

# Gender and Water Alliance

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## ACRONYMS

AECID	Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo
AIT	Asian Institute of Technology
BPD	Building Partnerships for Development
CA	Cooperative Agreement
CA	Comprehensive Assessment of Water Management in Agriculture
Cap-Net	International Network for Capacity Building in Integrated Water Resources Management.
CIDIN	the Netherlands Centre for International Development Issues
DFID	Department for International Development
DGA	General Directorate of Water (Chile)
DGIS	Directoraat Generaal Internationale Samenwerking
DRC	Democratic Republic of Congo
ED	Executive Director
ES	Executive Secretary
FANCA	Freshwater Action Network Central America
FCM	Federation of Canadian Municipalities
FENAPRU	Federación Nacional de Asociaciones Gremiales de Agua Potable Rural
2iE	International Institute for Water and Environmental Engineering
GA	General Assembly
GEG	Gender Equity Gauge
GEWAMED	Gender and Water in the Mediterranean Region
GPPN	Global Public Policy Network on Water Management
GWA	Gender and Water Alliance
GWP	Global Water Partnership
IDRC	International Development Research Centre (Canada)
IEW	Institute of the Environment and Water (Kenya)
IFESNET	Africa Initiative for Environment sustainable Network (Nigeria)
IHE-UNESCO	Institute for Water Education
IOM	International Organisation for Migration
IMTA	Mexican Institute of Water Technology
IRC	International Water and Sanitation Centre
IYS	International Year of Sanitation
IWRM	Integrated Water Resource Management
KIST	Kigali Institute of Science and Technology
LVWATSAN	Lake Victoria Regional Water and Sanitation Initiative
MDG	Millenium Development Goals
MoU	Memory of Understanding
MRC	Mekong River Basin Committee
MFS	Medefinancierings Stelsel (Co-financing system)
MUDE	Mujeres en Desarrollo Dominicana, Inc.
PAO	Public Aid Organisation (Iraq)
PAVE	Pan African Vision for the Environment
PAWD	Programme for African Water Development
PNUD	Program of the Nations United for Development UNDP
PO	Programme Officer
RAIN	Rainwater Harvesting Implementation Network
RFP	Regional Focal Point



RG	Resource Guide
RGEMA	Network Gender and Environment
RSP	Regional Strategic Plan
RSPW	Regional Strategic Planning Workshop
RWH	Rainwater Harvesting
SC	Steering Committee
SEGIB	
SER	Servicios para el desarrollo
SEMARNAT	Direction of Gender Equity of the Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources
SIWI	Stockholm International Water Institute
SNV	Netherlands Development Organisation
SPO	Senior Programme Officer
SuSanA	Sustainable Sanitation Alliance
TI	Transparency International
TISS	Tata Institute for Social Sciences
TMF	Thematische Medefinancierings Fonds (Thematic Co-financing Fund)
ToR	Terms of Reference
ToT	Training of Trainers
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
WAC	Water for African Cities
WA-NET	West Africa Capacity Building Network
WAsC	Water for Asian Cities
WECF	Women in Europe for a Common Future
WfWP	Women for Water Partnership
WIN	Water Integrity Network
WSSCC	Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council
WUR	Wageningen University and Research
WWC	World Water Council
WWF5	Fifth World Water Forum in Istanbul March 2009
WWW	World Water Week in Stockholm



## **Sad death of an honoured member**

Just after our return from the World Water Forum in Istanbul the Gender and Water Alliance was informed of the death of our very honoured member, Dr. Fadia Daibes Murad of Palestine, killed on her way home from work in a car crash, in which seven other people were injured. Fadia had just represented the GWA at the World Water Forum in Istanbul in the topic of water and conflict, contributing from a gender perspective.

Fadia was an important defender of the water rights of Palestine women and men, very intelligent, and full of energy. We will keep remembering her, and learning from her to keep hope and continue to fight even in the hardest of times.

We send condolences to her family, especially to her husband, the musician Said Murad, and her two sons of nine and sixteen. We wish them a lot of strength with this insurmountable loss.

Fadia was interviewed at the Water Forum and you can hear her talk for herself, by visiting the following link on You-tube:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EZBzV3N8xc4>

Typically, in this last public statement of her beliefs, she stood up for the water rights of Palestinians and described the positive role that women could play in adding a sensitive gender perspective. She described in courageous and honest terms the difference that this work can make and the difficulties in making progress when water is scarce and where “one party is weak and one party is strong”.

Fadia also speaks movingly about the difficulties of being a woman in a patriarchal society. “The other challenge that I face personally, is that being a woman and a strong woman, I can say about myself, is actually not easy in a very patriarchal society where they consider women should do only low profile traditional things like teaching, like nursing like secretarial work, but not as professionals, as women who can be leaders in the society. But I hope that I will continue and I am confident that I can do some change.”

Her work will live on after her.

**This report is dedicated to Fadia**



## 1. Introduction

Much of the beginning of 2009 was spent in preparations of GWA's contributions to the 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Istanbul. GWA took actively part in various sessions as speakers, panellists and raising questions from the audience. Instead of organising a separate GWA session, it was preferred to mainstream gender in sessions of various other organisations, which in the end proved to be more effective. The GWA stall with exhibition had a great location for handing out information and it was at the same time a meeting point for many members and partners. The General Assembly and the Steering Committee meeting were also organised in Istanbul. From various sources feedback reached us that GWA was clearly visible in the 5thWWF. The new brochures, briefs and booklets added to this effect.

The internal Review took place before and during the Water Forum, where a substantial number of members and partners could be interviewed. A summary of the Review Report is now in a final draft.

The new subsidy policy of our major donor DGIS (the Government of the Netherlands) required a process of coalition forming with other NGO's, which we started to take part in in Istanbul. Time was spent in this process, which nevertheless was not succesfull. GWA, already an Alliance with so many member organisations, prepared its own application to DGIS. The main partners in this Alliance are: IEW (Institute for the Environment and Water, Kenya) for Eastern Africa, PAO (Public Aid Organisation, Iraq) for the Arab region, and GWP (Country Water Partnership, Benin) for West Africa. Main subjects are Climate Change and Disasters, Agriculture and the Food Crisis, and Policy and Government, the latter one including integrity, a subject GWA has focussed on.

In the second part of 2009 a lot of time of the GWA secretariat had to be spent on increasing requirements by the financial department of DGIS. It seems that the financial crisis made DGIS start to apply a "work-to-rule" policy. Earlier approved reports were again questioned, so detailed information was asked from our members. This paperwork was time-consuming but resulted in impressive evidence of contributions in kind by GWA members. Especially the Steering Committee contributed much time and according to the rules SC members will not get paid for their work for GWA.

Not to be dependent of one source of funding the efforts of finding other donors are intensified, resulting in the funding by AECID (Government of Spain) for several activities in Latin America & the Caribbean and the start of a new cooperation with UN-Habitat in Latin America. It takes time and effort to speak to donor functionaries personally, and they are often soon replaced. New funding is still necessary both for this phase to ensure to be able to do all our planned activities, as well as for our future after 2010. Next to funding of activities, core financing for the organisation is necessary to be able to function. The financial crisis works worldwide in the disadvantage of development organisations.

Whilst the Cooperative Agreement with UN-Habitat for Lake Victoria was signed, the beginning of the intensive work started only towards the end of 2009. For Water for Asian Cities the first series of training workshops was already completed in 2009. The UNDP work for the Resource Guide in three South Asian languages was executed in time, so that the CDs could be launched in March in Istanbul. After March in all three countries various members contributed to the perfection of the Resource Guide's texts, where the challenge is in the different scripts.



Another highlight was the workshop of First Ladies of Nigeria on Gender, Water and Good Governance, which took place in August, in Lochem the Netherlands. Five wives of Governors of states of Nigeria, and one Queen together with their ministers and advisors made action plans for their specific states and have now started implementing them. Corruption was the subject at the heart of the workshop, as requested by the First Ladies. The cooperation with the Netherlands Embassy in Abuja and with the Nigerian Embassy in The Hague was very positive.

GWA is well on track with most outputs in the implementation of the planned activities, and it can be said that the outcomes are mostly positive, although not always measurable in a quantitative way. To claim longer term impact of our work is even harder. Whilst we see improvement and more awareness related to gender and water, and we also see that there are no other organisations like the Gender and Water Alliance who do the same work as we do, there are hardly sources at a large scale that provide us with quantitative gender disaggregated data. For this reason GWA has participated actively in the Expert Group activities on this subject as led by the UN Task Force for Gender, Water and Sanitation.

As before, the work with partner organisations is increasing. GWA cannot do any work on her own, mainstreaming of gender always needs a context, which is provided by partners. The Coalition forming for DGIS pulls us in the direction of working together with Dutch organisations, some new and some already older partners.

The staff of the Secretariat, although the demand for GWA's work and thus the work pressure is still very high, has been frozen, partly because it is unclear what shape GWA will take after 2010.

Prof. Dr. Demetrios Christofidis completed his term in the Steering Committee. We will miss his interesting contributions and presence at the meetings, as well as all the work he did in Brazil for GWA. Ms. Ir. Catharien Terwisscha van Scheltinga also came to the end of her term, and she was re-elected and took the post of Secretary. Three new members have been elected: Ms Meena Bilgi from India, Mr. Hycinth Banseka from Cameroon (Treasurer), and Ms. Shaima Aly from Egypt. We welcome them with pleasure. Sara Ahmed left us as Chairperson, and we welcome Eva Rathgeber as her successor.

## **2. Five Outputs, the outcome and impact**

### **2.1. Output 1: Network of GWA and regionalisation**

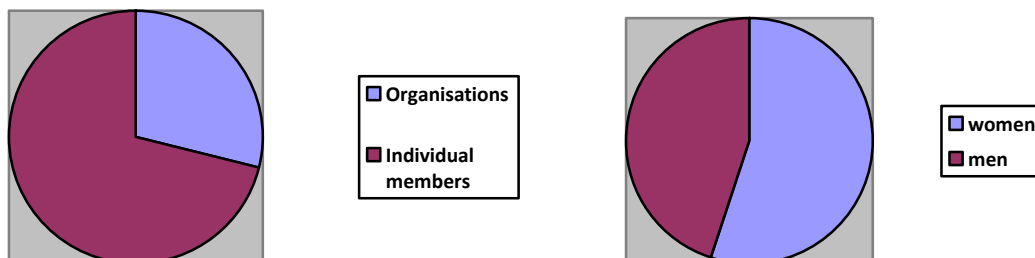
#### 2.1.1 The network

End 2009 the number of members is about 1850, of which 45% are men and 55% are women. As before, the management of the database takes more time with more members. A membership report is included as **ANNEX I**.

Not only does the membership increase, the contact with members continues to become more efficient. The staff in the Secretariat knows many members in person from training courses, events and from other communication, which enables effective networking. Often requests are received at the Secretariat from various international organisations for GWA members from a particular region with specific expertise to do a certain task. To comply it is



helpful to know so many members. This is increasingly the case. Via the listserve and also directly per e-mail members are given information, and also asked for feedback.



The *GWA brochure* and other material (in the different languages) is handed out at all occasions and events.

Members and partner organisations sent their draft papers and documents, for the GWA to advise on the contents from a gender perspective. This is all work without remuneration, for which GWA needs core-funding. Examples are:

- AIT-COCOON Asian Institute for Technology
- AMCOW African Ministerial Committee of Water
- Arab Water Council
- BPD Building Partnerships for Development in Water and Sanitation
- CAP-NET Network for Capacity Building in Water and Sanitation
- CIDIN (The Netherlands Centre for International Development Issues Nijmegen)
- CINARA
- DGIS: Right to Water; Right to Sanitation; Civil Society
- End Water Poverty
- FAO Food and Agricultural Organisation
- GEWAMED Gender and Water in the Mediterranean Region
- GGCA Global Gender and Climate Alliance (in UNDP)
- GPPN Global Public Policy Network
- GWP Global Water Partnership
- GWP Ivory Coast
- UN-Habitat Gender Unit
- Government of Australia
- Government of Bolivia
- Government of Brazil
- Government of Chile
- Government of Mexico
- Government of Uganda
- IYS International Year of Sanitation
- NCDO: The Millennium Battle
- Soroptimists International
- Stakeholders Forum
- SuSanA Sustainable Sanitation Alliance
- The Water Dialogue
- UNDP
- UNESCO-IHE (Urban Sanitation Policy note for DGIS)
- UNEP United Nations Environment Programme
- UN-G&WTF United Nations Gender and Water Task Force
- UN-Habitat Gender Unit
- Wa-Net West Africa Capacity Building Network
- WaterGAP Water Global Awareness Programme
- WEDO Women's Environment & Development Organization

WIN Water Integrity Network  
World Bank  
WSSCC Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council  
WWAP World water Assessment Programme (for World water Development Report)  
WWC World Water Council

Various documents, case studies and letters were translated in the five languages, some in house, and some by external translators.

The *General Assembly* was held during the 5<sup>th</sup> WWF. All GWA members who were present in Istanbul attended, which were about 70. Information was given about the current work of GWA and the position internationally. There was ample time for the members to ask questions and give comments about the work of GWA. In the meantime this year there have been national members meetings in Kenya, Uganda, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Yemen.



An internal review took place from March to June, and a final report was received, which could not be approved by the SC. A draft of a Summary awaits approval.

A letter was sent to the members twice, explaining the financial situation and the need to slow down the many activities as demanded, because of lack of liquidity.

### 2.1.2. Regionalisation

Currently GWA has two *Regional Focal Points* in place: Mrs Ninon Machado for Lusophonia and to Annabell Waititu for Eastern Africa. The *GWA Country Facilitators*, who were appointed in Ecuador, Nigeria, India, Bangladesh, Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania, are involved in various activities. This results in a better motivation in these countries, and more impact in engendering the national water policies.

Some of the activities in the regions are mentioned here briefly.

#### Latin America and the Caribbean

- Pilot project Ecuador-Peru: the experiences of Women's Platform in the watershed area Catamayo-Chira as also dissemination of the lessons learned in the event 'Citizen Participation and Gender in Water Management' have been documented. The final report about the process, used methodology and lessons learned is forthcoming.

- The ToT course for Cuba has been put on hold for various reasons, one of which is the difficult communication with Cuba.
- The pilot project in Bolivia to support the Vice-Ministry of Basic Services has been completed. It is the intention that one GWA member will continue to take part in the Support Group for the Vice-Minister of Basic Services.
- A new study about gender and cultural diversity issues in the policies for irrigation in Bolivia took place and the final outputs of the research are in completion.
- The first two phases of the pilot project to incorporate gender in Mexican Water Policies have been completed. A proposal for continuation is under consideration.
- In the 5<sup>th</sup> WWF a number of members from the LAC region participated, supported by GWA. Some presentations were made, and the specific LAC sessions were attended.



GWA members meeting in Colombia

- Several research members of the Andean region and the Netherlands, joint in the sub-network RAGPA (Water and Gender Network in the Andean Countries), many of them doing their PhD research at the Wageningen University organised a symposium for the 53<sup>rd</sup> International Congress of Americanists in Mexico about the research experiences on the topic: "Collective water rights and gender equity in culturally diverse context. The presentations will be compiled together with new articles in a joint publication of RAGPA, GWA and Concertación.
- Many members in the region are interested in the work of GWA and have interesting plans, but are so busy with their work that they find it hard to make the time to write proposals.

#### Arab region

- The number of members increased with 50% in 2009 and stands by the end of this year at 110.
- Very sad news was received due to the tragic and untimely death of Dr. Fadia Diabes, an honoured GWA member and very committed gender and water advocate.
- In Yemen GWA members held a first meeting to get to know each other and to introduce the GWA to M.Sc students of the Water and Environment Centre and the Gender Development Research and Study Centre of Sana'a University. Presently GWA counts 13 members in the Republic of Yemen. In July a delegation of the Water and Environment Centre visited the GWA office in Dieren to discuss cooperation and possible partnership.



Visit to Water Treatment Plant during Strategic Planning Workshop in Iraq

- A *Strategic Planning Workshop* on mainstreaming gender in IWRM for Iraq held in Shaqlawa (Erbil) in April was attended by 35 participants who are active in the field of water resources management, agriculture and women affairs, hailing from ministries and universities from different regions of Iraq. The workshop was hosted by Public Aid Organization in Kurdistan of Iraq. Four participants compiled the conclusions and recommendations and wrote the strategic plan, which was presented to H.E. the Ambassador of Iraq in the Netherlands. The next step is now to find funding for its implementation.



Visit the Governor of Kurdistan in Erbil

- At the same time with the workshop the Governor of Kurdistan was visited, and he showed sincere interest in GWA's work.
- Also a visit was paid to the Ministry of Agriculture, where a questionnaire is in preparation which GWA offered to give suggestions from a gender perspective.
- An 8 days training course on Gender and Irrigation, Domestic Water Supply, Sanitation and IWRM was implemented for 23 graduate students of Sohag University in Upper Egypt, from 28 September to 5 October 2009.

- The GWA members in Sudan held a meeting to plan further national activities.
- The Syrian Environment protection Society (SEPS) established a partnership with GWA for an EU funded educational project involving the GWA Ziraldo booklets.
- The ED of GWA is still member of the Steering Committee of GEWAMED, and GWA will share responsibility for the GEWAMED final conference in 2010 in Jordan, for which the call for papers has been sent in 2009.
- SPO for the Arab region held a presentation in The Arab Water Council's Pavilion in the 5thWWF in Istanbul.
- Attendance of the Arab League Regional Donor Conference related to UNDP and the Arab League of Water and Development in The Arab World: The opportunities and the challenges, Cairo, Egypt, Oct 2009.



Training of Trainers in Jordan

South Asia:

- GWA Chair Sara Ahmed participated in the meeting of the Policy Forum on Water Conflicts in India, SOPPECOM, Pune, April– to discuss new research agendas on water rights and allocation issues as well as conflict resolution mechanisms.
- The Travelling Exhibit has been on show in a number of places in Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka where seminars and side events were held for the occasions.
- In the programme to develop and improve the Resource Guide in Bangla, Hindi and Urdu, various activities took place such as workshops to discuss the gender vocabulary in the different languages.
- At the World Water Forum in Istanbul the first draft of the UNDP resource guide in Bangla, Hindi and Urdu was launched formally.
- The Cooperative Agreement with UN-Habitat for Water for Asian Cities, the plan for the TISS Training Course and the Saciwaters partnership has intensified the work in Nepal. Chair Sara Ahmed helped develop the curriculum and was Resource Person.
- In Bangladesh Begum Shamsun was contracted as Bangladesh Country Facilitator.
- Funding for the complete proposal for the Gender Equity Gauge in four South Asian countries has not yet been acquired. In the meantime a first phase can start with some seed-funding from GWA core finances.
- Chair Sara Ahmed participated in a GWA member meeting in Sri Lanka.

### West and Central Francophone Africa

- GWA organised the *first Gender and Water Ambassadors* training for the Francophone region in January 2009 at Thiès, Senegal, hosted by Wetlands International Africa. Twenty members of GWA network from West and Central Africa actively participated in this training.
- CREPA Senegal, GWA and 2iE (under the African Water Facility program financed by the European Union) co-organised the *National training on IWRM* in Dakar, Senegal in January- February 2009.
- GWA co-organised with Cap-Net and WA-Net a regional *Training of Trainers in Gender mainstreaming in IWRM* held in Ivory Coast, Abidjan in July hosted by GWP-Ivory Coast. The training workshop brought together 33 future trainers (from Technical Directions, National and International NGOs to River basin Authorities).
- Kigali Institute of Science and Technology approached GWA in August 2009 in the set-up of the project "Potters Service Cooperative". Other partners identified by KIST were: UNICEF and Water and Sanitation Program-Africa. Due to GWA financial situation and decisions of the SC, GWA was not able to continue to take part in this project.
- As part of the preparations for the Conference of Parties on Climate Change held in Copenhagen last December, GWA staffs were approached in November 2009 by journalists of the "West Africa Democracy Radio" based in Dakar, Senegal for interviews in Gender and Climate Change.
- As the follow-up of the discussions made during the WWF5, between the ED and the President of the Coordination Régionale des Usagers des ressources naturelles du Bassin (coordinated and represented Civil Society organisations of the 9 countries within the Niger Basin Authority). A funding request was submitted in October 2009 to the Dutch Embassy in Mali of the Strategic Planning Workshop GWA –CRU-BN. The Dutch embassy response was negative as the Dutch cooperation with Mali is rather sectorial.
- *Gender disaggregated data studies per country* are carried out in order to have a clearer view of the situation of gender-and-water issues, data, organizations, websites, publications, etc. at national and local level. Three final reports of Benin, Niger and Cameroon were submitted.
- The Francophone *website* is updated by the Secretariat.
- This region is well supported by the work of Margriet Reinders, who is the GWA Advisor.

### Southern Africa

- The Regional Strategic Planning Workshop for Southern Africa took place in September in Zambia and was organised together with the Lusaka Water and Sewerage Company. 40 Participants attended the workshop and a preliminary draft of a regional strategic plan was written. The Strategic Plan will be refined and after that shared with other GWA members and included in proposals to donors.
- On behalf of GWA a number of members from the region participated in the 2nd African Water and Sanitation Conference AfriSan,2008, Durban South Africa.

### Central Asia

- In the 5<sup>th</sup> WWF, the Resource Guide for Mainstreaming Gender in Water Management was launched in 8 languages, including Russian. Dr. Galina Stulina from the Uzbekistan Scientific Information Centre of Interstate Coordination Water Commission gave a presentation about the process.
- A Training Workshop in this region is still pending.



Water Users Association in Uzbekistan

Anglophone West Africa:

- Various activities are undertaken by members, about which the Secretariat is informed.
- The Workshop/Study Tour Gender, Water and Good Governance for the wives of the Governors of the states of Nigeria took place in August. The Dutch Ambassador in Nigeria and the Nigerian Ambassador in the Netherlands have both been very interested and supportive. The core subject: Integrity, based on the demand of the First Ladies, resulted in new training material of GWA.



Gender, Water and Integrity workshop with First Ladies of Nigerian States

- A group of Liberian women refugees in Ghana have been sent back to their home country, MOPGEL, and have approached GWA for support. In the framework of our focus theme Gender, Water and Conflicts, we have proposed to organise a Workshop for Capacity Building on this subject, either in Ghana or in Liberia, with Anglophone members of a few countries with serious conflicts. The planning and preparations go slow and the GWA Secretariat does not take the lead.



- Mary Wuya from Ocean Foundation was GWA Trainer in the workshop in Jos of Water for African Cities (UN-Habitat).
- In November, as preparation for the Climate Top in Copenhagen, GWA member Princewill Mordi organised a Capacity building and Stakeholder workshop on Gender and Climate Change for COP15, for Ministry of Women Affairs and Community Development in Asaba, Delta State. This resulted in a declaration: Nigerian women and gender position for COP 15: Gender Justice must be integrated in the new Climate deal.

### Eastern Africa

- GWA Eastern Africa has developed their three year Strategic Plan. Also the separate countries developed plans, after national GWA meetings.
- In Uganda the Country Facilitator is Rehema Bavuma. In Kenya it is Sarah Ogalleh, and in Tanzania Gemma Akilimali. Annabell Waititu with her group of IEW function as Regional Focal Point per 1 October 2008.
- The RFP represented GWA in the meeting of UN-Habitat on the Gender Equality Action Plan in January in Nairobi, and at the UNEP Governing Council meeting in March also in Nairobi.
- GWA Chair Sara Ahmed was Co-moderator for the workshop on *Climate Change and Water Adaptation: Resilience through Partnership* at Mombasa, Kenya, April, which was organised by GWP Eastern Africa with the support of GEF and In-Went (Capacity Building International, Germany). The report was widely circulated in subsequent meetings towards COP-15, Copenhagen.
- In February 2009 Annabell and Carol represented GWA in the national meeting convened by the Ministry of Environment to determine the mechanisms for addressing climate change in Kenya. The discussion aimed at reaching an agreement on how efforts of various actors can be consolidated for effective national response to Climate Change.
- GWA had a stall at the Tanzania Water Week, where lots of GWA material was disseminated.
- In April the Regional Training of Trainers workshop Gender Mainstreaming in IWRM was held in Nairobi. Climate Change received lots of attention.
- The GWA Secretariat is involved in coaching from a gender perspective in the Gender and Sanitation Research programme IEW has with IDRC.
- In June a country level meeting was held in Uganda with SPO Esther de Jong present. Teams were formed to write proposals.
- Small towns round Lake Victoria were visited and studied, to write the Rapid Gender and Vulnerability Assessments for the UN-Habitat programme.
- In Uganda the number of members increased to 34. For the Ministry of Water and Environment GWA was invited to assist in reviewing the first till the final draft of the Gender Strategy.
- The Uganda GWA Facilitator participated in the Dry Toilet Conference in Finland, where she made a presentation about women and ecological sanitation. She distributed GWA material.
- The Uganda GWA Facilitator participated also in the Stockholm World Water Week, where she made a presentation about financial mechanisms to increase women's access to safe water.
- Members of GWA Kenya managed to follow various training courses, and had constructive discussions with the Ministry. Kenya now has 60 members.





Hanging cloths to dry in illegal settlement in Nairobi, visited during ToT

#### Southeast Asia and the Pacific

- Chair Sara Ahmed gave guest lectures and interviews in the Asia-Pacific Week at ANU (Australian National University) in Canberra. She also had a meeting with AusAid, and gave comments on their draft WATSAN strategy, OP-ED, and more.
- SC member Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt represented GWA in the Regional Synthesis meeting of the Asia-Pacific Water Forum in Tokyo, which resulted in the integration of gender in the final text.
- A proposal from the Mekong River Commission for training is taken on board and will be implemented back to back with the Water for Asian Cities workshops which will result in a more efficient activity and synergy in substance. Furthermore the trainees of the ToT are in their turn assistant trainers or trainers in the WAC programme.
- The PO for the UN-Habitat partnership work, Esther Clara van Hoeve, contributed a presentation to the MEK-WATSAN workshop in Hanoi for Water for Asian Cities.
- For the same programme four Training of Trainers Workshops have been implemented by GWA in Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Nepal.
- Together with the Asian Institute of Technology, GWA has developed a programme for a two-week Summer Institute on Gender and Water. It is postponed until sufficient funding has been found. The plan for the GWSI was contributed to by SC members Eva Rathgeber, Sara Ahmed and Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt.
- The posters for a hand-washing campaign in the Philippines have been produced and are hanging in all bars, restaurants etc. In Manilla.
- A poster of the research of Kate Harriden, on intra-household water use was presented at the Singapore Water week.
- Chair Sara Ahmed participated in ESCAP experts group meeting to review Beijing + 15 Decade for Women, in Bangkok.
- The ED participated in the High Level Ministerial Conference for Transboundary Water Policies for UNEP in Bangkok.

#### Lusophone countries

- One Training of Trainers was given in Recife, North Brazil. The participants came from various Portuguese speaking countries, but the majority from Brazil.

- The artist Ziraldo has drawn 4 cartoon booklets on gender and water. They were translated from Portuguese into English, French and Spanish, and printed to be handed out in Istanbul. All visitors were keen to receive the booklets. The English text has been revised, and a reprint, especially of the English version, will be made in 2010.
- The booklets were formally launched in Istanbul with a film of the artist. Postcards were also handed out.
- A meeting of Lusophone GWA members was held in Istanbul, where 9 persons participated.
- Ipanema still maintains and updates the Portuguese website, and translates various letters for the Lusophone members.
- Ninon Machado is the RFP for the Lusophone countries.
- Gemma (Tanzania GWA facilitator) facilitated the UN-Habitat WACII workshop for validation in Beira, Mozambique.

### 2.1.3 GWA Websites and list-serves

The GWA website ([www.genderandwater.org](http://www.genderandwater.org)) is still managed in five languages. The different regions now have a clearer field of their own. See **ANNEX II** for statistics of all GWA websites for 2009 as well as compared to the previous years. The list-serves in three languages are managed from the Secretariat. Sometimes important messages are translated for the other languages.

On a regular basis e-mails correspondence takes place with GWA members in the various regions to inform them about certain articles, website links, to follow up on articles or photographs being provided by them and to give them specific and/or additional information related to Gender and Water training courses, conferences etc.

### 2.1.4 Steering Committee meeting

The 14<sup>th</sup> SC meeting was held in Istanbul, Turkey, back to back with the 5<sup>th</sup> WWF. The 15<sup>th</sup> SC meeting took place in August in Rheden, the Netherlands, back-to-back with a Strategic Planning Retreat.



Three subsequent Chairs: Ethne Davey, Sara Ahmed and Eva Rathgeber. During the retreat together with Maria Angelica Alegria, SC member.

## **2.2. Output 2: Knowledge and Information**

### 2.2.1 Resource Guide for mainstreaming gender in water management:

At the World Water Forum the new Resource Guide in 8 languages (including the new versions Hindi, Urdu, Bangla and Russian) was officially launched in a UNDP-GEF session. After that the three South Asian languages have been edited into more correct language, as

agreed in national workshops as well as more case studies were included. The final version of the Resource Guide was available in December 2009.



### 2.2.2 Other material

- GWA member Liz Fajber wrote a Policy Brief *Gender, Water and Climate Change*, which has now been multiplied, and translated into Spanish. Case studies are produced for the Resource Guide.
- GWA member Saskia Ivens wrote a paper about gender mainstreaming in water management for UNEP.
- The *Both ENDS, GWA, Comprehensive Assessment of water management in agriculture: The NOVIB funded programme "Effective gender mainstreaming in water management for sustainable livelihoods: From guidelines to practice"* needs to be reprinted.
- For the 5<sup>th</sup> WWF a Concept Note on *Gender, Water and Integrity* was produced.
- The school booklets have been produced in the form of cartoon booklets by Ziraldo, which are being reprinted.
- GWA contributes two pages to the paper *Source Bulletin* (in three languages), twice a year. The issue of June included articles about the WWF5, about the Ziraldo cartoon booklets, about the tragic death of GWA member Fadia Nadia and information from the Secretariat about current important subjects. The issue of December featured articles about a training methodology for mainstreaming gender in water used in South Africa, the mainstreaming of gender in Bolivia's water policies by GWA members, as well as information from the secretariat.



Four booklets by Ziraldo in four languages each

- *Gender and Water Inventories* are in preparation in specific countries. Contracts have been made for four countries in Francophone West and Central Africa: Rwanda, Benin, Niger, Mali and Cameroun. Completed are: Benin, Cameroon and Niger.
- Of the Gender and Water topics to use as thesis for the IWRM MSc degree by two students at the Water and Environment Centre of Sana'a University, one was rejected by the Centres' director, under the pretext that they didn't want too much attention for gender in the M.Sc theses.
- FAO approached GWA to revise a pocket guide on mainstreaming gender in water management. This publication is targeted at water managers and a joint publication of FAO, GEWAMED and GWA in 2010.

### 2.2.3 Innovative research

- The research into the methodology to measure intra-household water use from a gender perspective (a water diary) is being supported in *Australia*. The report by Kate Harriden is received and approved. On the basis of the findings of this research, follow-up research into the applicability of the methodology in developing countries is aimed for. A poster was presented at the Singapore Water week.

### 2.2.4 Pilot projects

A number of proposals for pilot projects have been received, These proposals are screened to assure that the projects will have a large chance of success, contrary to a few of those implemented so far.

- Documentation of experiences of Women's Platform in the watershed area Catamayo-Chira (*Peru-Ecuador*) as well as diffusion of the lessons learned in an international event on 'Citizen Participation and Gender in Water Management'. The publication of the documentation of the experiences of the Women's Platform is completed and available for dissemination on CD-ROM or as hard copy. Also a publication of the results of event on Citizen Participation and Gender in Water Management is available for dissemination.

### 2.2.5 Influence UNEP, CSD and UN documents

- The FAO evaluated the work it does on water. As part of their procedure they appoint an expert panel which comments on the terms of reference for the evaluation as well as comment to the first evaluation report. GWA was asked to provide an expert for this panel, and SPO Esther de Jong participated in the first meeting to comment on the ToRs. In December a second meeting took place to react to the first draft of the report of the evaluation team, in which the SPO also participated. As the draft of the report was a very preliminary one, the Expert Team offered FAO to comment on a later draft. FAO gratefully accepted this offer. The third meeting will take place in February 2010.
- GWA's accreditation for UNEP resulted again in some contributions. Documents which were received were commented upon from the perspective of NGOs and gender. In March RFP Annabell Waititu represented GWA in the UNEP Governing Council Body.
- UNEP invited the ED Joke Muylwijk for the *High Level Ministerial Conference on Strengthening Transboundary Freshwater Governance: The Environmental Sustainability Challenge*, in Bangkok. The suggested text about gender, women and ethnic minorities was included in the technical report, which in its turn is mentioned as accepted in the final Ministerial Declaration.
- GWA is an active member of the UN Task Force for Gender, Water and Sanitation. The Task Force organised a high level plenary session about Gender Disaggregated Data in the 5<sup>th</sup> WWF, where the Chair Sara Ahmed contributed to the Panel. ED (Joke Muylwijk) was involved in the organisation of the session.
- GWA member Mrs. Saskia Ivens participated in the UNEP NGO-Major Group consultations and UNEP civil society Forum alongside the 10<sup>th</sup> High level Ministerial

Conference in Nairobi (Feb 09). During the meetings she used the various opportunities coming up, to explain the differences between ‘women’ and gender as many delegates had no idea about the differences.

- In June, SPO Esther de Jong participated in the formulation workshop organised by GWP Eastern Africa to develop a gender mainstreaming strategy for AMCOW (African Ministers’ Committee of Water). This was a follow-up of the workshop in which the ED Joke Muylwijk participated in 2008. WSP organised 2 stakeholder workshops in September in Kenya and Senegal to incorporate their views and suggestions into the strategy before launching it. SPO Esther de Jong participated in the workshop in Mombasa; Margriet Reinders represented GWA in Dakar.

### 2.2.6 Gender, Water and Integrity

- The Report of the workshop held in Costa Rica in 2008 together with WIN took some time to be adapted and approved for final payment by WIN. .
- The brochure about this subject was drafted, printed and disseminated during WWF5.
- The SPO responsible for of Latin America, Christine Verheijden and the ED participated in sessions of topic 4.3 on corruption in WWF5 and in the side-event of WIN about capacity building and strategic partnerships for Water Integrity, both as panellists.
- Christine Verheijden also participated in the Strategic Workshop on Capacity Building for Water Integrity organised by WIN in Berlin. She represents GWA now in the Task Force on Capacity Development for Water Integrity. A follow-up meeting between GWA and WIN took place and both parties have stressed their interest for a joint programme in 2 countries of Central America. The formulation of the joint program is in the planning.
- The workshop for the First Ladies of Nigeria is also part of this output, but mentioned in 2.4.1.



Group work during Integrity Workshop with Nigerian delegation

## **2.3 Output 3: Capacity Building**

### 2.3.1. Various Capacity Building:

Capacity building in different forms is GWA’s most important work for which there is a lot of demand. Of course the five different GWA outputs are related, interact and provide outcome which feeds into the other outputs. Without capacity building to influence the national policies will not be effective. For positive impact from capacity building it is equally important to have the right data, knowledge and information to disseminate.

A methodology is developed for interactive capacity building in which coaching plays a larger role. Workshops are organised after the participants have drafted a work plan, they will be supervised during the workshop to improve the plan from a gender perspective. After the workshop they will be in contact with the GWA coach during a year, off and on, until the next workshop with the same participants, where they all present their plan, their experiences, lessons learnt, results and perhaps even impact. Peer learning is an important aspect of this methodology. This methodology is applied with the UN-Habitat partnership. It was also discussed with WaterAid in London, but this has not yet resulted in anything concrete.

To be selected for sponsoring for the training, the trainees need to write a concept note, describing their experience with gender and their ideas about utilising the newly to be acquired skills and knowledge.

As part of the monitoring of the results of our work, questionnaires are sent to trainees who have been participating in a Training of Trainer (ToT) course or training for Gender Ambassadors in order to receive their feedback. From this feedback it is possible to monitor the outcome of the Capacity Building activities, and in the longer run perhaps the impact.

A somewhat more academic course is developed as the *Gender and Water Summer Institute*. See the South-east Asian region.



Group work during ToT in Tunis

The following table is a systematic list of the training activities by GWA in 2009, as already described under 2.1.2. *Regionalisation*.

### 2009 Training workshops

dates	Place, country	Title	Host organisation	# trainees female	# trainees male	Contributions by other organisations
12-17/01/09	Thiès, Senegal	GWA Francophone Central and West Africa Gender and Water	Wetlands International Afrique	10	10	

dates	Place, country	Title	Host organisation	# trainees female	# trainees male	Contributions by other organisations
		<b>Ambassador's training</b>				
26 /01 to 06 /02 /2009	Dakar, Senegal	Country level training IWRM concept in water programs and projects	CREPA-Senegal	9	18	Co partnership with 2iE
17/03/09	Istanbul-Turkey	Gender in Waste management and sanitation	WWF5	11	4	WASTE- in kind: providing technical information on IWMS
16/03/09	Istanbul, Turkey	Lecture Gender and Water for students Istanbul University	Istanbul Bilgi University	12	18	
29/3 – 5/4	Nairobi Kenya	Regional Training of Trainers Gender and IWRM Eastern Africa	EW	21	15	GWA
27-28 May	Beira Mozambique	UN Habitat workshop Validation of Rapid Gender Assessment	WAC II	20	18	UN-Habitat
24 - 25 June 2009	Jos Nigeria	Workshop and Launching of the Sanitation Micro-Credit/Revolving Fund Scheme	WAC II	18	18	UN Habitat and COWAN
14-20/6	Recife Brazil	GWA Regional Training of Trainers Gender and Water in Lusophone Countries	IPANEMA	20	25	Cap-Net € 3671
27/07 to 1/08/09	Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire	Regional Training of Trainers Gender mainstreaming in IWRM held in Ivory Coast, Abidjan in July	GWP-Ivory Coast	18	15	Co-partnership with Cap-Net and Wa-Net
16-21/8	Lochem The Netherlands	Workshop and excursion of five state teams of Nigerian First Ladies, Wives of Governors and their teams: GENDER, WATER AND	GWA	15	10	participating Nigerian states

dates	Place, country	Title	Host organisation	# trainees female	# trainees male	Contributions by other organisations
		GOOD GOVERNANCE				
27-31/07	Lao PDR	Country Training of Trainers Workshop Mekong River Commission	National Mekong Committee of Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam	12	13	MRC
2-4/8	Lao PDR	Workshop Gender Mainstreaming in Water and Sanitation	UN-Habitat MEKWATSAN	8	17	UN-Habitat
4-7 Aug	Nepal	Workshop Gender Mainstreaming in Water and Sanitation	Government of Nepal Water and Energy Commission Secretariat	19	15	UN-Habitat
28/9-5/10	Egypt	Gender and Irrigation, Domestic Water Supply, Sanitation and IWRM	Sohag University Upper Egypt	15	15	Sohag University Upper Egypt
28/9 – 2/10	Cambodia	Country Training of Trainers Workshop Mekong River Commission	National Mekong Committee of Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam	11	13	MRC
4-6/10	Cambodia	Workshop Gender Mainstreaming in Water and Sanitation	UN-Habitat MEKWATSAN	14	18	UN-Habitat
2-6/11	Vietnam	Country Training of Trainers Workshop Mekong River Commission	National Mekong River Committee of Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam	9	6	MRC
8-10/11	Vietnam	Workshop Gender Mainstreaming in Water and Sanitation	UN-Habitat MEKWATSAN	15	15	UN-Habitat



GWA was approached by NCDO to be a juror in the so-called “Millennium Battle”. In this competition Dutch students had to come up with solutions for 4 different case-studies related to the MDGs. GWA was a juror of Case number 3 “gender in water management in Malawi”. The Executive Director participated in the meeting where the case was launched by being on a panel answering questions about gender and water. The Secretariat judged 38 different teams for the realism of the solution they proposed.



The Ambassador of Nigeria in the Netherlands opens the Integrity Workshop in Lochem

### 2.3.2 Training material

- The work to revise the Training of Trainers Manual for GWA progressed till July, when it was temporarily put on hold.
- In cooperation with WASTE a training module on Gender and Waste was produced en pre-tested by GWA in a training session at the learning centre of the WWF5, and by WASTE in Peru at the Regional Latin America ISSUE 2 meeting. The module ‘No capacity to Waste’ is targeted at medium level professionals from NGOs and government institutions dealing with Integrated Waste Management Services. A hard copy is produced by WASTE.
- The Module for Gender and Sanitation is in process.
- A plan for the Gender and Water Summer Institute has been developed. This is now included in proposals for further funding.
- Various members and other organisations informed the Secretariat about their use of the GWA Training Manual. Many others don’t give that information.
- A start has been made with reviewing the (powerpoint) presentations given by various trainers guest speakers and participants at the two TOTs in the Arab Region, in order to compile these into a regional specific training information CD on Gender and Water in Arabic.

### 2.3.3. Capacity Building in UN-Habitat Partnership

- The LVWATSAN Programme: Although the contract was signed in 2008, the actual work was waiting for the Local and Regional Capacity Builders to be selected and approved after a tendering process. The partner consortium (IHE-UNESCO, SNV, FCM and GWA) held another meeting in April in Delft to make the methodology more detailed, concrete and coherent, where it was decided to start that the field work in September (2009) in

Tanzania. The trainees of the GWA ToT held in Nairobi in March will be able to contribute to the programme as trainers and assistant trainers.

The reports of the Rapid Gender Assessments of the Lake Victoria towns as done in the previous cooperative agreement were compiled by IEW and edited by GWA's PO to be suitable as publication of UN-Habitat.



Singing together at the ToT in Vientiane, Laos

- The Water for Asian Cities Programme: In the first six months of 2009 the programme has been planned, and in the second half the Training workshops in Laos, Nepal, Cambodia and Vietnam have been implemented. The first Stakeholder meeting took place in Vietnam in April. The Programme Officer for the UN-Habitat partnership Esther van Hoeve gave a presentation about the work and approach of GWA. The work in South East Asia is implemented in collaboration with the Mekong River Commission. One week in advance of the WASC workshops ToTs are organised to create mutual benefit. The gender focal points from the ministries trained in the ToTs will be trainer or assistant trainer in the WASC workshops and be involved in the coaching of the participants when they implement their action plans.
- A new Cooperative Agreement (CA) with UN-Habitat for Water and Sanitation for Cities of Latin America and Caribbean has been formulated and signed. The preparations for the first activity of this CA, a joint Training of Trainers workshop on Gender and Integrated Water Resource Management for GWA members and UN-Habitat staff involved in the this new CA, taking place in Nicaragua, have started.

## 2.4 Output 4: National Water-related policies

### 2.4.1 Various Advocacy Activities

From the GWA members many messages have come in which they mention and describe how they are all attempting to influence their governments' policies to pay more and better attention to gender and to women and minorities. One often occurring problem is the change of governments and ministers, which sometimes means that the process has to restart.

The secretariat of GWA in close collaboration with two SC members from the region, wrote a reaction to the draft of “Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Strategy for the Australian International Development Assistance Program”, focussing on the gender aspects of the strategy.

The follow-up to the work of “Water for African cities II” is waiting for the renewed funding for the programme. Nevertheless two workshops have been organised by UN-Habitat with contributions of GWA, one in Beira Mozambique and one in Jos, Nigeria. Both cities had not yet validated their RGAs.

The South Asia Gender Equity Gauge is a comprehensive programme for which more money is needed than GWA can spend on one activity. A first phase is now planned to begin the process in a limited way. Further funding is sought for.



The Nigerian delegation for the Integrity workshop visits a farm for ecological horticulture in the Netherlands

For the Workshop Gender, Water and Good Governance for Nigerian First Ladies and other power holders took place in August. The Netherlands Embassy in Abuja and the Nigerian Embassy in the Netherlands have been very cooperative in the process. For 5 states realistic Action Plans have been produced.

Two workshops were organised in Entebbe by Nile Basin Initiative and GWP, to develop a plan to influence the AMCOW ministers’ policies from a gender perspective. The ED participated in the first workshop, and in the follow-up workshop SPO Esther de Jong participated. A plan is written.

A study took place in Bolivia about the integration of gender and cultural diversity in irrigation policies, its implementation and impact on the interventions in irrigation. The research results (cases) will provide input and guidance for the formulation of irrigation policies with a gender approach consistent with cultural diversity. The research of approximately 6 months has been finalised. The results of this research are a document with the complete study and a policy paper with recommendations for the elaboration of a water policy for irrigation from a gender

and intercultural perspective. Both products are in the last review. For the publication of both products, funding possibilities have been looked for and are committed.

SPO Chrisje van Schoot fulfilled two-thirds of her assignment of two months as GWA consultant to the MWETA-1 Institutional Support to Six Water Utilities project with two weeks missions in Yemen to advise on the institutional set-up, capacity building, and programme of the Customers Relations Services departments. Special attention is paid to advocate mainstreaming gender into these utilities step by step.

The assignment of SPO C. van Schoot as member of the Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment for a mission to Socotra last November, has resulted in the inclusion of many water and land-use related gender issues in the final report (Feb.2009) to the Government of Yemen.

The ED took part in The Water Dialogues final Conference in Bonn. Earlier this process was called the Global Review of Private Sector Participation, and GWA was also involved at the beginning. The outcome will influence policies related to privatization of water services.

#### 2.4.2 Mainstreaming gender in National Water Policies

##### - Bolivia

GWA has been part and responsible for gender mainstreaming within the process of 'Updating and elaboration of documents of the Social Strategy of the Sector Basic Sanitation' within a joint effort of 10 organisations to support the Vice-Minister of *Basic Services* belonging to the Ministry of Water of Bolivia.



- The plan is to develop a 'Guide for the operationalization of gender mainstreaming in the water and sanitation sector' in the Spanish language based on the experiences of the GWA consultant involved in the process. A Support Group for the Development and Actualisation of Regulations of Basic Sanitation (GdA\_VAPSB, for its initials in Spanish) in which GWA is represented by one of its national members has not been very active this year, due to some changes of political posts within the ministries. Dissemination of the outputs is taking place.



- Mexico  
 RGEMA (Network Gender and Environment), IMTA (Mexican Institute of Water Technology), SEMARNAT (Direction of Gender Equity of the Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources), PNUD (Program of the Nations United for Development) and GWA implement the project "Incorporating a Gender Equity Perspective in the Mexican Water Policies". This is a follow-up of the "Blue Agenda of Women" which is a strategy the groups developed for 4<sup>th</sup> WWF. The process of policy influencing is still going on, be it that sometimes strategies and target are to be re-defined has it has become clear that the whole process is a much longer and more complicated than initially expected. It encounters resistance at the highest level of decision making in the most important national water institution. A follow-up proposal has been received, and is in discussion .
- In various other countries GWA members are actively influencing the water policies at different levels.

## 2.5 Output 5: International events

The major event in the first half of 2009 was the 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Istanbul, Turkey. Most SC members participated in the 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, and many of GWA's members. A report has been compiled by the Forum Assistant Anamika Amani. See page 25-26 for tables with GWA activities.

### 2.5.1 Steering Committee activities and international travel

#### Chairperson Sara Ahmed:

- January Australia National University to participate in the South Asian Studies Summer School at ANU, Canberra and give a public lecture at the invitation of Kuntala.
- Comments were made on the draft water and sanitation policy announced by AusAID (Nov. 2008) and a set of proposals was submitted to AusAID, particularly focusing on our work in South and SE Asia, including the GWSI.
- Meeting of the Policy Forum on Water Conflicts in India, SOPPECOM, Pune, April – to discuss new research agendas on water rights and allocation issues as well as conflict resolution mechanisms.
- In the 5<sup>th</sup> WWF Sara was panelist and speaker in sessions for ISET,
- Was a panelist and speaker in the Preparatory Conference of the Women and Gender Coalition in Istanbul.
- Co-moderator for workshop on *Climate Change and Water Adaptation: Resilience through Partnership*, Mombasa, Kenya, April 5-7, 2009. Organised by GWP Eastern Africa with the support of GEF and In-Went (Capacity Building International, Germany).
- Participated in the *Expert Group Meeting in Preparation for the High-level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Review of Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action*, May, Bangkok. Made a presentation and draft note on climate change, gender and water security.
- Participated in the *International Parliamentary Conference on Climate Change: The Road to Copenhagen*, London, July 8-9. She was invited to make two presentations: (i) engendering climate adaptation in India and (ii) building partnerships for climate resilient development – the role of the GWA.

SC member Eva Rathgeber wrote papers on Integrity and Partnerships.

SC member Maria Angelica Alegria participated in the Seminar “Género y Agua”, held in Madrid in June, organized by the Secretaría General Iberoamericana (SEGIB) and the Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (AECID) and the Ministry of Environments, Rural and Marine livelihoods of Spain. She gave a presentation about the governmental action on gender and water in the Chilean Ministry of Public Works, where there are 5 agencies related to water resources. Part of this process was supported by GWA.

#### SC member Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt:

- represented GWA in the Asia-Pacific Forum Preparatory meeting in Tokyo.
- She wrote a paper on Menstruation as gender issue in India.
- She organised a lecture by GWA Chair in ANU.
- Kuntala was panellist in session on Rural Migrants in Urban Slums in Istanbul 5WWF.
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#### SC member Catharien Terwisscha van Scheltinga:

- supported the Secretariat regarding financial issues.
- Prepared a publication about the Gender and Climate Change Seminar in Wageningen, in which Sara Ahmed, Margreet Zwarteveen and Irene Dankelman spoke.
- She was panellist and speaker in the session of IFAD in 5WWF.

SC member Demetrios Christofidis continued his serious gender mainstreaming work in the North East of Brazil, in a World Bank programme.

#### SC member Shaima Aly:

- Attendance of the Arab league regional donor conference related to UNDP and Arab league of water and development in The Arab World. The opportunities and the challenges, Cairo, Egypt.



SC member Meena Bilgi at the Waterlink Forum in Bangkok, and presenting Poster in New Zealand

### 2.5.2 Staff Secretariat activities and travel

#### Executive Director Joke Muylwijk:

- Together with Behar Ali visit the Iraqi Ambassador in The Hague to discuss possible collaboration.
- Participated in the Strategic Planning Workshop in Erbil, Iraq.
- Contributed to the 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum as panelist for Water Integrity Network, for SaciWaters, and for IFAD about the food crisis.
- Co-organised the side event of UNDP where the Resource Guide in Russian, Bangla, Urdu and Hindi was launched. (5WWF)
- Organised the launching of the booklets of Ziraldo in the Education Village. (5WWF)
- Was trainer in the testing of the Gender and Waste module. (5WWF)
- Gave a one hour lecture to a group of 40 journalists who came to Istanbul for a two-week workshop. (5WWF)
- Met with various partners in Istanbul.(5WWF)
- Participated in Istanbul in the Preparatory Conference of the Women and Gender Coalition.
- Took active part as trainer in the Training of Trainers in Nairobi.
- Had a meeting with Worldbank Eastern Africa in Nairobi.
- Participated in the UNHabitat partner consortium workshop in Delft.
- For the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of WECF the ED together with Charles Dieme went to The Hague to attend the seminar and meet colleague organisations.
- Went to London to have an appointment with Helen Richards of DFID and with WaterAid and BPD.
- Was invited by UNEP to attend the High Level Ministerial Conference on Transboundary Water Governance in Bangkok.
- Was a Key-note speaker with a theme session on Gender and Water concepts at the international Conference: “Soroptimists Go for Water” in July in Amsterdam.
- Was invited by UN-Habitat to speak at the African Water Week, Johannesburg.
- Was invited by Stakeholders Forum and GNNP to speak about Gender and Climate Change in a Panel in the Water Day in Barcelona preparing for COP-15.
- Was invited by The Water Dialogue on PSP to contribute from a gender perspective to their final conference in Bonn.

And various other meetings and activities.

#### SPO Esther de Jong

- Attended the seminar of DGIS to discuss a new framework for their policy on Urban Sanitation in Delft.
- Arranged a GWA members meeting in Uganda. The country plan was discussed and teams were formed to write proposals for the different activities mentioned in the work plan.
- The opportunity of the stay in Istanbul was used to lecture at the Bilgi University of Istanbul about GWA and diplomacy.
- In the 5<sup>th</sup> WWF was panelist in session of IFAD, about water for food.
- SPO Esther de Jong participated in the seminar “On track with Gender” which is part of an evaluation of the gender mainstreaming activities of DGIS over the last 15 years.
- For AMCOW participated in a workshop in Entebbe, Uganda to develop a gender policy.
- For AMCOW participated in a stakeholder workshop in Mombasa, Kenya on the development of a gender mainstreaming strategy
- Went to FAO Rome twice to support the large scale evaluation of the work FAO does, related to water.





- Prepared, organised and conducted the Strategic Planning Workshop for Southern Africa
- Followed a 1 day workshop on policy influencing in The Hague

#### SPO Chrisje van Schoot

- A presentation on Women's Associations as means for Empowerment (Yemen case study) was given at the WWF5 for the Arab Water Council and GEWAMED.
- In the 5<sup>th</sup> WWF a specialized training session was prepared and implemented with several GWA members from different regions on Gender, Waste and Sanitation.
- Around 6 photographs from GWA were selected and displayed at the Press corner on the WWF5 Website.
- As member of the Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment she went on a mission to Socotra, a Yemenite island in the Arabian Gulf.
- Participated in two Seminars of DGIS held in The Hague and Delft to integrate gender issues in the DGIS policy note on Urban Sanitation .
- Meeting with WASTE in Utrecht.
- SPO Chrisje van Schoot participated in the special session to launch the NGO database of CIDIN (the Netherlands Centre for International Development Issues) in Utrecht.
- She spent five weeks in Yemen of her two months assignment as GWA consultant to the MWETA-1 Institutional Support to Six Water Utilities project on Customers Services.
- Participated in a session on Yemen and its Water and Environment Centre, held at Wageningen University.
- Was a key-note speaker with a theme-session on Women, Water and Empowerment at the international Conference: 'Soroptimists go for Water' in Amsterdam.
- Gave a presentation on 'Participatory Approaches in Water Projects' at the training workshop for Nigerian First Ladies in August in Lochem.
- Participated in meetings of the NWP NGO Platform for the formation of a WASH Alliance for MFS2.
- Attended the Partos Annual meeting in Amsterdam.

#### SPO Christine Verheijden:

- Coordination and preparation for GWA input in session 4.3.3. Beyond Water Bribes: How to Build a Corruption-Resistant Water Sector. (5WWF)
- Attend the 3 sessions of the topic 4.3. Ethics, Transparency and Empowerment of Stakeholders, as also the thematic Wrap-up. (5WWF)
- Attend the presentation on Fund of Cooperation for water and sanitation for L.A. of Spanish Cooperation (AECID). (5WWF)
- Function as panelist in the discussion in the WIN side-event on Strategic and thematic partnerships for water integrity and poverty reduction. (5WWF)
- Co-organised the meeting of Lusophone participants in 5WWF.
- SEGIB: Presentation in Seminar on Gender and Water in June in Madrid on 'Gender and Water: Intervention Models, Indicators and Recommendations'.

#### PO: Charles Dieme:

- Participated in the first Gender and Water Ambassadors training for the Francophone region Thiès, Senegal.
- Attended the 15 years anniversary conference of WECF in The Hague

#### PO Behar Ali:

- Together with ED visits the Iraqi Ambassador in The Hague to discuss collaboration related to the Strategic Planning for Gender and Water in Iraq.
- Strategic Planning Workshop in Erbil, Iraq.

- Participation in session on Yemen and its Water and Environment Centre, held at Wageningen University.
- Follow-up workshop in Erbil, Iraq to complete the Iraq GWA Strategic Plan.

P.O. Esther van Hoeve

- Attended the Stakeholder workshop of UN-Habitat's programme Water for Asian cities in Hanoi, Vietnam.
- Participated in the UN-Habitat partner consortium workshop in Delft.
- Took part in the ToT in Nairobi, both as trainer and as trainee.
- Participated in the ToTs in Nepal, Laos and Cambodia.



Group work in ToT Laos

2.5.3 Travelling exhibition with IW-Learn

In Africa the Travelling Exhibit needs a revival, but most members don't have access to the necessary software. In South Asia the panels have been translated into Sinhala, Bangla, Hindi, Nepali and Urdu. Each country made their own panels as well. Various seminars have been organised as side-events to the Exhibition. In these seminars the national gender-and-water topics were discussed, and GWA members had the opportunity to present from their own work. During the 5<sup>th</sup> WWF the South Asian panels were on display, which attracted many Forum participants.

2.5.4 Fifth World Water Forum, Istanbul, Turkey

The preparation for the 5<sup>th</sup> WWF have taken considerable amount of time of GWA as it is a worldwide process and gender would need to be mainstreamed throughout the complete programme. GWA had written proposals for contributions in 11 different sessions, which all were approved. Instead of organising sessions ourselves, the mainstreaming of gender in so many technical sessions was quite a challenge, which the GWA with her members of various scientific backgrounds could cope with well.



The Travelling Exhibit of South Asia at the GWA stand in Istanbul

GWA had a large presence at the World Water Forum in Istanbul. GWA actively participated on the stage (by presentations or being part of a panel) in over 20 sessions. In all other sessions at least 1 GWA member was present to ask attention for gender issues. Also in side events many GWA members participated, and the stall of GWA was a great success. A lot of material was duplicated once again and distributed to interested participants. Many old contacts were renewed and new members joined the GWA on the basis of what they saw. GWA also helped to organise the Preparatory Conference for the major group women, together with the Women for Water Partnership and the Turkish Soroptimists. From many partner organizations we heard how convincing GWA has been.



GWA Chair Dr Sara Ahmed at the Closing Session of the WWF

### 2.5.5. Other events

At the International Conference 'Soroptimists go for Water' held in Amsterdam from 9-12 July, GWA presented itself through a well visited exhibition stall and by disseminating about 1000 GWA documents (CD roms, leaflets, brochures, etc.). Collectors of the documents said they would use these for their presentations at club gatherings in the Soroptimists' branches from all over the world. The session by GWA is mentioned under the two speakers: Joke Muylwijk and Chrisje van Schoot. The other speaker was Christine Sybesma of IRC, and member of GWA.



Fieldwork during ToT Tunisia



***Bridging Gender Divides for Water:  
Gender and Water Alliance (GWA)  
at the 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum  
14 – 22 March 2009  
Istanbul - Turkey***



## **GWA Programme in Istanbul**

- ✦ **Water Expo Exhibition: GWA will have a stand in the Water Expo.**  
This will be the meeting and registration point for all GWA members attending the WWF5. A schedule of GWA sessions and activities per day will be available at the stand, and members can sign in for these sessions, so we can ensure a good representation of gender and water advocates in all the sessions and activities of the Forum.  
When: 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March Where: stand no. 411/ Foyer 4/ UN Water Pavilion, Sütlüce
- ✦ **Strategic Planning Prep Conference of the Women and Gender Coalition (WGC), for the 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum (WWF5)** GWA is a member of the WGC, and will be co-convening this meeting.  
When: 14<sup>th</sup> March, 9:00 – 18:30 and 15<sup>th</sup> March 9:00 – 16:15 (including a half-day field visit)  
Where: Istanbul Technical University (ITU) – Suleyman Demirel Congress Center
- ✦ **High level Gender Plenary: Health Dignity and Economic Progress:** Way forward for Gender Equity; developing and monitoring gender-sensitive sustainable sanitation programmes and indicators for MDG 7. Sara Ahmed, Chair GWA takes part in Panel.  
When: 16<sup>th</sup> March, 14.30-18.30 hours Where: Sütlüce Congress Centre, Halic Bloc.
- ✦ **Giving a training at the WWF5 Learning Centre on “Gender and Empowerment in Water, Sanitation and Waste Management “**  
**Trainers:** Chrisje van Schoot, Margriet Reinders, Cécile Ndjebet, Sounkoura Adetonah, and Joke Muylwijk  
When: 17<sup>th</sup> March, 14:30 – 19:00 Where: at the Feshane hall; room no. 5
- ✦ **Public Launch of UNDP/GWA/SIWI Resource Guide on Gender and Water Management (first time in Hindi, Bengali, and Urdu). This is part of the UNDP - Global Environment Facility (GEF) session Adaptive Community Water Governance.**  
**Speakers:** Joke Muylwijk, Mosleh Sadeque, Galina Stulina, Shamsun Nahar  
When: 17<sup>th</sup> March, 18:00 – 18:30 Where: Sütlüce, Haskoy Hall
- ✦ **GWA at the Alternative Water Forum: Sara Ahmed will speak in this alternative forum which runs parallel to the WWF5**  
When: 18<sup>th</sup> March, time yet to be confirmed Where: venue yet to be confirmed
- ✦ **General Assembly GWA.** This is a semi-closed side event organized and convened by the Steering Committee of GWA for their members and invited guests. Snacks and drinks are served.  
When: 18<sup>th</sup> March, 19:30 – 21:00, Where: Sütlüce, Kasimpasa 1-2 Hall
- ✦ **First public launch of educational booklets for children and youth, with cartoon drawings by the Brazilian artist Ziraldo in the WWF5 Global Water Education Village (GWEV),** four different booklets in 4 languages, and a film in which the artist explains the work.  
When: 19<sup>th</sup> March, 17:00 – 19:00 hours Where: Feshane II, Mahmut hall
- ✦ **GWA in Media 21 workshop for journalists: Hurry Up! 2.5 Billion People Want to Use the Toilet (and 900 million have a drinking problem)".** Executive Director Joke Muylwijk will speak in the Breakfast Armchair session on “The impact of poor sanitation and water supply on women and children”  
When: 20<sup>th</sup> March, 7:45 – 8:45 Where: Sütlüce Congress Centre
- ✦ **Contributing with a Gender justice and equity perspective to thematic sessions of the WWF5.**

Date	Time	Activity description	GWA involvement	Venue
17 <sup>th</sup> March	8:30 – 13:00	Session 1.1.2 Adapting to Climate change: waiting for things to happen or trying to be prepared	GWA Chairperson Sara Ahmed will be panel discussant	Feshane; room 1
17 <sup>th</sup> March	8:30 – 13:00	Session 1.2.1 “Imbalances between Water, Land and People: The Drivers of Rural Migration”	GWA member Wasim Wagha will be panel discussant	Feshane; room 2
17 <sup>th</sup> March	11:00 – 13:00	Session 4.2.4 “Institutional Arrangements and Regulatory approaches for Efficient and Effective Water Management.	GWA member Vasudha Pangare is convening this session	Feshane; Halic hall
17 <sup>th</sup> March	14:30 – 17:30	Session 1.2.2 “Rural Migrants in Urban Slums: Dreams fulfilled or start of a nightmare?”	GWA SC member Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt will be panel discussant	Feshane; room 2
18 <sup>th</sup> march	8:30 – 13:00	Session 4.3.3 “Beyond Water Bribes: How to build a corruption-resistant water sector”, followed by wrap-up session	GWA member Caroline Toroitich will present, and ED Joke Muylwijk will be panel discussant	Sütlüce Carpark; Aynali Kavak 1
18 <sup>th</sup> March	11:00 – 13:00	Arab Water Forum Gender session, convenors: Arab Water Council, GWA and GEWAMED (tbc)	GWA staff members Joke Muylwijk, and Chrisje van Schoot will be presenting in this session	Arab Region Stand
18 <sup>th</sup> March	14:30 – 17:00	Session 2.3.1 “Water for food: feeding a growing global population”	GWA SPO Esther de Jong will be panel discussant	Sütlüce; Ayvan Seray
19 <sup>th</sup> March	8:30 – 11:30	Session 2.3.2 “Threat or Opportunity: Can the food crisis benefit poor farmers?”	GWA Executive Director Joke Muylwijk and SC member Catharien Terwisscha van Scheltinga will be panel discussants.	Sütlüce Thematic bloc; Ayvan Seray
19 <sup>th</sup> March	8:30 – 11:30	Session 2.1.3 “Taking Water Sanitation and Hygiene to Scale in Schools”	GWA member Caroline Gathoni Mungara will be panel discussant.	Sütlüce Carpark; Aynali Kavak 1
19 <sup>th</sup> March	11:00 – 13:00	Session 1.3.4 “Water in the Aftermath of Disaster or Conflict: How to transition from complex emergencies to normality”	GWA member Fadia Daibes-Murad will make an addition from a gender perspective	Feshane; room 1
19 <sup>th</sup> March	11:00 – 13:00	Session 1.1.1 “Dialogue on Regional perspectives on water, adaptation, and climate”	GWA Chairperson Sara Ahmed will be panel discussant	Sütlüce; Main Bloc - Halic
19 <sup>th</sup> March	16:00 – 17:00	Discussion: Strategic and thematic partnerships for water integrity and reduction of corruption	GWA staff member Christine Verheijden will participate in discussion	Swiss Platform, Water Expo/ Sütlüce
19 <sup>th</sup> March	17:00– 19:00	Theme 1: “Global Change and Risk Management” wrap up session	GWA Chairperson Sara Ahmed will be contributing to this session	Sütlüce, Amphitheatre 1
20 <sup>th</sup> March	8:30 – 13:00	Session 6.4.1 “Building the Database: What data should we put in the treasure chest?”	GWA Chairperson Sara Ahmed will be panel discussant	Feshane; room 3
20 <sup>th</sup> March	11:00 – 13:00	Lusophone region GWA meeting	GWA will be convening this session	Brazil pavilion, Water Expo/Sütlüce
20 <sup>th</sup> March	14:30 – 19:00	Session 6.3.2 “Showcasing Success: How professional networks and associations are making an impact”	GWA Regional Focal Point Ninon Machado will be panel discussant	Feshane; room 2
20 <sup>th</sup> March	17:00 – 19:00	Session 6.1.3: Get involved! Whose and what empowerment will ensure the provision of sustainable water services.	GWA SC members Demetrios Christofidis and Mariela Garcia Vargas will facilitate the roundtable discussion on Gender Mainstr.	Feshane; room 4
21 <sup>st</sup> March	8:30 – 11:00	Session 3.4.3 “Contemporary issues, public awareness, stakeholder participation on sustainable water resource management”	GWA Facilitator Margriet Reinders will be making a presentation on gender and sustainable (rain)water management	Sütlüce Thematic bloc; Ayvan Seray
21 <sup>st</sup> March	11:00 – 13:00	SE 025 Side Event Saci-Waters, Roundtable	Joke Muylwijk takes part in this panel.	Feshane; Lale Hall (F5)
21 <sup>st</sup> March	8:30 – 10:30	Session 3.3.3 “Preserving Natural Ecosystems/ Acting Locally, Thinking Globally: what actions help preserve ecosystems?”	GWA member Alicia Raffaele will be making a presentation in this session	Sütlüce Carpark; Aynali Kavak II

### 3 Donor relations

#### DGIS

- Two SPOs participated in workshops in The Hague and Delft, organised by IRC and IHE/UNESCO discussing the draft policy note on Urban Sanitation being prepared for DGIS. After having realized that Gender was totally absent from the document, the author Mr. Kurian asked GWA for assistance to integrate Gender issues in the policy note, which was duly provided. In the final policy note presented to DGIS, gender issues are well presented .
- Data for Monitoring op Maat 2008 have been collected and the matrix was prepared by SPO Christine Verheijden. After sending it to DGIS, questions were received about Output 4, because the expenditure is lowest for this output. We explained the logic behind this fact: GWA country groups are the most important actors to influence their own country's policies. This is not a very costly output as such. Of course the other outputs are necessary to be able to influence governments. For this output a very low amount was budgeted from the start.
- For a next phase activities have already started. The Minister of Development Cooperation has decided that from more than 100 the number of organisations that will be given subsidy for their work will not be more than 30. NGOs have to join hands into alliances. The alliances will have one shared proposal, a shared budget, whilst one of the organisations will be the budget-holder. GWA is always working as an alliance, and always with different partners and has submitted a proposal.

The following reports have been sent to DGIS:

- Progress Report 2008;
  - Financial Report 2008, and
  - Audited Statement,
  - Annual Plan 2009,
  - GWA budget 2009,
  - Liquidity forms,
  - Monitoring op Maat 2008,
  - Ziraldo booklets, and
  - Brochure Climate Change, Gender and Water,
  - Complete MFS2 Application Part 1 with 44 annexes,
  - Report by accountant of evidence of 2006-2008 of 35% co-financing in cash and in kind, together with a number of detailed files, as requested for illustration and controlling;
  - Various letters to respond to many questions going back to 1 January 2006.
- Liquidity has been a problem this year.

#### DFID

- After two years of raised expectations the re-organisation of DFID end 2008 resulted in an impossibility to get financing like we used to get. The only channel seemed to be the Conflict, Humanitarian and Security Fund which does not directly exclude non-British NGOs. A proposal was sent, but not approved.

The following reports have been sent:

- GWA Strategic Plan 2006-2010 and Annual Plan 2009 and budget
- GWA Progress Report 2008
- GWA Financial Report 2008 with audit

### AECID

- SPO Christine Verheijden has written a proposal following a strict internet format, which was not approved last year. After the visit of the ED to AECID in Madrid where she had the chance to explain the work of GWA, this year the outcome was more beneficial and resulted in partial granting of the proposal. The proposal is only for Latin American countries and will be completed end 2010.
- A proposal for the new Water and Sanitation Fund for Latin America is in preparation.

### DANIDA

DANIDA was approached requesting for information about possible application for funding. The response was that international NGOs cannot apply for funding, only Danish NGOs. NGOs from developing countries can apply at the Danish Embassy of the country. For GWA, working mainly regional, this is hardly an option.

### NORAD

A request, similar to that of DANIDA was sent to NORAD. The response was slightly more positive. The deadline had passed for applications, and we need to follow publications at the website for a new call for applications.

### AUSAID

GWA's Chair Sara Ahmed and SC member Kuntala went to meet AUSAID in Canberra. The application which was sent was never responded to. The ED met with the AUSAID regional director of Asia, who expressed great interest in a proposal of GWA to be sent. This proposal focusing on the Mekong River Basin is in the making.

### USAID

The process to register as Private Voluntary Organisation is ongoing. Work with ECO-Asia is funded by USAID, and many of the administrative requirements have been met through that channel.

Various other donors are being investigated for their possibilities, and work is ongoing to write plans: ADB, AfDB, OADB, Fondation Ensemble, French Government, GTZ, Swiss Development Cooperation, etc.

## **4 Partnerships**

Of the GWA members there are many organizations with whom GWA works together. Not all of these are mentioned here separately.

### Visits to the GWA secretariat:

- Mrs. G.J.van Boven, Technical Secretary Netherlands Commission for Environmental Assessment. Discussing possibilities for cooperation esp. to assign GWA members to activities of the MER.
- Dr. Mathew Kurian, Senior lecturer in Management and organisation of Sanitation of the UNESCO-IHE to work on integrating gender into the draft policy note on Urban Sanitation for DGIS.
- Ms. Ylva Dantuma and Sabine Pieters from Netherlands International Cooperation studies at CIDIN, University of Nijmegen, to explore the poverty vision and strategies of GWA.



- Mr. Jaap Pels en Caridad Camacho from IRC to discuss the contract regarding Source Bulletin.
- Dr. Christine Sybesma (IRC) and Marina van Kooten to prepare a shared session at the Soroptimist Conference.
- Mrs Annelie Joke Hubach stayed one week to inform herself for the Review.
- Mrs. Margriet Reinders, Francophone GWA advisor, to discuss with Charles Dieme, PO for Francophone region, the various issues.
- Mrs. Saskia Ivens, GWA member and consultant from Canada.
- Mr. John Kemper of the Municipality Arnhem, to discuss new forms of collaboration in the field of human resources.
- Dr. Naif Abu Lohom, Dr. Mansour Haidera, Dr. Belkis Zabara (Senior Management staff of the Water and Environment Center- Sana'a University), Dr. Husnia Al Kadri (General Director of the Gender Development Research and Studies Center- Sana'a University), Mr. Akram Namory (National Water Resources Authority, Yemen.) Mr. Wael Ishaq Mohamed (Agriculture College, Sana'a University) visited GWA to present the shared activities and discuss possible further cooperation.



Memberships applied for

- *Netherlands Water Partnership NWP* welcomed GWA as member. This membership will make contacts with Dutch water organizations easier. We will receive information which is very useful to us.
- *World Water Council* accepted GWA as member.
- *UN-Water's* forms were filled, and GWA was accepted as member.
- *PARTOS* is a network of Dutch development organizations, not only working in water, and here GWA was also accepted.
- GWA now is recognized by the Tax Agency as ANBI (Algemeen Nut Beogende Instelling). This enables people in the Netherlands who give gifts to deduct them from their taxes.

Some partnership activities have been described under headings above. Other ones are listed here in alphabetical sequence:



### AIT

GWA has a MoU with the Asian Institute of Technology, to begin with about the shared organisation of the Gender and Water Summer Institute, but also for other activities in the South Asian region. A shared proposal for NUFFIC is in preparation.

### Cap-Net

In the Cap-Net pages of the IRC Source bulletin special attention was paid to the GWA organised TOT course in Jordan (with co-funding from Cap-Net) for which the secretariat provided details and photographs.

Cap-Net is evaluating the gender balance of their networks and trainings. They have asked GWA to participate in writing a paper on how to improve the current situation ultimately leading to a gender mainstreaming strategy for CapNet and its networks. The first drafts have been shared and discussed, and follow-up is awaited.

### CIDIN (the Netherlands Centre for International Development Issues)

For the launch of the CIDIN NGO database, "Concrete steps to more transparency, complementarity and knowledge in the IC sector" GWA provided financial data (amount of money spend per Region) and enquired about the fact that the used DAC 5/CRS Coding appeared to be rather gender blind. SPO Chrisje van Schoot participated in the special session to launch the database followed by a discussion on its aims and uses and also brought this point to the fore. During this session networking took place especially in view of the just published policy note on Co-financing of DGIS for the period 2011-2015. The relationship with CIDIN was further strengthened by accommodating their request to have two second year students of Development Studies, exploring GWA's activities in relation with their research on the poverty vision of Netherlands IC organisations. Their report was received in October 2009.

### FAO

GWA was approached to assist in the evaluation of the Water Sectoral work. See 2.2.5. FAO also approached GWA to produce a pocket guide on gender for water managers.

### GGCA

GWA is also a member of the Global Gender and Climate Alliance, initiated by UNDP.

### GWP

The contact with GWP continues to be at regional and country levels. For example presently a ToT is organised together with GWP in Cote d'Ivoire. In the 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum a meeting was held with the new Executive Secretary, Mrs Ania Grobicki. GWA was asked to suggest ways in which we can collaborate. GWP also has a keen interest to work with GWA in taking the gender mainstreaming strategy for AMCOW further, and ensure implementation at ground level.

### GEWAMED

The ED is still member of the SC of GEWAMED. The collaboration in the 5<sup>th</sup> WWF was our contribution to the programme of the Arab Water Forum's pavilion by Chrisje van Schoot giving a presentation about women and empowerment in Yemen, the poorest country in the Arab region. GEWAMED is coming to an end during the first half of 2010. For the final Conference Joke Muylwijk has been asked to take a seat in the Scientific Committee.

### IDRC

- Through IDRC Wadimena a grant of 15.000 CAD was obtained, to promote and advocate gender justice and equity in water management at the WWF 5 in Istanbul. The funds

were used for 3 GWA members from Peru, Benin and Kenya to participate in the WWF5 as well as for dissemination of GWA documents.

- Collaboration in the Arab region has been productive since 2004. Training and research in the region was implemented jointly. Mr. Hammou Laamrani, project coordinator of IDRC project WadiMena has expressed his wish to collaborate further, especially but not only in the field of capacity building.
- GWA's Chairperson has joined the IDRC team in New Delhi, which hopefully will extend and intensify the collaboration beyond the Arab region.
- ED Joke Muylwijk supports IEW Annabell Waititu and her team with their IDRC research project regarding gender aspects of sanitation with advise from a gender perspective.

### IRC

See 2.2.2 about Source Bulletin. The main collaboration lately has been with Dr. Christine Sybesma, the gender expert of IRC. Currently there is no IRC advisor in the GWA Steering Committee. Other collaboration is through the website.

### IW-Learn

See 2.5.3. To expand the Travelling Exhibit, a new proposal could be sent to IW-Learn for new regions, to begin with for Southeast Asia and Pacific as there are more GEF-members in Southeast Asia that can be targeted.

### MRC

Collaboration with the Mekong River Basin Committee is strengthening. GWA has a programme for 2009 to train various contacts, partners and staff of the MRC, and links have been made with the UN-Habitat WAsC programme for synergy in the region. Furthermore the proposal for AusAID will include activities in this region and with MRC.

### PAO

With the Public Aid Organisation in Kurdistan, Iraq, an MoU was written and agreed. The shared organisation of the Strategic Planning Workshop was pleasant and lots of work is still to be done.

### RAIN

Closer collaboration between GWA and RAIN is wanted by both organisations. Both were partners in the WASH Alliance for the DGIS MFS2, until the group of participating NGOs was severely diminished.

### SIWI

This year, because of the 5<sup>th</sup> WWF which took a lot of GWA's resources and time, GWA has not been active in the Stockholm World Water Week. Currently the main contacts with SIWI are because SIWI manages the UNDP fund for the Resource Guide. Other contact is in the Task Force Gender, Water and Sanitation.

### SuSanA

GWA joined SuSanA in 2007. The fact sheets on "Food Security and Productive Sanitation Systems", "Capacity Development", "Planning for Sustainable Sanitation" as well as on the thematic papers "Gender and Sanitation" and "Sustainable Sanitation for Cities" of the Sustainable Sanitation Alliance (SuSanA) have been checked and commented upon for inclusion of gender aspects and power relations.



### TISS

GWA works together with TISS and SACIWaters for Training of Trainers workshops in South Asia. One workshop was held in Nepal during this year.

### UNDP

The collaboration with UNDP is in the Resource Guide, in the Global Gender and Climate Alliance, and in the regions.

### UNEP

See 2.2.5. As accredited organization of UNEP 's Major Groups. and Stakeholders branch the 10th Global Civil Society Forum and the 11th special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum GWA was represented by member Ms. Saskia Ivens in Nairobi. Apart from regularly integrating gender into the debate to gender during the NGO major group meetings, useful contacts were made. Almost on a weekly basis documents are sent to the Secretariat, which have to be read and/or commented upon. This is done selectively. Especially with the Gender Expert of UNEP the contact is often and productive.

### UNESCO-IHE

GWA staff reviewed the DGIS policy note on Urban Sanitation drafted by Mr. Kurian from UNESCO-IHE and was further invited to assist with engendering the draft. During a visit from Mr. Kurian to GWA's office, a further discussion took place, resulting in integration of gender issues (previously absent!) in the note. The presentation of the document to DGIS is expected later this year.

In the Lake Victoria Water and Sanitation programme our partners are UNESCO-IHE, FCM and SNV. A joined proposal was written, and the field work started in Tanzania in September.

### UN-Habitat

For the *Lake Victoria* programme see under Capacity Building.

GWA work for *Water for African Cities* is continuing where the cities had not yet organised Validation Workshops. In this first half year of 2009, one workshop was organised in Jos Nigeria, where Mary Wuya was the GWA trainer and facilitator. The other one was in Beira, Mozambique, where Gemma Akilimali did the training. Both workshops focused on micro credit for sanitation infrastructure.

For *Water for Asian Cities* the first series of ToTs and workshops have been completed in Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam and Nepal.

In April One first consultative stakeholder workshop of MEK-WATSAN took place in Hanoi. A contract has been signed for collaboration in Latin America.

### WASTE

Cooperation between WASTE and GWA has resulted in a training module on Gender and Waste with a background document. This was tested in Istanbul and in Peru and the improved version will be printed by Waste.

WASTE is also one of the NGOs in the WASH Alliance for DGIS MFS2.

### WaterAid

The Gender specialist of WaterAid in the London office was visited and possibilities of GWA contributing to gender mainstreaming were discussed. WaterAid has more than 100 people in the head office, and just one part time gender specialist. Feasible options for GWA contributions were discussed, but no agreement was reached so far.



### WaterGAP

The Proposed Water Global Awareness Programme was given comments from a gender perspective.

### Water Integrity Network WIN

The collaboration between GWA and WIN is productive. See 2.2.6. A next meeting took place in which both parties stressed their interests to start a joint programme in 2 countries in Central America.

### Women and Gender Coalition

For the Fifth World Water Forum, GWA has again joined the Women and Gender Coalition with the aim to prepare jointly with other women and gender organisations for the Forum, to ensure that by joining forces greater attention will be paid at gender issues. This W&GC is the continuation of the Women's Coalition as it was established for the 4<sup>th</sup> WWF in Mexico. The collaboration in 5WWF was also fruitful, but not as intensive as in 4WWF, because the member organisations this time each had their own stand as well.

### WECF

The brochure of WECF called "*Making Sustainable Sanitation work for Women and Men*" has been contributed to by GWA to strengthen the awareness for gender relations instead of just describing the importance of sanitation for women. The GWA ED has been added as one of the authors. Because of this publication, and the one of SuSanA a separate gender and sanitation publication by GWA is superfluous.

The ED and PO Francophone attended the conference for the 15 years Anniversary.

### Women for Water Partnership

Cooperation between GWA and WfWP is improving because the differences between the two organisations are discussed and recognised. Where there will be synergy, we work together, but otherwise the organisations are different in their approach (women's organisations versus a gender approach), in region (Eastern Europe + an increasing number of countries versus ten regions worldwide), activities (supporting women's organisations in finding funding and implementing projects successfully versus capacity building at a slightly higher to much higher level), etc.

### WSSCC

GWA is not represented in the new SC of the Collaborative Council, which is now rather homogeneous with mainly male European members.

The WSSCC Secretariat has suggested to renew and update the "For Her It's the Big Issue" brochure. For GWA it depends on finding more funding.

### WUR

Collaboration with the Wageningen University takes place on request from either side and with a couple of departments.

## 5. Publicity in the Media

- In the Brazilian newspaper Estado de Minas one article was printed about GWA – Ziraldo booklets.

About GWA the following press coverage has been reported related to 5WWF:

- <http://www.maximsnews.com/news20090317amyhartwaterwomen10903170101.htm> (a good write up by award winning film maker and journalist Amy Hart entitled "WOMEN SPEAK OUT: 5TH WORLD WATER FORUM IN ISTANBUL", with interview excerpts with GWA members Shamsun Nahar and Christine Verheijden, and some nice photos of GWA members at the GWA stall in Istanbul)
- On Utube a small part of the training session by GWA ED for journalists was published by Pullitzer.
- <http://ipsnews.net/news.asp?idnews=46223> (Joke Muylwijk's interview with Hilmi Toros of IPS news service. Good coverage!)
- <http://www.euronews.net/2009/03/22/forum-fails-to-declare-clean-water-a-human-right/> (Sara Ahmed's statement during the WWF5 closing ceremony)
- <http://www.iisd.ca/ywb/water/worldwater5/19mar.html> (lots of pictures of Sara Ahmed as panelist in session 1.1)
- [http://blogs.nationalgeographic.com/blogs/admin/mt-search.cgi?tag=Turkey&blog\\_id=59](http://blogs.nationalgeographic.com/blogs/admin/mt-search.cgi?tag=Turkey&blog_id=59) (interview quotes of Joke Muylwijk, and Utube videos of Fadia Daibes and Meena Bilgi)
- [http://www.questjournalists.com/index.php/site/making\\_water\\_womens\\_work/](http://www.questjournalists.com/index.php/site/making_water_womens_work/) (you have to scroll down a bit in the page; interview with Cecile Ndjebet, and mention of joint GWA- Unicef report)
- <http://www.treehugger.com/files/2009/03/linking-water-conflict-migration.php> (statements made by Kuntala Lahiri Dutt and Wasim Wagha, as part of their session 1.2 involvement)
- <http://www.womenforwater.org/openbaar/pagina.php?paginaID=364> (see picture Mariela Garcia)
- <http://www.womenforwater.org/openbaar/pagina.php?paginaID=366> (Women Major Group call report, including Sara Ahmed's statement to Ministers)
- <http://skipschiel.wordpress.com/2009/04/03/fadia-daibes-murad-in-memorium/>
- Finally, a journalist and friend's memoriam to GWA member - Fadia Daibes, who passed away very tragically in a car accident after returning to Palestinian Territories, shortly after attending the Water Forum in Istanbul

Other media publicity:

- Kurdistan TV in Erbil, Iraq made a short documentary of the Strategic Planning Workshop of GWA, which was broadcasted during prime time on local TV.
- In two national newspapers from Kurdistan/Iraq articles were written with photographs explaining about the strategic Planning workshop and the GWA organisation.
- On two Iraqi websites ([www.shaqlawapost.com](http://www.shaqlawapost.com) and [www.ku.aswataliraq.info](http://www.ku.aswataliraq.info)) short articles report on the Strategic Planning Workshop and GWA.
- Newspaper article on First ladies Workshop in Lochem in De Stentor.
- Interview for the Yemen National TV, local news broadcast on the mission of SPO C. van Schoot to the six water utilities; 22 nov 09. 19.00
- As part of the preparations for the Conference of Parties on Climate Change held in Copenhagen last December, GWA staff (Joke Muylwijk and Charles Dieme) were approached in November 2009 by journalists of the "West Africa Democracy Radio" based in Dakar, Senegal for interviews in Gender and Climate Change. The interviews were broadcasted in a few radio programmes.

- Al Jazeera English broadcasted two films about women and water, for which Joke Muylwijk, Marcia Brester and Sara Ahmed were interviewed by phone. Marcia was able to come to their studio.
- De Stentor (newspaper for the East of the Netherlands) published two articles about the Training workshop for the Nigerian First Ladies.
- The Workshop for the First Ladies from Nigeria received lots of media coverage in Nigeria, and in The Voice, magazine of Africa in Europe.

## 6. The GWA Secretariat

### Staff and division of work

Per 1 July the Secretariat consists of the following functions:

	Function		responsibility	Percentage of time
1	Executive Director	JM	Management, personnel (recruitment), Anglophone West Africa, Eastern Africa, South Asia, , fund raising, reporting, UN-Habitat, partnerships, supervising staff	100
2	Financial and Administrative Officer	AA	Finances, Human Resources, Office structure, teaching new staff, Management Team	100
3	Deputy Financial Officer	AAA	Finances, book keeping	56
5	Senior Programme Officer	EdJ	Management Team, Southeast Asia and the Pacific, Southern Africa, Source Bulletin, Traveling Exhibit	100
6	Senior Programme Officer	CvS	Arab Region, Capacity Building	78
7	Senior Programme Officer	CV	Latin America, Lusophonia, Integrity, Elections, Monitoring op Maat, Recruitment	100
8	Programme Officer	CD	Francophone Africa	89
9	Programme Officer	EvH	UN-Habitat partnership: WafC, LakeVictoria, WAsC.	83
10	Junior Programme Officer	BA	Arab region and archives	78
11	Junior Programme Officer	MN	Russian language region and members' database, post	67
12	Office cleaner	ZHB	Working environment	33
	<b>Total</b>		8,84 fte	884%

Formalised support from the regions consists of:

	Function			Initials
1	Regional Focal Point Ninon Machado	Lusophonia		NM
2	Regional Focal Point Annabelle Waititu and her team of IEW	Eastern Africa		AW
3	GWA Facilitator and Trainer M.Reinders	Francophone	Framework contract	MR
4	GWA editor and translator	in India, but not limited to South Asia	Framework contract	DCV
5	GWA Advisor and facilitator	South Asia	Framework contract	AnAM

This division still leaves the ED with responsibility for four regions, which is still too many.

In January a staff training workshop was conducted out of station. As a result of the workshop for GWA staff a Management team was formed to support the Executive Director. The meetings take place every two weeks, if possible, and have been helpful for the ED. The team consists of Joke Muylwijk, Esther de Jong and Alejandra Acosta.

Presentations were held for the staff regarding:

- Livelihood approach (by Esther Clara) and
- on the GWA administrative structure (by Alejandra).
- Anita van der Laan (SNV Nicaragua) presented about Result-based M&E,
- Gender Scan Methodology for Utilities by Linda Machata.

From 5 November 2009 until 18 January 2009 an intern, Linda Machata, assisted the secretariat. She contributed to a gender scan methodology for water utilities, for ECO-Asia.

#### Recruitment policy

The Management team has regular contact with Municipalities in the region, who have highly qualified people in their database of inhabitants looking for employment. These people are not fluent in speaking and writing Dutch. That is why they have a problem getting work in the mainstream organisations in the Netherlands. For GWA it is important that staff speaks English and one or two more languages fluently, whilst Dutch is not a priority. Still, in the office Dutch is the language we speak, and this gives the staff which is not fluent in Dutch an opportunity to learn. The municipalities give some subsidy for appointing this particular group. That money is kept aside and utilised for training of all staff members. Whatever course they want to follow, they are entitled to it, be it not in working hours. GWA pays for the course costs from the subsidy.

Towards the end of phase II and with more insecurity about follow-up funding, it is difficult to continue recruitment processes for highly qualified people, exactly fitting our vacancy descriptions.

#### Office

From October 2007 the office space has remained the same: 13 working stations.



## 7. Elections for Steering Committee

The 2009 elections were completed successfully with the following new members:

- For the Francophone African seat: Mr. Hycinth Banseka
- For the Middle East/Arabic region seat: Ms. Shaima Aly
- For the Dutch seat: Ms. Catharien Terwisscha van Scheltinga
- For the Open seat: Ms. Meena Bilgi

In total 252 members did cast their votes.

During the second SC meeting, the Chairperson Sara Ahmed took leave from the SC and Eva Rathgeber replaced her in that function.


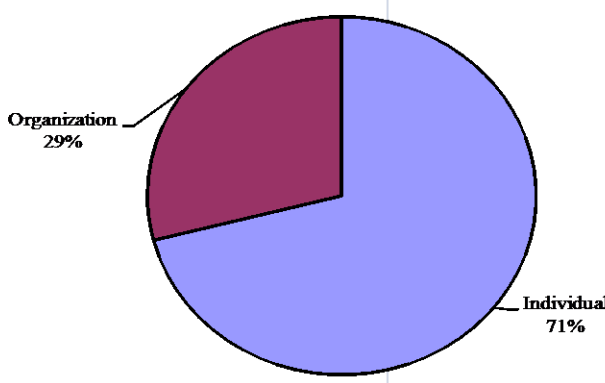
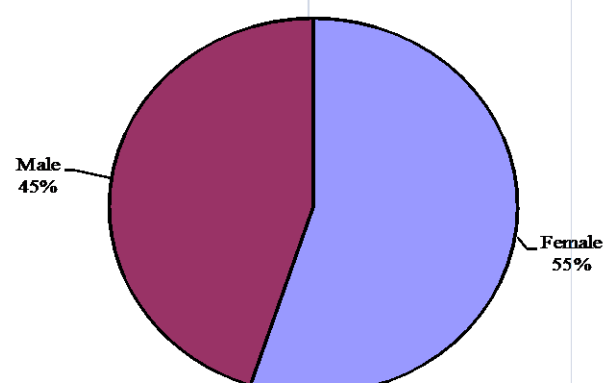
Catharien Terwisscha van Scheltinga took the post of Secretary and Hycinth Banseka of Treasurer.

## 8. Finance

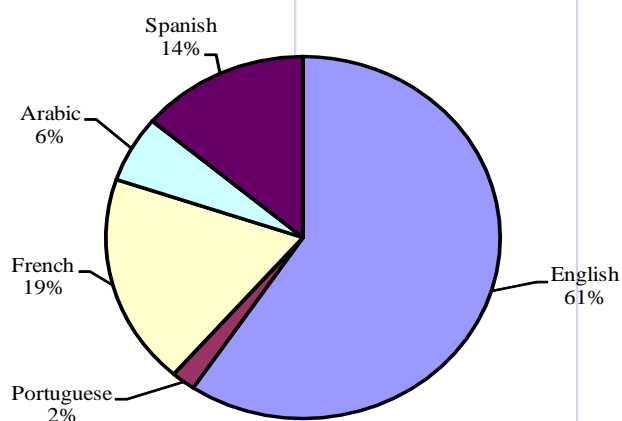
- The Annual plan 2009 and the budget for 2009 have been approved, as far as the budget is covered.
- The Secretariat makes sure that no more money is spent as has been secured.
- This time there was no workshop with the Financial Committee, but issues were discussed by telephone.
- The accountant wrote a letter addressed to the Steering Committee and an audited statement with the Financial Report of 2008.
- A separate audit was made for the UN-Habitat contracts.
- In 2009, as written above, a lot of time was spent to get solid evidence of the contributions in cash and in kind from partner organisations, SC members and other GWA members. This covered the years 2006-2008. For 2009 and 2010 this is not necessary to fulfil the 35% and 25% condition.
- For an overview of budget, expenditure and balance, See **ANNEX III**.

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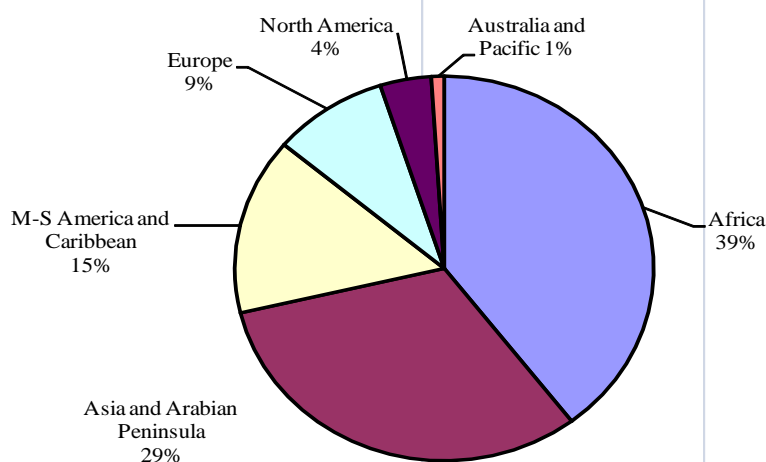
### ANNEX I Membership per 31 December 2009

 <b>Membership report</b>		
31.12.2009		<b>1843 Members</b> <b>119 Countries</b>
Membership type	Percentage	Quantity
Individual	71%	1306
Organization	29%	533
		
Sex	Percentage	Quantity
Female	55%	1020
Male	45%	824
		

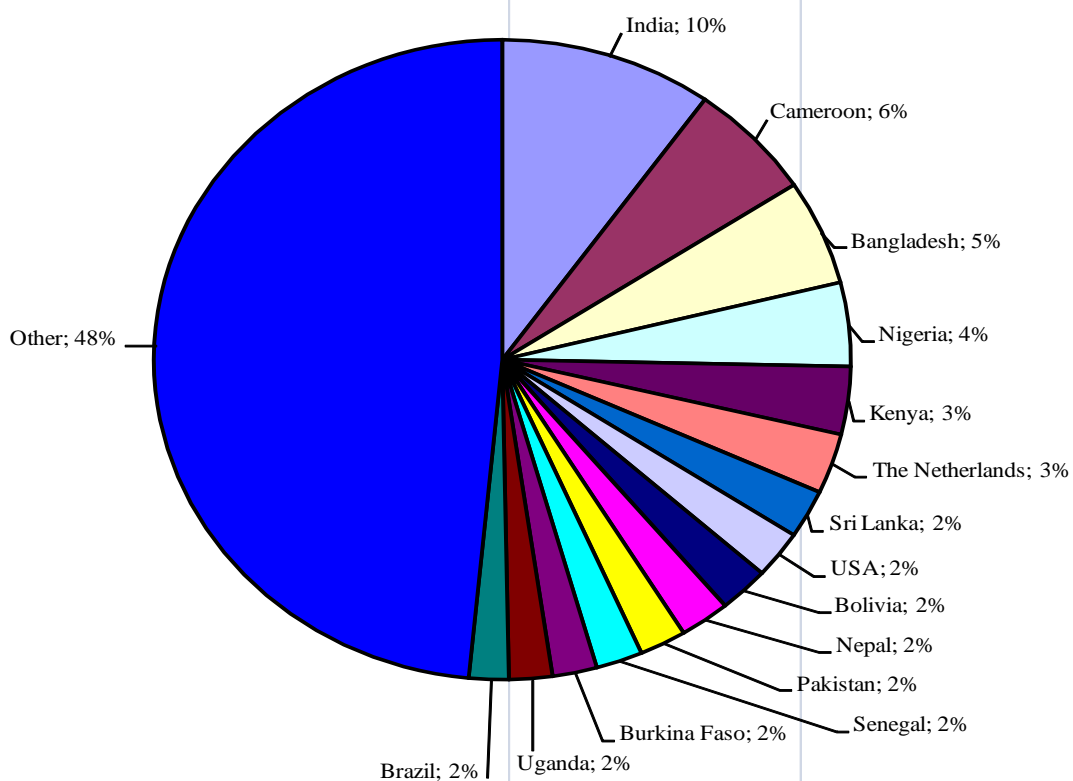
Language	Percentage	Quantity
English	60%	1097
Portuguese	2%	40
French	19%	343
Arabic	6%	110
Spanish	14%	253



Geographic region	Percentage	Quantity
Africa	40%	728
Asia and Arabian Peninsula	32%	585
M-S America and Caribbean	15%	284
Europe	9%	162
North America	4%	68
Australia and Pacific	1%	16

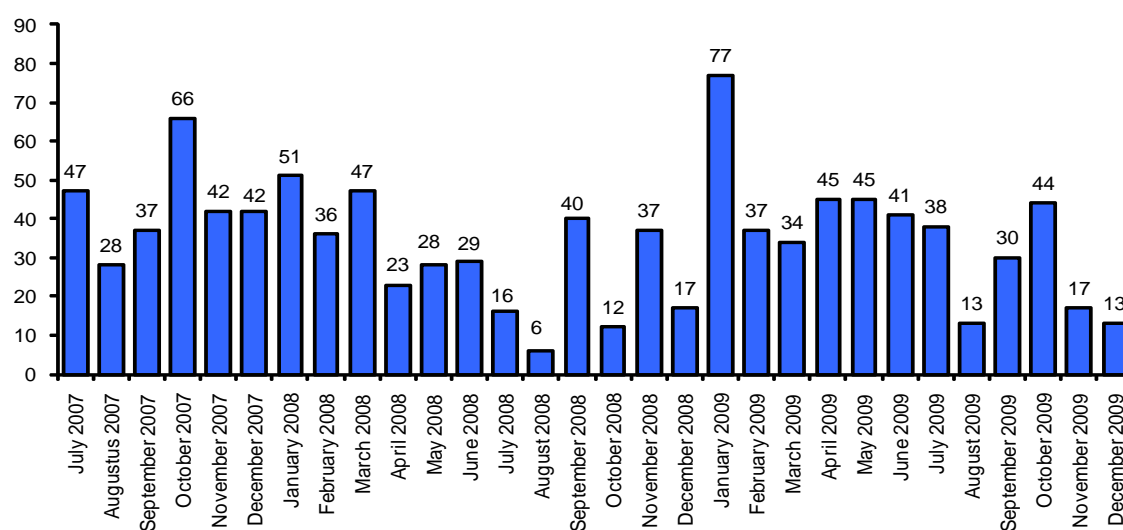


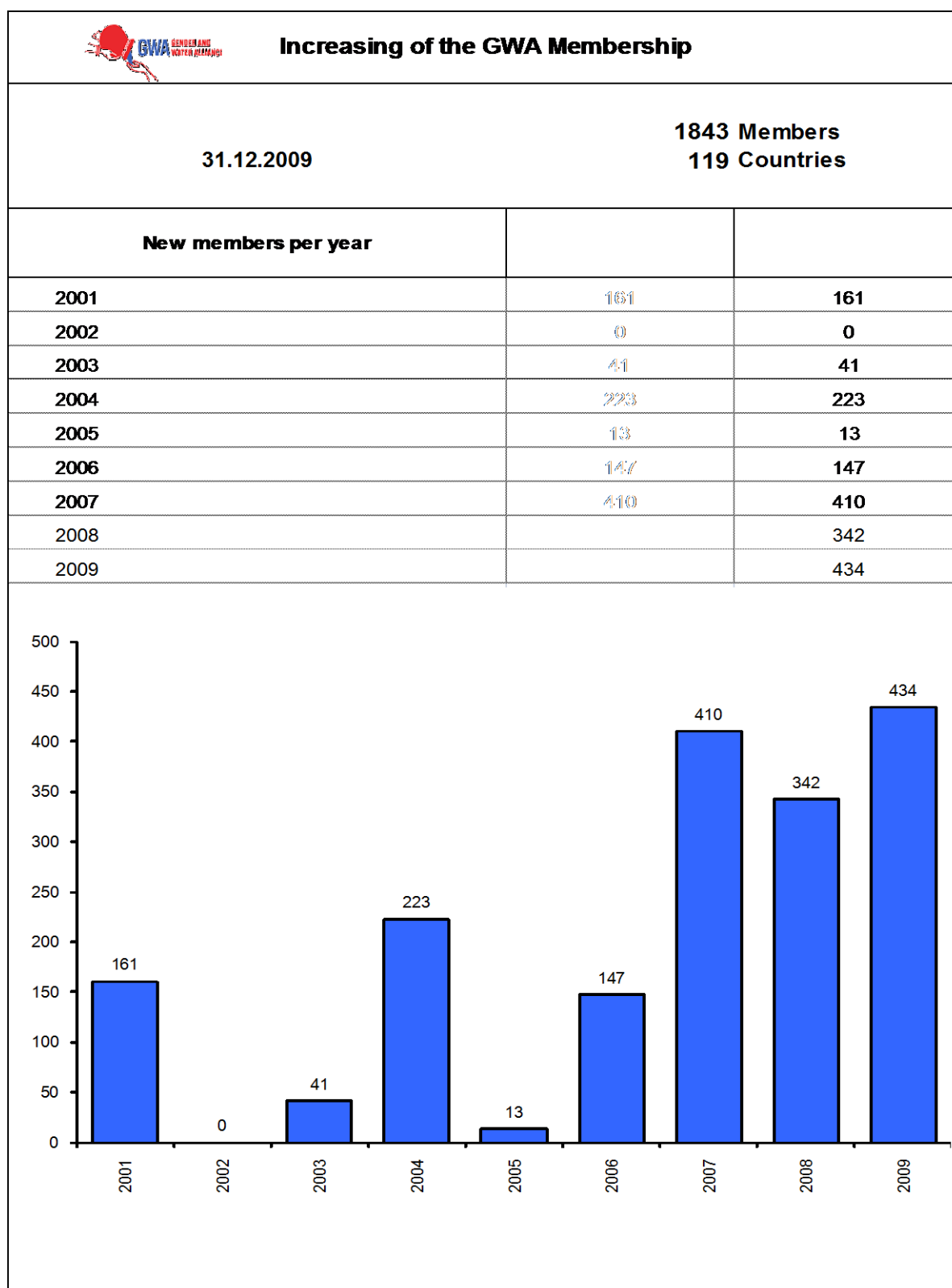
Country, Top 15 / 31.12.2009	Percentage	Quantity
India	10%	182
Cameroon	6%	109
Bangladesh	5%	98
Nigeria	4%	78
Kenya	3%	63
The Netherlands	3%	56
Sri Lanka	2%	45
USA	2%	44
Bolivia	2%	43
Nepal	2%	43
Pakistan	2%	40
Senegal	2%	40
Burkina Faso	2%	38
Uganda	2%	37
Brazil	2%	34
Other	48%	893



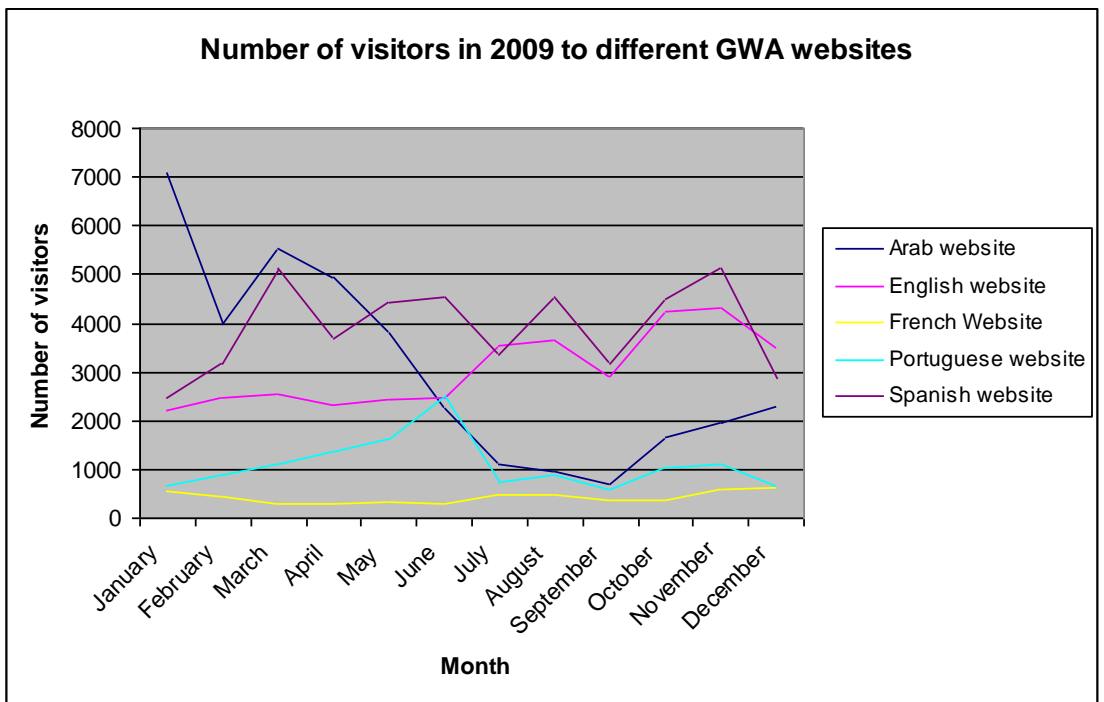
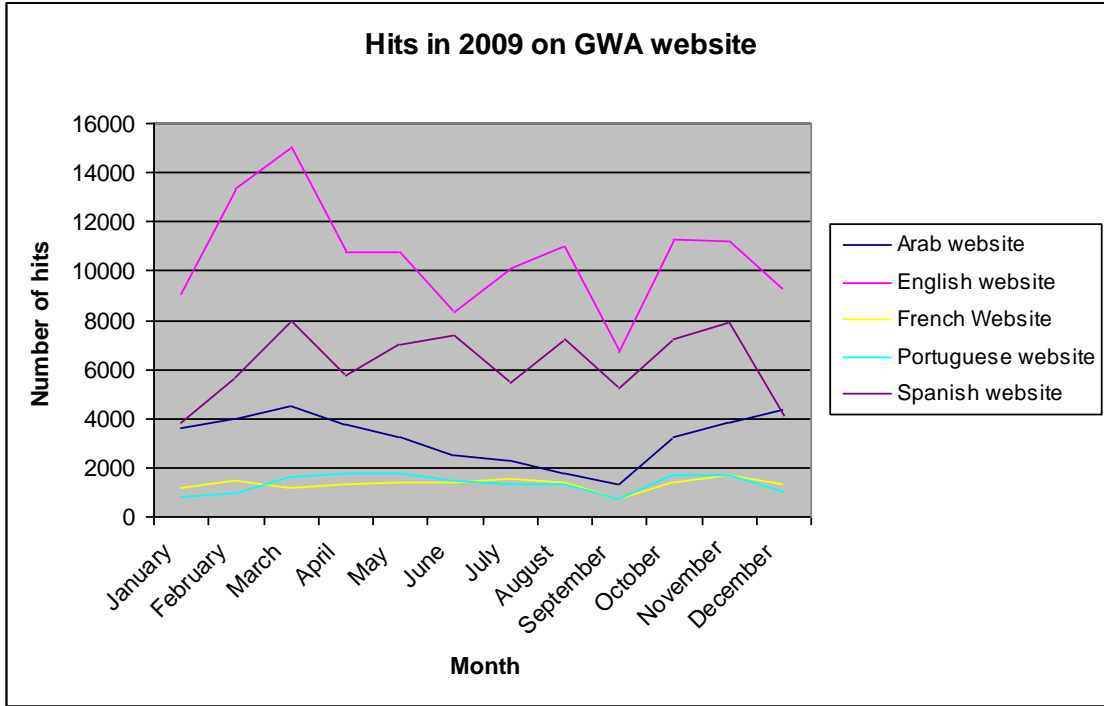
### Increasing of the GWA Membership

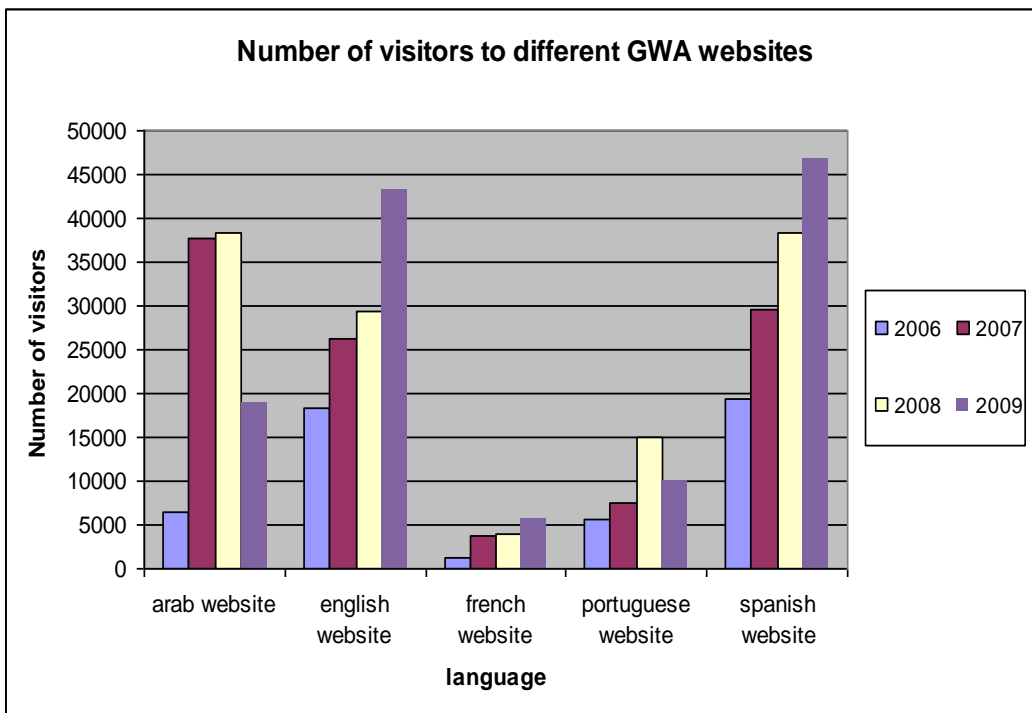
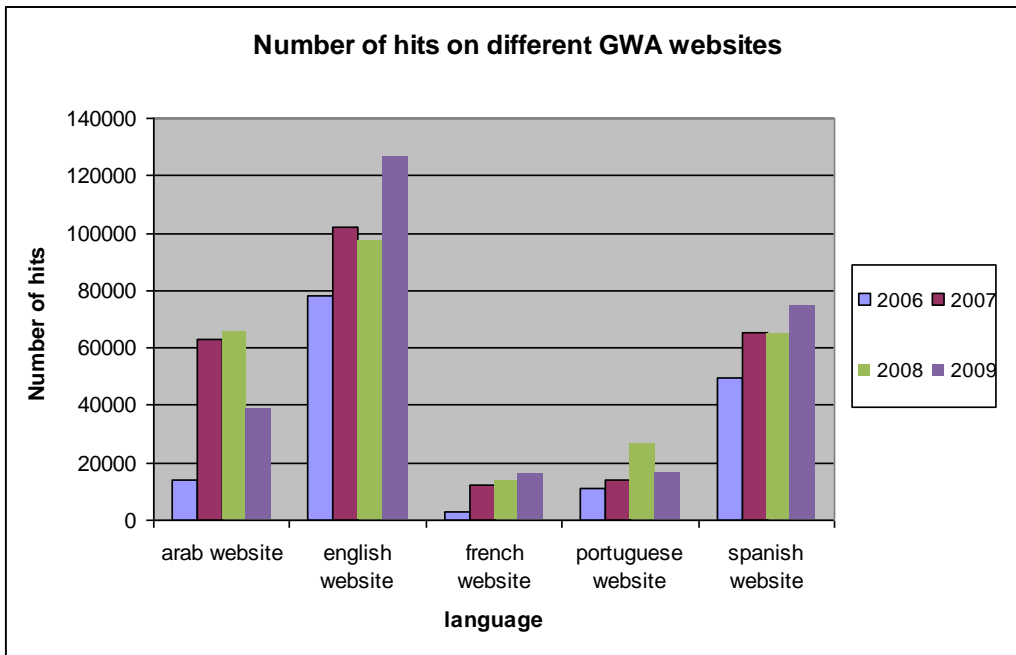
New members per month	Quantity
July 2007	47
Augustus 2007	28
September 2007	37
October 2007	66
November 2007	42
December 2007	42
January 2008	51
February 2008	36
March 2008	47
April 2008	23
May 2008	28
June 2008	29
July 2008	16
August 2008	6
September 2008	40
October 2008	12
November 2008	37
December 2008	17
January 2009	77
February 2009	37
March 2009	34
April 2009	45
May 2009	45
June 2009	41
July 2009	38
August 2009	13
September 2009	30
October 2009	44
November 2009	17
December 2009	13





**ANNEX II:  
OVERVIEW OF HITS AND VISITS TO GWA WEBSITE 2009**







### ANNEX III GWA Financial Overview per 31 December 2009 (in €)

Budget GWA 2006-2010 Per 31-12-2009 In €€	2006-2010 Total original budget (a)	2006-2008 Total Spent (b)	2009 Spent (c)	Total spent 2006-2009 e=(b+c)	2010 Budget (f)	Total g = (e+f)	Difference with original budget (g- a)/0,01*a
<b>Staffing</b>	908.200	582.976	171.000	753.976	248.700	1.002.676	+10%
<b>Office costs</b>	214.000	166.633	100.000	266.633	72.000	338.633	+58%
<b>Output 1:</b>	1.530.000	451.781	227.700	679.481	120.200	799.681	- 48%
Network of GWA members managed, strengthened and operating effectively, regional activities							
<b>Output 2</b>	653.800	301.528	151.100	452.628	50.400	503.028	-23%
Knowledge, information and tools on gender mainstreaming policies and practice collected, recorded and shared by GWA members and other key stakeholders							
<b>Output 3:</b>	620.000	319.902	296.764	616.666	232.140	848.806	+37%
Capacity to mainstream gender in IWRM amongst targeted groups significantly increased							
<b>Output 4:</b>	123.000	107.062	137.000	244.062	46.400	290.462	+136%
National policy-related initiatives							
<b>Output 5:</b>	410.000	151.977	104.000	255.977	30.300	286.277	-30%
International conferences and events							
Contingencies and unforeseen 5%	223.000		10.000	10.000		10.000	
Approved contributions in cash and natura		445.716		445.716		445.716	
Approved contributions in kind		536.787		536.787		536.787	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.682.000</b>	<b>3.064.362</b>	<b>1.197.564</b>	<b>4.261.926</b>	<b>800.140</b>	<b>5.062.066</b>	
<b>Available funds of DGIS</b>	3.250.000	2.075.000	582.000	2.657.000	593.000	3.250.000	
<b>Co financing required by condition (35% and later 25%)</b>		1.117.307	194.000	1.311.307	197.666	1.508.973	
<b>Co financing secured excl. contributions in kind</b>		845,726	216.902	1.062.628	252.000 <sup>1</sup>	1.314.628	
<b>Contributions in kind (approved)</b>		536.787	Not counted	536.787	Not counted	536.787	
<b>Co-financing secured incl. in kind</b>		1.382.513		1.599.415		1.851.415 <sup>2</sup>	
<b>All cofinancing requirements are fulfilled for the whole Phase II</b>							

<sup>1</sup> This is only the amount for which contracts have been signed. More is expected.

<sup>2</sup> 1.599.415 + 252.000 = 1.851.415.