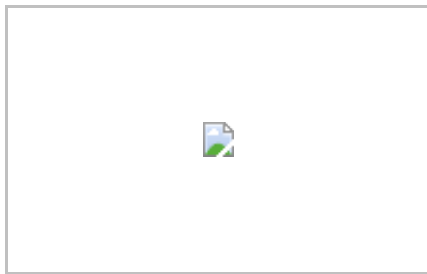




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## 1) GEF IW LEARN Integration Dialogue - 7 to 9 May, Cape Town



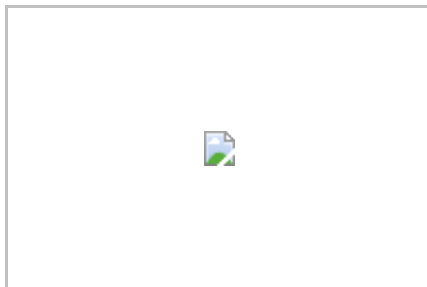
This meeting marked the first “Integration Dialogue for Surface and Groundwater GEF IW Projects” which took place in Cape Town, South Africa, from 7 to 9 May 2013. The meeting was organized by the UNESCO International Hydrological Programme (IHP) in cooperation with IGRAC and IUCN in the framework of the GEF IW LEARN Project. The meeting was held back to back as well as integrated with a country workshop hosted and co-organized by the University of Western Cape (UWC) on behalf of the NEPAD Southern African Network of Water Centres of Excellence (SANWATCE).

Representatives of the GEF International Waters portfolio of freshwater projects and Cap-Net, as well as River Basin Organizations in the African region met in Cape Town to discuss best practices and ways forward for the conjunctive management of surface water and groundwater resources. This was a great opportunity to join forces and strengthen synergies with the NEPAD Southern African Network of Water Centers of Excellence, gathering in Cape Town to explore ways and means to further enhance capacity development towards water security at all levels, in particular national, local and regional levels. The spirit of the International Year of Water Cooperation finds its concrete realization here when different communities come together to find sustainable solutions to common challenges and share new ideas and perspectives.

The target group did not only consist of Project Managers of GEF IW projects, but also representatives of relevant Ministries and members of local and regional scientific communities. For this reason, UNESCO IHP joined forces with the University of Western Cape, the University of Stellenbosch and CSIR coordinating the South African Country workshop as NEPAD Southern African Network of Water Centres of Excellence to broaden and share the experiences of the GEF IW portfolio in the region.

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## 2) Training course on IWRM & DRM - 24 to 28 June, Mexico



Drought risk is a growing hazard to many people and economies across the world, particularly in developing countries. The magnitude of drought and number of affected people is increasing, with extreme effects on poor countries and poor communities. Direct cost of emergency responses to drought weighs heavily on poor countries development while indirectly because of low productivity during drought, the costs run much deeper. Moreover, the most affected countries lack sufficient capacity to reduce risk to acceptable levels.

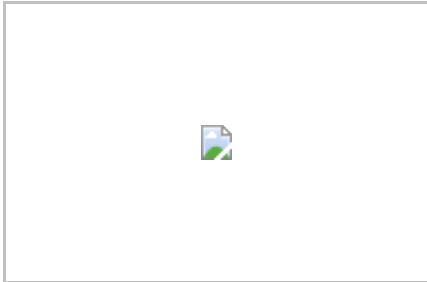
The combination of climatic uncertainty and higher demands leave water resources increasingly vulnerable to drought shocks. To mitigate the root causes and impacts of drought require robust approaches including improved drought management practices, more accurate models, and better forecasts. Ultimately, successful drought risk management relies on the integration of reliable climate information into management decision, including relevant policies, regulations, and institutional processes. IWRM tools and instruments

can assist communities in managing drought risks and provide responses to drought occurrences.

Applying these approaches to a place in danger of drought would be a good entry point for leveraging positive change.

A training of trainers course on Drought Risks Management in IWRM will be organised by REMERH, the Cap-Net affiliated network in Mexico. For more information regarding this course, please click [here](#) to download the brochure, or contact Wangai Ndirangu at [wangai@beassociates.co.ke](mailto:wangai@beassociates.co.ke) or Carlos Diaz Delgado at [cdiazd@uaemex.mx](mailto:cdiazd@uaemex.mx)

### 3) Integrated Urban Flood Management ToT June, Indonesia



Cap-Net and its regional partner networks have conducted series short courses on Integrated Urban Flood Management. In November 2011, the first short course was held in Porto Alegre, Brazil, and in May 2012 a similar course was held in Bangkok, Thailand. Both courses are Training of Trainers (ToT) courses with the aim to equip trainers with the latest knowledge and skill on integrated approaches in urban flood management – A follow up course already took place successfully in Jakarta, Indonesia in March 2013 and the upcoming one will take place in Malaysia in June.

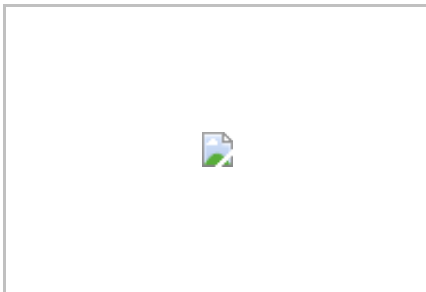
The objective is to train trainers of the SEA Region in IUFM concepts, knowledge and skills. These trainers are expected to deliver a similar course for participants in their own country. The workshop will mainly target participants with capacity building responsibilities in order to ensure replication and scaling-up of programmes and impacts. The workshop will in particular target participants with knowledge and experience in capacity building and research in the field of urban flood management who can transfer the knowledge to professionals of any background working in the urban environment, and decision makers in general.

The need for capacity building in flood management was also identified during the Capacity Building Needs Assessment carried out in the South East Asia (SEA) region in 2007. Hence, the course on IUFM will also contribute to the development of knowledge on flood management in the SEA Region.

This course is part of a series of structured capacity building programs that is expected to lead to improved public services to the communities including to the poor.

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### 4) World Water Week in Stockholm - 1 to 6 September, Stockholm



The World Water Week in Stockholm is the annual meeting place for issues and actors related to water and development. Organised by the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), it brings together 2500 experts, practitioners, decision makers and business innovators from around the globe to exchange ideas, foster new thinking and develop solutions. [www.worldwaterweek.org](http://www.worldwaterweek.org)

The Cap-Net Secretariat will be organising a seminar on "Collaboration in Networks for Water Capacity Development". The seminar will take place on 2 September 2013, 14:00-17:30 in room B8. The partners that are involved are Kazach-German University, UNESCO-IHE, CKNet, LA-WETnet, NBCBN, WaterNet, HidroEx, ZEU, GFZ/DKU. For more information, please contact Kees Leendertse at [kees.leendertse@cap-net.org](mailto:kees.leendertse@cap-net.org)

Register now for the 2013 World Water Week in Stockholm!

As organiser of an event at the [2013 World Water Week in Stockholm](#) we would like to encourage you to:

- Download the [printed programme](#) to get a full overview of the sessions, award ceremonies, social events, field visits and more.
- Use the new and interactive [online programme](#) to browse the events and plan your schedule for the week.
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Link up to World Water Week in social media and join the discussion by:

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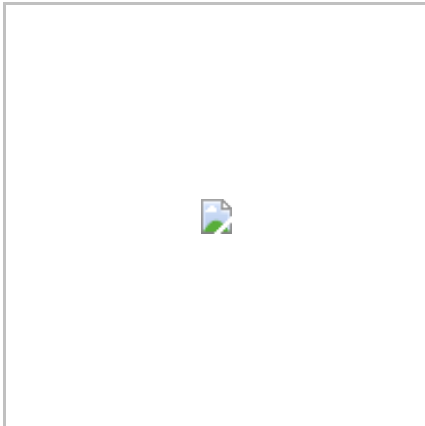
Facebook: "Like" [SIWI](#) and [World Water Week](#) on Facebook to receive the latest updates.

Flickr: Follow the [photo stream](#) from the events, award ceremonies and other activities.

Instagram: Use the hashtag #wwweek to contribute with your own live photo updates.

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## 5) LA-WETnet and GWP join forces for improved transboundary water governance in Latin America

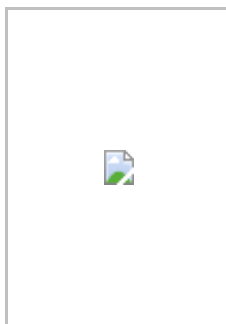


Around 40% of the global population lives in international river basins. As water security is more uncertain due to climate change and the growing population, water is becoming increasingly scarce and international conflicts over water allocation are bound to be more frequent. It is therefore essential to provide tools that will enable shared water resources to be managed efficiently, sustainably and equitably. This entails an understanding of the shared benefits resulting from sound water management and the establishment of collaborative governance mechanisms between concerned countries.

This initiative is intended to build synergies amongst LA-WETnet and GWP partners, namely Universidad Externado de Colombia, Universidad de Costa Rica, Dundee University, IUCN, and the National Water Authority of Brazil (ANA). The Programme will benefit from the collective knowledge and expertise of renowned teachers within and beyond the region.

For more information please contact Damian Indij , LA-WETnet manager, [damian.indij@gmail.com](mailto:damian.indij@gmail.com). It will focus on enhancing capacity around water legislation, especially at transboundary level through the Latin American Scholarship programme on international waters legislation. This programme will address the unique linguistic, cultural and legal aspects of transboundary water management in Latin America and address specific regional and national water challenges. A task force will start working on a training manual and a regional course in Bogota, Colombia, which is planned for the second half of 2013.

## 6) Water Footprint Course - 8 to 10 October, Pretoria, South Africa

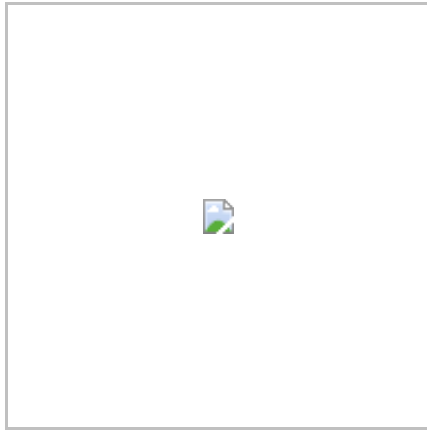


The Water Footprint Network invites you to the Water Footprint Training course that is designed for professionals in the water and environmental sectors interested to learn about water footprint assessment in their daily practice. The target group consists of professionals from businesses, governments, and academia including consultancies advising corporations or governments. The course is designed to capture both ends of professionals from a novice beginner to an expert in the field of environmental assessment.

This training course will be held from October 08-10, 2013 in Pretoria, South Africa

For more information, please download the brochure [here](#) or please contact Ashok Chapagain at [a.k.chapagain@utwente.nl](mailto:a.k.chapagain@utwente.nl)

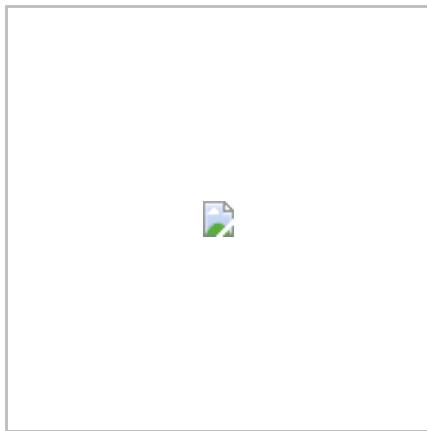
## 7) Regional workshop on establishment of a twin Institute of UNU-FLORES as a hub for the region: Hotel VIP Grand Maputo, 6 to 8 May, Mozambique



The workshop was organized by UNU-FLORES in close cooperation with University Eduardo Mondlane (UEM), Dresden University of Technology (TUD) and the Ministry of Science and Technology (MCT) of Mozambique. Participating regional stakeholders represented 19 universities and organizations from 14 countries in Africa including Cap-Net UNDP. The workshop had the following objectives: Identify regional partners for the twin in Maputo and define their role in joint activities; building a network in research and education for the Twin Institute of UNU-FLORES in the region ([www.flores.unu.edu](http://www.flores.unu.edu)) ; conceptualize potential joint research activities within the network (topics and suitable regions/countries for case studies); define activities for capacity development and work out a concept for a MSc programme of UNU-FLORES, Maputo considering the joint study programme of UNU-FLORES, Dresden and TUD. Blog (<http://unu-flores-mozambique.blogspot.de/>)

The workshop succeeded in identifying research projects in Africa and defining the required contribution of involved partners. The projects will deal with productivity in low-fertility areas and climate change, risk management (floods & droughts), integrated water and waste management, soil functioning and food production. Among other activities on capacity development, the concept for a joint MSc programme on integrated management of water, soil and waste was discussed. For more information contact Reza Ardakanian ([ardakanian@unu.edu](mailto:ardakanian@unu.edu)) or Stephan Huelsmann ([huelsmann@unu.edu](mailto:huelsmann@unu.edu)) of UNU-FLORES and Themba Gumbo at Cap-Net UNDP ([themba.gumbo@cap-net.org](mailto:themba.gumbo@cap-net.org)).

## 8) Water Integrity and Accountability Mapping in Latin America



Managed by LA-WETnet and with collaboration of network members in Mexico, Costa Rica, Colombia, Venezuela, Peru, Ecuador, Brazil and Argentina, eight country case studies have been implemented to map integrity and accountability in the water sector in the respective countries. Presentations of the case studies at a meeting in Bogota, Colombia, from 15 to 17 May, hosted by the Universidad Externado de Colombia, showed significant differences but also similarities between the countries on how they address corruption issues in the water sector. Following the presentations and discussions, a start was made with planning of capacity development activities on different aspects of accountability for different target groups. The project is an initiative of collaborative action between Cap-Net and the UNDP Water Governance Facility at SIWI. Initial discussions were held on how follow up activities will be supported by the partners.

In the margin of the meeting, discussions took place between Cap-Net, WGF and the UNDP Virtual School on turning the training manual on the subject developed by Cap-Net, WGF, WIN and partner networks (<http://www.cap-net.org/content/training-manual-water-integrity>) into an online self-learning tutorial.

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