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Partnership Roll-up

1st Draft

Roll-up of Potential Partnerships to be profiled during DAY 2 at IGR 2

A. Proposed format of Day 2 at IGR 2:

There are approximately 6 rooms available for breakout sessions at the conference venue. We suggest that each partnership have a separate meeting for two hours each to discuss operational modalities, progress, concrete results. In addition, these partnerships would be invited to bring information and documents to include in the Venue hallways/corridor promoting the partnership. This would be a highly interactive, informative and exciting day.

B. Proposed partnerships to be profiled at IGR 2: a preliminary list includes the following:

1. Xiamen + coastal cities partnership:

GPA is actively involved as co-organizer in preparing the Xiamen International Forum for Coastal Cities (Xiamen Forum), which is to be held in Xiamen, South-eastern China from 8 to 9 October 2005. Other organizers of the Xiamen Forum include the Xiamen Municipal Government, the State Environmental Protection Administration of China (SEPA), the GEF/UNDP/IMO Regional Programme on Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA) and ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability. The purpose of this Forum is to invite mayors from coastal cities around the globe to work together towards achieving the goals of sustainable development.

Expected Outcome at IGR 2: Partnership of coastal cities.

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2. WW2BW: White Water to Blue Water

The main raison d'être of WW2BW is to support dynamic partnerships that promote sustainable environmental management within the Caribbean region as a whole. The WW2BW initiative focuses on the following thematic issues:

- Integrated watershed management
- Marine Eco-system based management
- Sustainable tourism
- Environmentally sound marine transportation

Expected Outcome at IGR 2: Further impetus to WW2BW and possible expansion to SPREP and PERSEA regions.

3. Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts and Islands:

The Global Forum on Oceans, Coasts, and Islands, organized informally in 2001 and formalized at the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) in Johannesburg, serves as a multi-stakeholder forum for cross-sectoral discussion, policy analyses, and mobilization of knowledge and other resources to achieve the full implementation of international agreements related to oceans, coasts, and Small Island Developing States (SIDS). The Global Forum brings together leading ocean, coastal, and SIDS experts from governments, intergovernmental and international organizations (including all the relevant UN agencies), nongovernmental organizations, private sector, and academic and scientific institutions.

The Global Forum responds to major needs at the international scale:

- Promotion of cross-sectoral dialogue on ocean and coastal issues;
- Promotion of dialogue among governments, nongovernmental organizations, intergovernmental organizations, and the private sector;
- A mechanism for oceans advocacy at the highest political levels; and
- A venue for linking oceans and freshwater concerns.

The major goals of the Global Forum are to:

- Work together with governments, international and intergovernmental organizations, nongovernmental organizations (environmental, scientific/technical, industry, foundations), and others to effectively implement, at national and regional levels, major international agreements on oceans, especially the commitments made in the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, commitments from Agenda 21, and other related agreements;
- Work as a catalyst to mobilize knowledge, resources, and organizational action to advance the global oceans agenda;
- Raise the international profile of oceans, coasts, and islands in all relevant global, regional, and sub-regional fora and mobilize resources to address these issues;
- Mobilize public awareness on oceans, coasts, and islands, and promote information sharing and dissemination.

GPA is a co-chair of the Global Forum Steering Committee.

Expected Outcome at IGR 2: Sustainability of Global Forum post GEF project.

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4. WSSCC: Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council

The Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) is a leading international organisation that enhances collaboration in the water supply and sanitation sector to accelerate the achievement of sustainable water, sanitation and waste management services to all people, with special attention to the unserved poor, by enhancing collaboration among developing countries and external support agencies and through concerted action programmes.

A new partnership between UNEP/GPA and the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) has been launched during the H2O - From Hilltops to Oceans Global partnership conference, held in Cairns, Australia, 11-14 May. It links the Wastewater Emission Targets (WET) initiative to the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for all campaign (WASH). WET-WASH ensures that the WSSD targets on Water and Sanitation include all aspects, in particular hygiene awareness and the re-use and safe discharge of wastewater.

Expected Outcome at IGR 2: Further operationalise WET-WASH and joint out reach and programmatic activities. JPOI sanitation targets.

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5. London Dumping Convention:

The focus of the partnership is on the dumping of wastes from vessels (and airplanes) and is connected to pollution from land-based activities. Instead of being discarded directly into the marine environment it is being loaded on ships and then dumped further away from the coast. In the centre of the partnership are: 1) Prevention of marine pollution from LBS/A; 2) Waste management; 3) Implementation of the LDC through the Regional Seas regional platforms.

Expected Outcome at IGR 2: to be defined

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6. IOI:

UNEP/GPA is been working for several years with IOI. Recently, GPA is working closely with IOI Southern Africa (TSC Benguela Current) and IOI Pacific (TSC Fiji) in order to provide training on municipal wastewater management to practitioners from municipalities in Southern Africa and the Pacific. Both IOI branches are active course development units of the UNDOALOS Train-Sea-Coast programme.

Expected Outcome at IGR 2: Joint outreach and training courses.

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7. Global Water Partnership:

The Global Water Partnership is a working partnership among all those involved in water management: government agencies, public institutions, private companies, professional organizations, multilateral development agencies and others committed to the Dublin-Rio principles. GWP promotes the implementation of the IWRM (which should include sustainable management of coastal zones/coastal zone management as per the GWP IWRM toolbox).

UNEP/GPA submitted two case studies on the implementation of the GPA Wastewater programme in Tanzania en Panama to the GWP's Toolbox (via Netherlands Water Partnership (NWP)). The purpose of GWP's ToolBox on Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM ToolBox) is to provide water management professionals clear examples of good and bad practices and lessons learned from real life experiences of implementing IWRM.

Expected Outcome at IGR 2: Close cooperation between freshwater and coastal zone communities.

Websites: www.gwpforum.org

Toolbox: <http://gwpforum.netmasters05.netmasters.nl/en/index.html>

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8. World Oceans Network:

The WON is a network of organizations, including UNEP GPA, that aims to inform and inspire the public to change their approach to ocean management.

Expected Outcome at IGR 2: Joint outreach/awareness raising.

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9. WHO and UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) for water supply and sanitation

<http://www.wssinfo.org/en/welcome.html>

The goals of the JMP are to report on the status of water-supply and sanitation, and to support countries in their efforts to monitor this sector, which will enable better planning and management.

Expected Outcome at IGR 2: Reporting on JPOI targets including wastewater collection, treatment, reuse and reallocation the natural environment.

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10. UNEP/WHO/HABITAT/WSSCC:

A partnership that resulted in the production and publish of the Guidelines on Municipal Wastewater Management and the 10 KEYS (also endorsed by UNICEF)

Expected Outcome at IGR 2: Endorsement of 10 KEYS and guidelines by other partners.

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11. Sanitation Connection (SANICON):

In cooperation with the International Water Association (IWA), the Water and Sanitation Programme (WSP), the World Health Organisation (WHO), the Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) and the UNEP/GPA Coordination Office, an Internet-based interactive information network on environmental sanitation has been developed: SANICON. Environmental sanitation includes interventions to (a) reduce people's exposure to disease by providing a clean environment in which to live, with measures to break the cycle of disease, and (b) minimize the negative impact on the wider environment and critical ecosystems caused by poor management of human and animal wastes.

<http://www.sanicon.net/>

Expected Outcome at IGR 2: Joint information provision.

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12. UNESCO-IHE – UNDOALOS – UNEP/GPA Train-Sea-Coast partnership

UNEP/GPA has become a member of the UNDOALOS Train-Sea-Coast Programme and contributed a course on improving municipal wastewater management in coastal cities to the network. The course was developed jointly with the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education and is being implemented, jointly with UNESCO-IHE, UNDOALOS TSC network members and other academic institutions in a variety of countries and in different languages.

Expected Outcome at IGR 2: Joint training and revitalisation TSC programme as it relates to GPA/ICZM/Nutrients.

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13. China – Africa Environmental Partnership:

The Forum on China – Africa Cooperation launched by the Chinese Vice Premier at the UNEP Governing Council in 2005, has begun to work with UNEP to extend the Forums focus to include environmental protection through enhanced mutual understanding and communication based on policy dialogue and exchanges. The priority areas include:

- expanding the scope of exchanges on environmental protection between China and Africa to reinforce dialogue and exchanges in a multitude of fields such as ecological and biodiversity protection, policy-making and legislation on environmental protection and research of environmental science in a bid to seek solutions to those problems.
- facilitating technical cooperation on environmental protection by spreading the use of advanced and applicable technology of environmental protection as well as relevant equipment and facilities in pollution control and treatment and ecological building and restoration among others through technical assistance.
- providing capacity building and training on environmental protection for environmental officials and specialists.

Expected Outcome at IGR 2: Chinese-African partnership includes GPA related issues.

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Others:

14. OSPAR Abidjan
15. HELCOM Nairobi Convention partnership
16. IUCN – UNEP
17. NODE NOAA
18. IWCAM/ICZM/ICARM (promoting freshwater –coasts linkage, also with agriculture sector)
19. Oceans Library
20. The Oceans Foundation
21. Hilltops to Oceans
22. London Convention/Regional Seas/GPA partnership