by the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Costa Rica.

The first course was held in Enschede, The Netherlands, in December 2012 and the second ToT that just took place in San José, Costa Rica, targeted participants from Latin America and the Caribbean. Nominated participants are network members who are active

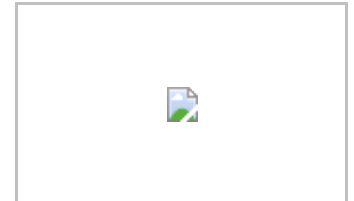
in water management capacity building and have a position within the network's member organization that allows them to take this subject further within the network at the regional or national level.

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For further information about the ToT visit REDICA's blog: <http://redicatalleres.blogspot.com/>

## Cap-Net and Brazilian and other lusophone partners meet - Brasilia

Cap-Net/UNDP organised a workshop with its Brazilian and other Portuguese speaking partners in Brasília, from 25 to 27 March, 2013. The partners are members of Cap-Net Brasil, WaterNet and RELUSA. The objective of the workshop was to develop a three-year collaborative programme on capacity development in sustainable water management for Lusophone countries. The meeting was hosted by ANA and co-organised by Cap-Net Brasil. The three year collaborative programme developed builds on strengths of the partners on specific subjects.



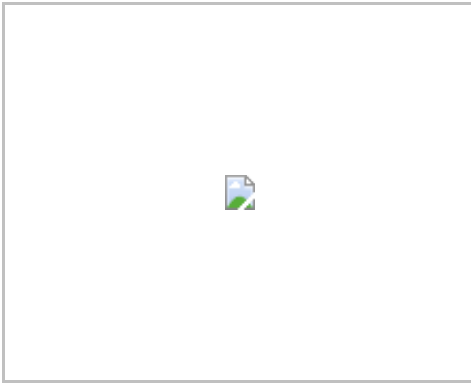
The programme includes the following thematic areas:

- IWRM as a tool for adaptation to climate change
- Water security plans
- Social mobilisation for IWRM
- Technologies and management
- Coastal zone management

Rich group discussions resulted in advanced plans of activities and products for each of the five themes. Next steps include the development of a comprehensive proposal and seek support with the assistance of the UNDP Country Office in Brasilia.

For further information on the workshop and joint programme, please contact Kees Leendertse at Cap-Net [kees.leendertse@cap-net.org](mailto:kees.leendertse@cap-net.org) or Jaime Bastos, coordinator of Cap-Net Brasil [jaim@institutoipanema.net](mailto:jaim@institutoipanema.net)

## International Year of Water Cooperation



2013 is the International Year of Water Cooperation. The objective is to raise awareness, both on the potential for increased cooperation, and on the challenges facing water management in light of the increase in demand for water access, allocation and services. There are a number of global events marking this, starting with the launch of the year last month in Paris. A number of simultaneous events will take place on this year's World Water Day, capped by a UN High-Level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda (i.e. post Millennium Development Goals) taking place in the Hague (22 March incidentally). Other milestones include World Water Week in Stockholm (September), a High-Level Conference in Dushanbe (September) and a Water Summit in Budapest (October). In this context, Cap-Net and partners organise a seminar at the World Water Week on Collaboration in Networks for Water Capacity Development (more later). Speaking of the Post-2015 Agenda, you should all consider taking part in UN-Water's online discussion of

priorities for the water sector: <http://www.worldwewant2015.org/water>.

World Water Day is held annually on 22 March as a means of focusing attention on the importance of freshwater and advocating for the sustainable management of freshwater resources. An international day to celebrate freshwater was recommended at the 1992 United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED). The United Nations General Assembly responded by designating 22 March 1993 as the first World Water Day. Each year, World Water Day highlights a specific aspect of freshwater. In 2013, in reflection of the International Year of Water Cooperation, World Water Day is also dedicated to the theme of cooperation around water.

For further information or any questions please contact: [Water2015@worldwewant2015.org](mailto:Water2015@worldwewant2015.org)

### Post 2015 MDG Water Agenda for Africa – Tunis

The African Ministers' Council on Water in conjunction with the African Union Commission and the African Development Bank hosted the Africa-wide Stakeholders process on the Post 2015 Water Agenda in Tunis on March 1st – 2nd 2013. This was held against the background of the Africa Water Vision 2025 of 'An Africa where there is an equitable and sustainable use and management of water resources for poverty alleviation, socio economic development, regional cooperation and environment'.

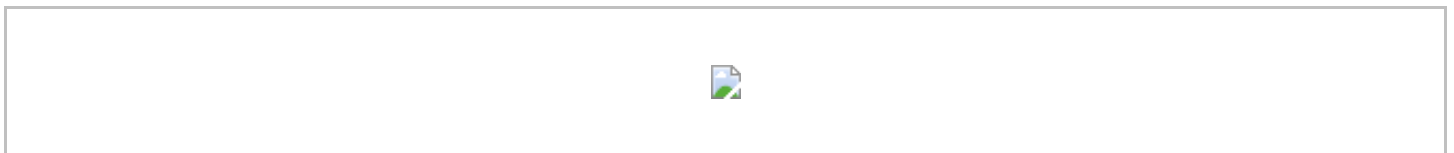
The main objectives were to consult and reach consensus on targets and indicators for the three thematic sub-consultations on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Water Resources Management (WRM) and Wastewater Management and Water Quality (WMWQ). 74 representatives of governments in Africa, development partners, NGOs and civil society, along with Regional Economic Communities and River and Lakes Basin Organisations and Intergovernmental Organisations attended the consultative meeting.

Highlighting the pivotal role of water resources management and development to the initiation of green economy in Africa, the meeting emphasised the need for urgent attention from all stakeholders to address unfinished business of the water and sanitation MDGs targets.

The overall goal was established as: 'Ensure a water secure world for all'.

For more information, please visit the AMCOW website <http://www.amcow-online.org> or contact Elizabeth Touomquo at: [etouomquo@amcow-online.org](mailto:etouomquo@amcow-online.org)

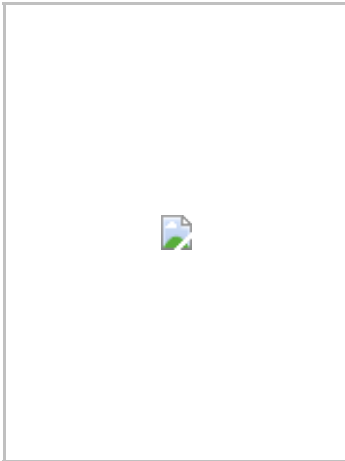
### Asia Water Week



The Asian Development Bank (ADB) organized the Asia Water Week 2013 under the overarching theme 'Securing Water for All' at its headquarters in Manila, Philippines. The main aim was to address crosscutting topics such as climate change, water-food-energy nexus, and disaster management. Sub-sector sessions provided the framework for exchanging knowledge on technologies, innovations and new sector initiatives. Thematic sessions were divided into: Basin Management, Urban Water Services and Rural Water Services. The main event was complemented by various side-events organized by different international and regional sector organizations. It was well attended with 600 registered participants. In an interesting session chaired by UNESCO-IHE, special attention was dedicated to capacity development and professional certification. For more information, please download the Asia Water Week Programme 2013 and visit the ADB website or contact Wouter Lincklaen

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## CEO Water Mandate 11th Working Conference

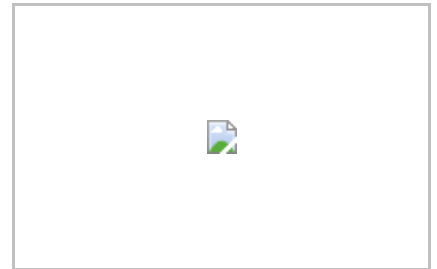


CEO Water Mandate 11th Working Conference was held in Mumbai India from 4-7 March 2013. The Conference was attended by more than 150 participants from endorsing companies and prospective endorsers, United Nations and government agencies, and civil society. The multi-stakeholder conference focused on exploring the relevance of the emerging corporate water stewardship paradigm in the "Post-2015 world." It canvassed the range of water-related challenges facing India, as well as the spectrum of actions companies are taking in India and elsewhere to mitigate water risk and support more sustainable water management. <http://ceowatermandate.org/>

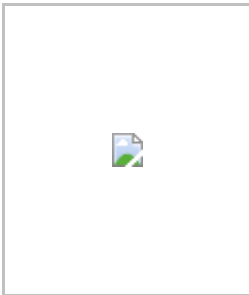
The Cap-Net director participated in the conference together with Neena Rao of SCan and Damian Indij of LA-WETnet as part of the Cap-Net agenda to engage with the private sector. For further information contact Themba Gumbo at Cap-Net [themba.gumbo@cap-net.org](mailto:themba.gumbo@cap-net.org)

## 5th Delft Symposium on Water Sector Capacity Development

The theme of the 5th Delft Symposium is Developing Capacity from Rio to Reality – who is taking the lead? It will be addressed from different perspectives on challenges, experiences and innovation in water sector capacity development. The Symposium will be held in Delft, The Netherlands, from 29 to 31 May and is now open for registration. Please visit <http://www.unesco-ihe.org/CD-Symposium>.



## IW:LEARN update



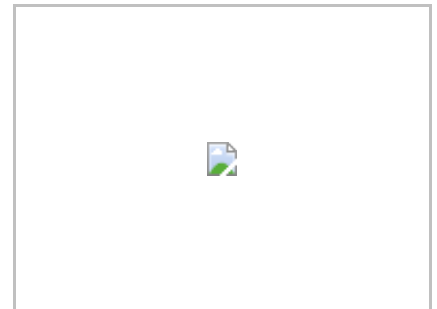
IW: LEARN continues to work on various services, with the most recent development concerning the release of the GEF International Waters Public-Private Partnerships Guidebook. The manual represents GEF IW: LEARN's effort to support greater project engagement with the private sector through public-private partnerships. The guidebook has been launched on the manuals platform ([manuals.iwlearn.net](http://manuals.iwlearn.net)), where it joins the Project Management Manual and the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis/Strategic Action Programme (TDA/SAP) approach is a highly collaborative process that has proven to be a major Methodology revision. This has been a component of GEF International Waters projects over the last 16 years. This means another living document for the portfolio, which you can peruse in PDF or on the web. IW: Learn is currently are looking for projects that are keen on enhancing their engagement with the private sector. Their partner, the GETF would like to work with you on this. Please do get in touch if this is of interest.

For more information, visit the website: <http://iwlearn.net/> or please contact Mish Hamid GEF IW: LEARN Project Manager at [mish@iwlearn.org](mailto:mish@iwlearn.org)

## Introducing new colleague - Indika Gunawardana

Indika Gunawardana joined the Cap-Net as a Capacity Development Analyst as of 20th March, 2013. She is a Cap-Net member from Sri Lanka, who has experience in research and development works on water and sanitation. Indika holds a PhD and MSc in Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) from Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture (PGIA), Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. She graduated in Agriculture specializing in Agricultural Engineering from University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. Indika was offered a scholarship by Crossing Boundaries Project of the SaciWATERS for her doctorate degree to focus more on an interdisciplinary research related to water and sanitation where she could work interactively with people and institutions to solve ground level issues related to sanitation.

Indika has contributed much in developing new knowledge on water and sanitation through her researches where she has come-up with a new approach to monitor sanitation performances globally. She has worked in Dry Zone Agricultural



Development Project in Sri Lanka from 2005 to 2007 and WASPA(Asia) regional project in 2007. She has been involved in water sector by consultancies and researches over last 7 years with Cap-Net Lanka, and Crossing Boundaries Project of the PGIA. She has worked on Cap-Net outcome and impact monitoring as an attachment to the Cap-Net Secretariat from August to November 2012. She is compassionate, loves traveling, exploring new things, and gathering with friends. Indika can be contacted at [indika.gunawardana@cap-net.org](mailto:indika.gunawardana@cap-net.org)