

The [Global Water Partnership \(GWP\)](http://www.gwpforum.org), established in 1996, is an international network open to all organizations involved in water resources management: developed and developing country government institutions, agencies of the United Nations, bi- and multilateral development banks, professional associations, research institutions, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector.

GWP was created to foster Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) which aims to ensure the coordinated development and management of water, land, and related resources by maximising economic and social welfare without compromising the sustainability of vital environmental systems. GWP promotes IWRM by creating fora at global, regional, and national levels designed to support stakeholders with their practical implementation of IWRM.

GWP has set up several Associated Programmes to help our partners develop and implement good practices for the sustainable management of their water resources. Whether the challenge is protecting and restoring water resources, improving groundwater or flood management, seeking water-food security, extending sanitation coverage, meeting the challenge of urbanisation, or all of the above and more, our partners are working on the front lines every day.

Today, the GWP network consists of nine Regional Technical Advisory Committees (RTACs) based in Southern Africa, West Africa, the Mediterranean, Central and Eastern Europe, Central America, South America, South Asia, Southeast Asia and China. In addition, over 20 Country Water Partnerships have been established in the regions. The GWP Secretariat is located in Stockholm in Sweden and supported by the following resource centers: DHI Water & Environment in Denmark, HR Wallingford in the UK, and the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) in Sri Lanka.

The mission of GWP is to "support countries in the sustainable management of their water resources."

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