

Case studies linking capacity building and effective changes in water resources management



Monitoring Impact

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-Proposal for the 2014 edition-

1. Introduction

Knowledge generation and case study development are important goals for LA-WETnet as an open network known for providing continuous and on the edge capacity building support and guidance for sustainable water resources management in Latin America in a context of climate change, including access to water and sanitation, and crosscutting issues as integrity and transparency.

LA-WETnet has been placing attention in case studies development as a means to understand IWRM implementation and the contributions brought up by capacity building. Three editions were prepared: 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013 bringing valuable lessons from 15 cases studies.

A review of the process and outcomes showed that an active participation of the networks in the region would facilitate the identification of relevant cases, as well as bring quality in their development. This was discussed with the managers of ArgCap-Net, Cap-Net Brazil, REMERH, and REDICA at Cap-Net's managers meeting in Costa Rica (2012), and there was agreement and shared interest in working together in this area.

The 2013 experience was very positive and managers expressed their interest to continue working together in this line of action during 2014.

2. Proposed focus for the 2014 edition

The goal of this series of case studies remains focused in monitoring the impact of capacity development for effective changes in water resources management. This includes changes in the enabling environment (policies, laws, arrangements); institutional development; and management instruments. But is it not limited to these, and other relevant indicators for development may be considered, as improvements in the professional careers of persons who have been capacity development recipients, or more jobs developed. And of course, all effective changes in water and environmental management which facilitate increased access, or environmental protection, for example.

Finding the exact or fair relationship between a given capacity building activity and these changes is a difficult task. This is why approaching this monitoring exercise through the development of case studies may allow a more complete and clear picture of the value of capacity building and its multidimensional character.

Cases will enable the identification of valuable knowledge in regard of the value and results of capacity building, as well as identifying best practices for replication. **It is important that cases refer to activities already implemented.**

The suggested focus for the 2014 will be determined together with the managers of ArgCap-Net, Cap-Net Brazil, REMERH, and REDICA at the coming Cap-Net's managers meeting in Bali, November 2013.

3. Publication

The cases and consolidated report shall be published as a common publication by LA-WETnet, REMERH, REDICA, ArgCap-Net, Cap-Net Brazil, all as Cap-Net partner networks.

It will be digitally published by the Universidad Autonoma de Nueva León, in México, arrangements shall be made to register an ISBN to give proper formality to the edition.

4. Output

The final output will be the digitally published edition which consists of:

- Introduction
- 1 chapter presenting a consolidated summary and key findings from all cases.
- 1 case study from REDICA
- 1 case study from ArgCap-Net
- 1 case study from Cap-Net Brazil
- 1 case study from REMERH

5. Process, roles, and expert review

An editing team, formed by network managers participating in the publication will ensure quality and participation.

Participating networks (ArgCap-Net, Cap-Net Brazil, REDICA, REMERH) are responsible for identifying the author of their case study and keeping track with the authors on timing and orientation.

Specific authors will need to develop an abstract. They will present this abstract to their respective network managers and, through them, they will be shared with the LA-WETnet manager and all network managers which are part of the publication. This will enable a double check and an open round of comments. A suggestion of re-considering the case study may also be presented at this phase.

Once the abstracts have been approved, network managers will follow the development of their corresponding cases studies. The LA-WETnet secretariat shall contact the network managers regularly to support the process.

The first draft of all cases will be revised jointly by the specific network manager and LA-WETnet secretariat. **In addition, a regional capacity development expert will be invited to join the team and review drafts and final cases.** Compiled comments shall be presented to each author.

Once second drafts have been received, the LA-WETnet secretariat will be responsible for the introduction and summary chapter. A first draft of the complete publication will be shared with network managers and the regional expert for final comments. Oliver Lane, Project Manager from the LA-WETnet secretariat will lead this activity on behalf of LA-WETnet, in close collaboration with the network manager.

After that, the final version will be available and taken by the Universidad Autonoma de Nueva Leon for language revision, editing, design, and ISBN arrangements.

6. Work plan

	2014 - Month										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Contract in place											
Authors identified											
Abstracts submitted											
Comments											
First draft											
Comments											
Second draft											
Introduction and summary chapter											
Complete publication revised											
Final version											
Language revision, editing, design, ISBN											

7. Case studies suggested outline

Case studies will be written in Spanish. The estimated length is 12 A4 size pages, single space, font Times New Roman 11.

Executive summary	1 page
Introduction: case presentation, context, problem description, process presentation in terms of: i) capacity development, ii) water resources management, and, iii) stakeholders participating	2-3 pages
Description of the capacity building intervention: objective, goal, methodologies, activities, target groups.	2-3 pages
Analysis of the outcome of capacity building. Methods used for monitoring this outcome. Results (per specific area); indicators; means of verification; quotes from participants / beneficiaries *	2-3 pages
Conclusions, recommendations, and lessons learnt for replication	2-3 pages
List of references	1 page

* This is particularly recommended as a means to capture first hand information and experiences.

8. Indications for abstracts

- Title
- Authors name
- Geographic focus of the case under analysis
- Abstract: 500 words, an indication of the water resources management process; the type of capacity building process and methodologies; monitoring results and available indicators.

9. Budget (US\$)

Item	Quantity	Unit	Cost p/unit	Total	Networks	Cap-Net
Case studies				8.000	-	8.000
REDICA	1	case study	2.000	2.000		2.000
REMERH	1	case study	2.000	2.000		2.000
ArgCap-Net	1	case study	2.000	2.000		2.000
Cap-Net Brazil	1	case study	2.000	2.000		2.000
Publication				3.000	1.000	2.000
Language revision, editing, design, ISBN (UANL)	1	publication	3.000	3.000	1.000	2.000
Coordination				11.600	8.000	3.600
Work plan development (LA-WETnet)	2	days	400	800	800	
Identification of cases and authors, follow up, revision	10	days	400	4.000	4.000	
Expert reviewer	6	days	400	2.400	2.400	
Coordination (LA-WETnet)	6	days	400	2.400	800	1.600
Summary chapter (LA-WETnet)	1	chapter	2.000	2.000		2.000
Total				22.600	9.000	13.600