

Training workshop “From practitioner to practitioner:  
how to use the two global Water Conventions to promote cooperation on the ground”

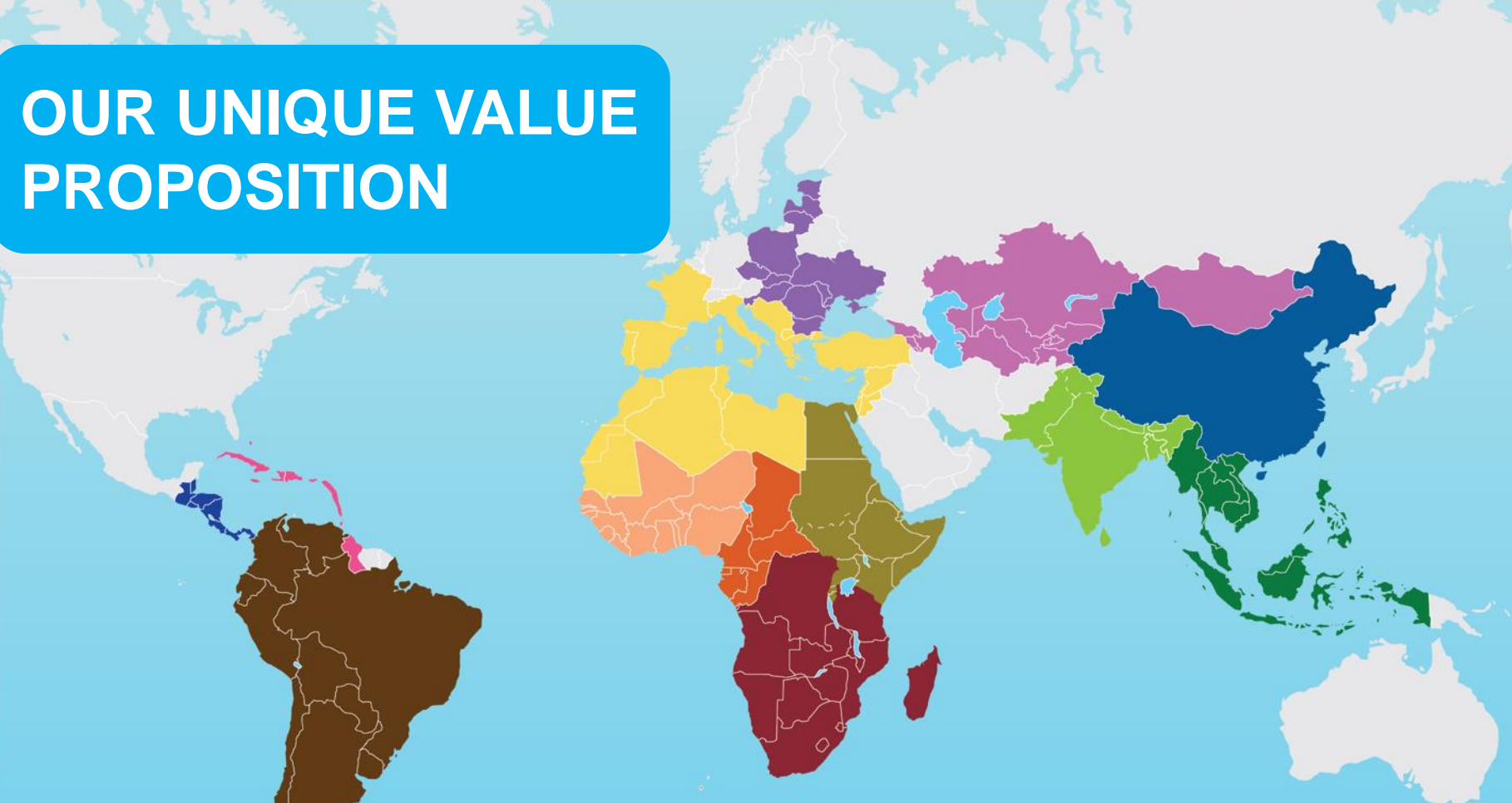
# GWP Support to Implementation - Capacity Building and collaboration for Improved Transboundary Water Governance

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# OUR UNIQUE VALUE PROPOSITION



GWP Region	No. of Partners (2019)
Caribbean	105
Caucasus and Central Asia	146
Central Africa	173
Central America	216
Central and Eastern Europe	184
China	99
Eastern Africa	303
Mediterranean	91
South America	359
South Asia	404
South East Asia	247
Southern Africa	338
West Africa	235
Global	290
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,190</b>

We're a large, diverse, inclusive, multi-stakeholder partnership that supports communities and countries to improve the way they manage water.

Put simply, we're about bringing water users together - that's everyone - to solve water problems.

## Our reach

We comprise 3,000+ partner organisations in 180 countries, influencing change from local to global levels.

## Our network

69 Country Water Partnerships and 13 Regional Water Partnerships convene and broker coordinated action of government and non-governmental actors.

## Our knowledge

We draw on implementation experience at the local level and link it across our Network and to global development agendas.

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## PROVIDE WATER SOLUTIONS TO DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

- Foster coordination on water across the Sustainable Development Goals
- Value water for development
- Leverage the SDG target 6.5 on integrated water resources management



## ANCHOR AREAS



**SUCCESS WILL BE...**

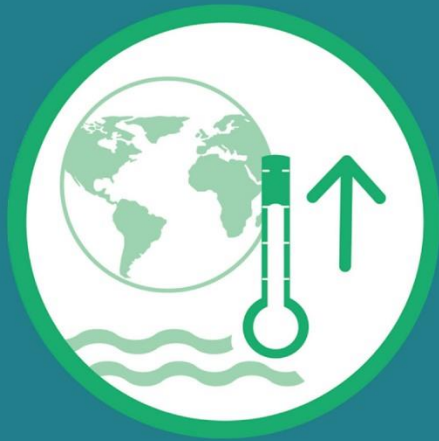
**300+ water-related policies, laws, institutional arrangements, and related management instruments**

incorporating IWRM principles adopted at regional, national, and local levels.

**80+ investment plans and budget commitments**

associated with policies, plans, and strategies that integrate water secure development.





## CATALYSE CLIMATE-RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT

- Advance national adaptation planning
- Facilitate access to climate finance
- Support integrated resilience planning, including for water infrastructure



## ANCHOR AREAS



**SUCCESS WILL  
BE...**

**30+ countries access climate  
finance**

to implement water-informed National Adaptation Plans and integrated flood and drought management policies and measures.

**Investments of more than  
€1 billion**

directly supported in climate-resilient water management and infrastructure founded on robust, inclusive, and effective water governance systems.



## ENHANCE TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION

- Improve transboundary water governance
- Engage in learning on water governance and international water law

Facilitate dialogue across political jurisdictions



## ANCHOR AREAS



SUCCESS  
WILL  
BE...

**20+ new transboundary agreements, commitments, and arrangements** supported through GWP's role as a neutral convener and facilitator of cross-border dialogue.

**20+ transboundary institutions strengthened or established** with support from GWP teams, with a mandate to coordinate cross-border water resources management planning and investment.

# TRANS-BOUNDARY CAPACITY BUILDING

- Pan Africa Water Governance and International Water Law Training
- Massive Open Online Course on Governance for Transboundary Freshwater Security
- Conclusion

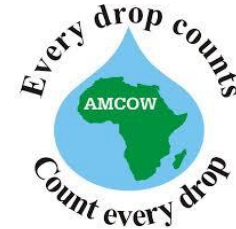
# Pan-Africa Water Governance and Int'l Water Law (IWL) training

- Conducted every year since 2015 (except COVID years) targeted at Pan Africa level
- Trained 300 participants from across African countries, through open application process & institutional sponsorship
- Mostly RBO, Government TBW focal points, RECs representatives. Some NGO, academics and youth also trained as participants
- Started from pure IWL training, gradually shifted to include negotiation





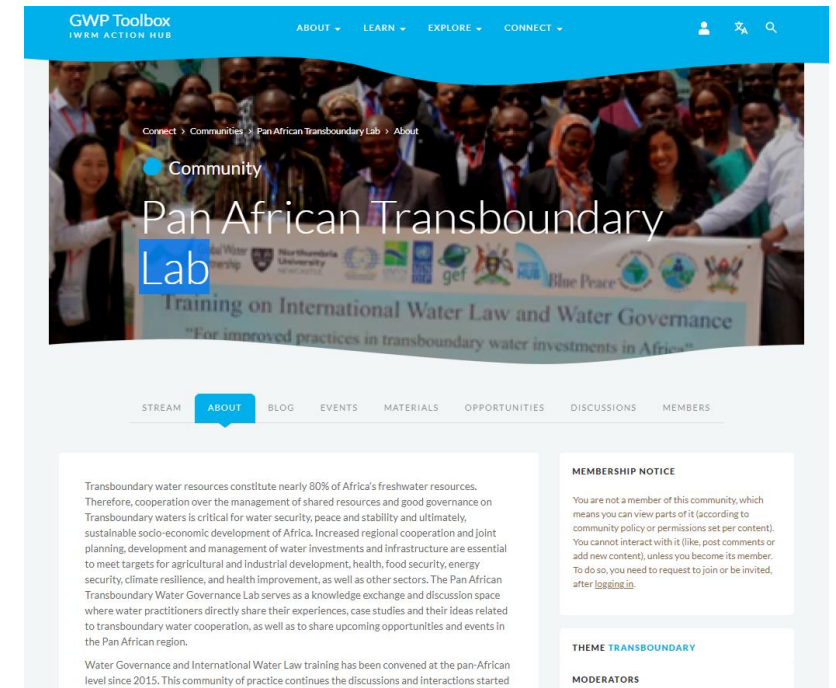
# Partnership





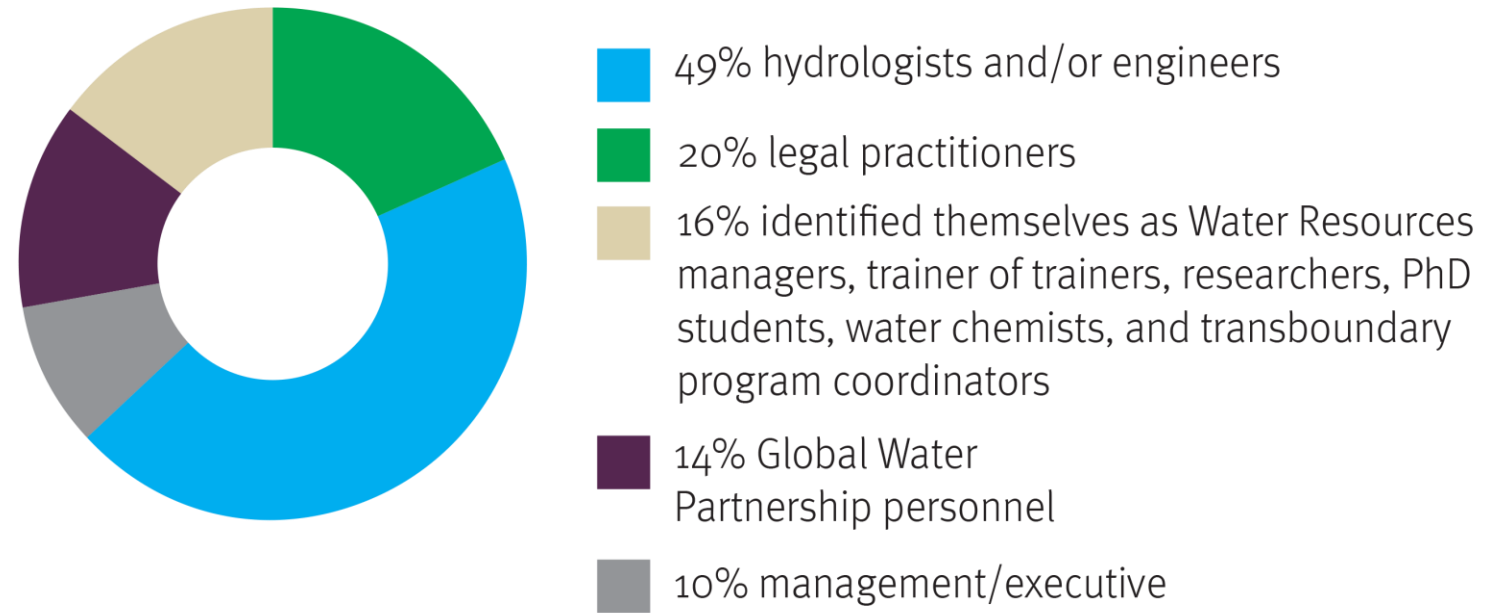
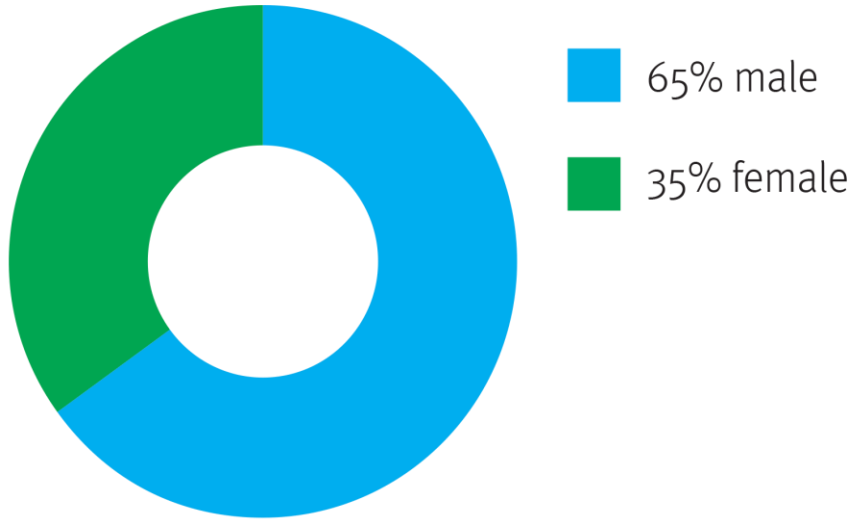
# Key approaches

- Combination of International water law and negotiation: Theory and practice
- Blended learning: pre-course learning through MOOC (online)
- Peer to peer learning: case examples from participants
- Simulation exercise: learning by doing
- Hybrid training in 2022
- Participant selection: Applicability for immediate use of the skills gained
- Evolution of Community of Practice across continent



# Alumni survey

## *Profile of respondents*



- **95% indicated improved negotiation skills due to the training**
- **77% would find a Community of Practice useful**

# Survey Results

## Respondents roles

*I was in charge of the Mékrou project which worked for the concerted and integrated management of transboundary waters between Burkina Faso, Benin and Niger from 2014 to 2019*

*I work in an administration which monitors the Nile River and its tributaries... and cooperates with the Nile basin countries and regional and international organizations*

- Delivering on transboundary water governance at the regional level
- Delivering national institutional mandates on transboundary water governance
- Specialists/expert services in support of transboundary governance
- Capacity building, lobbying and advocacy on transboundary governance

*I'm an expert in Water Law and IWRM involved in dispute resolution on Transboundary waters*

*"I teach Water Law in a Master's degree in Water Engineering & Sanitation*

*As a Legal Adviser, my role is to advise the Executive Secretary in harmonizing member legislation, and, to provide advice concerning conventions, agreements, treaties and protocols*



# MOOC on Governance for Transboundary Freshwater Security

A promotional banner for a MOOC. The top left has a green background with white text: 'GOVERNANCE FOR TRANSBOUNDARY FRESHWATER SECURITY', 'MASSIVE OPEN ONLINE COURSE', 'GEF IW:LEARN', and 'REGISTER, LEARN, SHARE!'. The bottom left shows logos for 'PRODUCED BY' (Global Water Partnership, gef, IW LEARN) and 'MODULE COORDINATORS' (IHE DELFT, SIWI, Northumbria University, United Nations University UNU-INWEH, UNECE). The right side features a photograph of a river with a waterfall, with a blue vertical banner on the right edge containing the text '#WaterCooperation' and '#TransboundaryLearn'.

## Modules

1. Introduction to transboundary water cooperation and water security
2. Water diplomacy and negotiation skills
3. International water law
4. Institutions
5. Management tools and mechanisms
6. Finance for transboundary water security

Sign up at:

<https://www.edx.org/course/governance-for-transboundary-freshwater-security>

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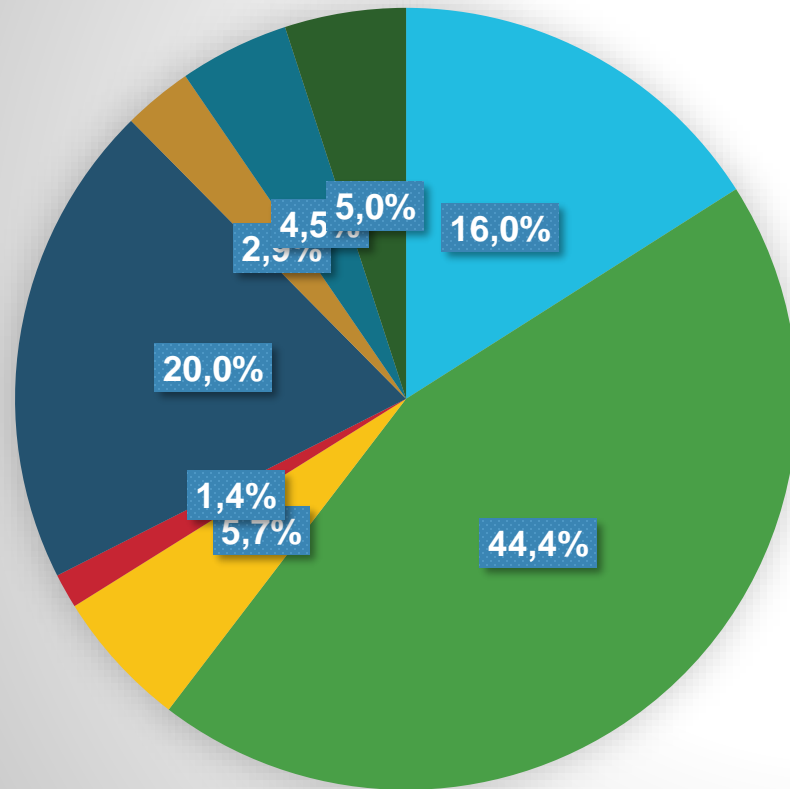
<https://www.gwp.org/en/learn/capacity-building/governance-for-transboundary-freshwater-security-a-massive-open-online-course-mooc/>

# Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)

- Launched in 2019
- Key aspects of governance issues that are more specific to transboundary water
- Lectures and case studies from 80 professionals around the world
- Course available in English and French, video subtitles available in Russian, Chinese Spanish, Portuguese
- 3650 participants from 163 countries so far.
- 14 Online interactive sessions to date, to enhance learning



## Professional description



■ Academic (research or teacher/faculty)

■ Professional in related industry

■ Professional in unrelated industry

■ Retired

■ Full-time student

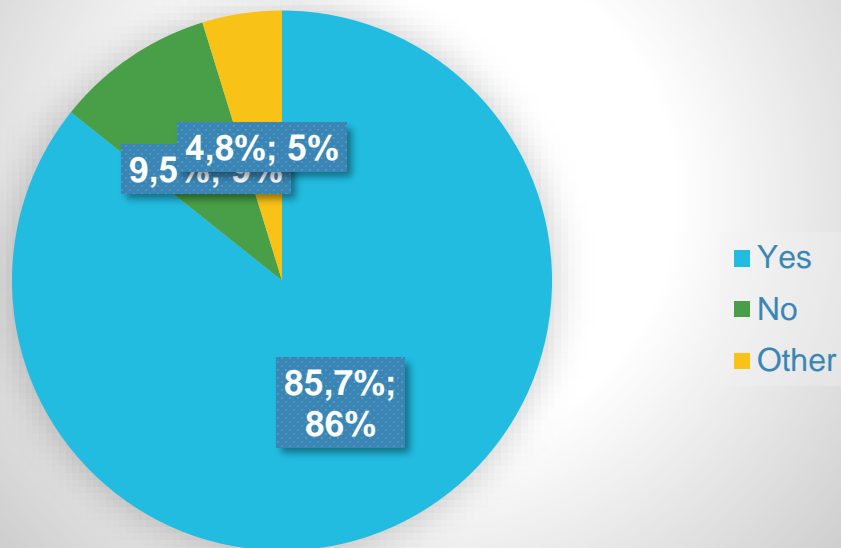
■ Part-time student

■ Unemployed

■ Other



## Interest in future interaction through a CoP



Welcome you to join our community!

<https://gwptoolbox.org/group/42/about>

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Community

# Transboundary water knowledge exchange hub

STREAM ABOUT BLOG EVENTS MATERIALS OPPORTUNITIES DISCUSSIONS MEMBERS

## Welcome to the Transboundary Water Knowledge Exchange Hub!

**Disclaimer: Most content is only visible to the community members, please join to see more.**

This Hub serves as a knowledge exchange and discussion space where water practitioners directly share their experiences, case studies and their ideas related to transboundary water cooperation, as well as to share upcoming opportunities and events. We invite you to join us if you are:

- Working on transboundary water management on global, regional, national or basin level;
- Researching topics adjacent to transboundary cooperation, international water law or

### MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

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### THEME TRANSBOUNDARY

#### MODERATORS

# Conclusion

- Effective capacity building: requires combination of multiple approaches.
- Peer to peer learning, learning from on the ground experiences from others.
- Community of Practice: Further dialogues, exchanges, communication among 'like-minded' people. Possible spin-off effect towards cooperation / working groups.
- Partnership approach. Merging the legal, political and technical aspects of IWL to foster trans boundary cooperation
- Need for continuation of interactions for long-term learning.
- GWP as a neutral partnership is an ideal platform for key stakeholders to discuss relevance of the global Conventions and openly debate about the challenges, benefits and value added in acceding to the Water Convention. Global, regional and country level interactions.

*Thank you !*  
*Merci beaucoup !*  
*Muchas gracias !*

