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## Policy Summary

This report provides information on the joint efforts of NeWater and the Global Water Partnership (GWP) to disseminate NeWater results via the GWP Toolbox, a web portal for water-related knowledge transfer. It is part of the integration of 4 years NeWater results into existing information distribution networks on water management issues. The GWP toolbox operates in such a network with an interactive connection with the regional GWP centres and a global outreach through the GWP website which serves the water managers, trainers, lecturers and policy makers interested to learn from principles and from the new developments on water resources and management.

The NeWater products include the results of assessments of current IWRM practices in the case study areas and the lessons drawn from the transfer of new scientific for IWRM practitioners through test training, workshops and conferences. The enriched Toolbox is a mean to support innovations and implementation of the WFD the Flood directive and EU Water Initiative.

This deliverable shows the basis on which the cooperation between NeWater and GWP has been established, where NeWater products can be found and how the continuation will be ensured and enriched. The joint goal is to promote adaptive water management (AWM) as well integrated water and resources management (IWRM).

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## **1 Motivation for the Cooperation of NeWater and GWP**

Web portals play a crucial role in the dissemination of knowledge. They allow for making research results available throughout the world in a cost-effective manner. Consequently, alternatives were explored within NeWater regarding how to realise this target and to facilitate the transfer of insights for possible application in practice. Within this context, NeWater started to cooperate with the Global Water Partnership (GWP, see [www.gwpforum.org](http://www.gwpforum.org)) in order to find ways for the dissemination of project results. The joint goal was to make insights available by means of the GWP Toolbox.

## **2 GWP Toolbox**

GWP is an international organisation that promotes Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) throughout the world. It disseminates resources related to IWRM via the GWP Toolbox ([www.gwptoolbox.org](http://www.gwptoolbox.org)), a web portal for water-related knowledge transfer. This portal offers a variety of tools and case experiences to water managers for their day-to-day work. As spin-off can be considered that the website is also heavily used by students and stakeholders for easy access to relevant water issues. GWP aims to collect resources and to include tools and concepts on water management in the toolbox. Before resources are included, they need to meet formal requirements in order to guarantee the quality and consistency of the web portal and its offered resources.

## **3 Inclusion of NeWater results in the GWP Toolbox**

Within the scope of their cooperation, NeWater and GWP agreed on two ways for the inclusion of NeWater results in the GWP Toolbox. On the one hand, case study experiences are directly included in the toolbox using the conventional approach (3.1). On the other hand, further results are made available via a new partner section which shows the complete view of the NeWater message supported by the relevant tools and concepts (3.2).

### **3.1 Conventional approach**

The common approach for the inclusion of documents is to use forms offered in the GWP Toolbox and to describe own experiences related to IWRM. These descriptions need to fulfil formal conditions and are checked by GWP before they are published. NeWater uses this approach in order to disseminate experiences about its case studies by means of one-page abstracts.

### **3.2 NeWater partner section**

The GWP Toolbox comprises a new section where results of partners are briefly described and linked. The GWP synthesises the IWRM knowledge of its partners that are placed at the GWP ToolBox web site. However, resources in the partners' section do not necessarily need to meet the formal requirements of the conventional approach. Within the scope of the cooperation, NeWater and GWP jointly developed a new entry that is dedicated to essential NeWater results, especially to final synthesis products of the project. In contrast to other cooperation partners, NeWater is allowed to have two levels to structure its results. Table 1 illustrates the structure of the NeWater partner section and results made available therein.



**Table 1: Structure of the NeWater partner section in the GWP Toolbox (SP = synthesis product)**

Level 1	Level 2	Content	Explanation
EU NeWater (general description of the project)	Core concepts	Adaptive Water Management	Link to FAQ about AWM
		Background of NeWater	Link to NeWater Report Series 1
		General Framework	Link to SP 1 (MTF)
	Policy Briefs and Report Series	Policy Briefs	Link to NeWater Policy Briefs
		Report series	Link to NeWater Report Series
	Guidebook	Guidebook	Link to SP 9
	Further Resources	Collection of Tools, Guidances and Experiences	Link to SP 10
		Climate Change Adaptation	Link to SP 4
		Participatory Water Management	Link to SP 8
		How to Deal with Uncertainty?	Link to SP 2
		Vulnerability and Adaptive Capacity in Water Management Regimes	Link to SP 7
	Training and Learning Documents	Online Teaching Curriculum	Link to SP 12
		Guidance and Training Materials	Link to SP 11
	Case Studies	Experiences from NeWater case studies	Link to elaborate case study descriptions

The category “Case Studies” in the NeWater partner section will comprise links to elaborate case study descriptions. The abstracts that are included using the conventional approach (see sub-chapter 3.1) will refer to these documents.



#### **4 Maintenance after the end of NeWater**

After the project ends, the NeWater partner section as well as all NeWater products in the Toolbox will be maintained by GWP. The NeWater content will also be distributed as part of CD-ROMs, which are published by GWP in order to make the Toolbox available as a stand-alone version independent from internet access. New information will be integrated in the GWP toolbox according the procedure as explained under 3.1. New information for the NeWater partners section will primarily be proposed through the NeWater coordinators USF and Alterra and GWP.



## Annex 1 NeWater Synthesis products

During the General assembly in Hurgada, Egypt in February 2008 NeWater partners integrate their results of research, international exchange, training and interaction in the case study areas into products that written for specific target groups that may profit most from these specific information. The

1. Management and Transition Framework
2. Uncertainty Guidance
3. Policy Process
4. Climate and water adaptation book
5. Water resources scenarios for CS regions
6. Cross comparisons of adaptation strategies across regions
7. Process for analysing dynamic vulnerability and adaptive capacity
8. Special issue on participation
9. Guidebook (merged WB 4 and WB 3 activities)
10. NeWater portal
11. Training material
12. Online curriculum

In order to assure consistent termination, the NeWater General Assembly held in Feb 2008 in Egypt agreed upon the following list of target groups:

EU EC EuP	EU level water policymakers i.e. DG which are generating WFD directives like flood, Environment,.. European Commission European Parliament
WBA NPC WB	Water Basin Authorities – Water Basin Commission (including transboundary issues) like Rhine Commission, Nile basin Initiative (NBI) National planning bodies (eg ORASECOM), Water boards at sub-national level: Delfland, ...HDSR,..
WUA PWA	local authorities; water user associations; local water association, water community Professional Water-related sectoral organizations eg rangeland management, drinking water companies, energy sector
NGO IWO IB Public	NGO's; non governmental international cross-sectoral organizations: WWF, International Water related organisations IWA, WWF, GWP, FAO, GWA International Banking WB IFAD General audience (e.g. press)
Ac	Academic community – teachers, students

**Table 1:** Potential target groups of NeWater synthesis products (Listing of water related organizations)