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DGIS

DFID

AECID

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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.
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
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
IFESNET	Africa Initiative for Environment sustainable Network
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
LWATSAN	Lake Victoria Regional Water and Sanitation Initiative
MDG	Millenium Development Goals
MoU	Memory of Understanding
MUDE	Mujeres en Desarrollo Dominicana, Inc.
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
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

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
WIN	Water Integrity Network
WSSCC	Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council
WWF5	Fifth World Water Forum in Istanbul March 2009
WWW	World Water Week in Stockholm

1. Introduction

At the end of Year III of Phase II of the Gender and Water Alliance it is important to recognise that of the original Strategic Plan most activities now should have been implemented. Exact percentages of progress of a number of quantifiable indicators are followed in the DGIS format for monitoring: Monitoring op Maat. Apart from this, GWA does a lot of work with concrete outputs, visible outcomes, but of which neither GWA, nor any other individual organisation can claim the total result or impact at the ground. Nevertheless the commitment of our members and of trainees of the capacity building events and the signals that reach us, make us believe that poor women, men and children in many places worldwide improve their livelihoods and are better able to empower themselves.

GWA's work is demand driven, which means that the original Strategic Plan is followed as much as possible, but that it is adapted to the demands from the field. From 2006 onwards in eight regions Regional Strategic Planning Workshops (RSPW) were organised, and Regional Strategic Plans (RSP) were developed based on their outcomes. The participants of the RSPWs and the GWA members of the regions were invited to send in proposals to implement the activities as listed in the RSP. Guidelines were disseminated for the proposals, and many were sent in, among them some very good ones. Senders of other proposals have been given comments and suggestions for improvement. The requirements for quality are high, and many proposals do not comply yet.

DGIS has approved our Monitoring op Maat result for 2007, based on which a next tranche has been received from DGIS. The budget for year 3 of phase II is again for 65% covered by DGIS, and an additional 35% from co-financing was expected to be ascertained by financing of DFID as verbally committed, and from two contracts with UN-Habitat which was expected to be signed earlier than the end of 2008. The situation at present is that over the three years the 35% additional financing from outside DGIS is achieved, and when the in-kind contributions of the Steering Committee and the members is included, as it was agreed with the Controller, the amount of 49% has been reached for the three years. The financial report for 2007 has been approved by DGIS on 24 June.

Activities with new partners are ongoing and in preparation, to name a few: Gender, Sanitation and Waste training modules together with the organisation WASTE, the Gender Equity Gauge in South Asia with SaciWaters, and the Gender and Water Summer Institute, an academic course with AIT (the Asian Institute of Technology). The work in collaboration with RAIN for research and capacity building is in progress.

International events demand our time and attention: preparation and the actual Stockholm World Water Week in which we convene a seminar together with Safer World UK took its time, and was received well. Also preparations for the 5th World Water Forum of 2009 in Turkey need lots of attention and humanpower. One external Forum Assistant has been appointed for this work.

The staff of the Secretariat has been steadily increasing, enabling the assignment of regions to specific Programme Officers. Five regions still are the responsibility of the ED, which clearly slows down the work. The Financial Officer has been on parenthood-leave most of the second half of the year. An interim bookkeeper replaces her, whilst her task of membership database management is taken over by two colleagues. For the UN-Habitat work we have appointed a new Programme Officer with experience in Africa and Asia.

The Financial Committee of the Steering Committee has held a meeting in Dieren, resulting in approval of the system of financial administration as developed from scratch over three years, and listing a number of recommendations.

2. Activities according to outputs

2.2 Output 1: Network of GWA

1.1 Membership management

The new Junior Programme Officer, appointed for Central Asian Republics and Eastern Europe (the Russian language zone) takes over the management of the membership database, supported by the Junior Programme Officer of the Arab region. This work includes the updating of the address list for the mailing of Source Bulletin. Because of a steady increase in the number of members, this continues to be substantial work.

On the 31st of December of 2008 the number of members is over 1400, of which 44% are men and 56% are women. A membership report is included as **ANNEX II**.

1.2 GWA leaflet

The leaflet or Brochure, as we call it now, has been written in two forms, one of 4 pages and one of 6. The version of 4 pages A4 (total is printed two-sidedly on A3) has been printed in a large quantity, and is handed out at all events. The leaflet has been translated in Spanish, French, Arabic and Portuguese. The file of the designed leaflet is sent to all members, so that they can print it for a local event. In the framework of the Resource Guide in Hindi, Urdu and Bangla also the GWA brochure will be translated.

1.3 General Assembly Meeting

The General Assembly is planned to be held during the 5th WWF. In the meantime this year there have been national members meetings in Ecuador, Nigeria, Philippines, Kenya, Nepal, Tanzania, Sudan, Thailand, Uganda and Chile, whilst an informal GWA member meeting took place in Stockholm during the WWW.

1.4 and 1.5 Regionalisation

In total so far three Regional Focal Points were appointed, for: South Asia, Francophone Africa and for Anglophone Africa. For all three the contract came to an end in 2008, and there was no reason for extension. From October onwards RFP contracts have been given to Mrs Ninon Machado for Lusophonia and to Annabell Waititu for Eastern Africa. In 2009 one or two other regions will be given the opportunity of a RFP. Somehow the expectations that the work of the Secretariat would be lightened by the contributions of the RFPs were not fulfilled.

Different conditions are valid for GWA Country Facilitators, who were appointed in Ecuador, Nigeria, India, Bangladesh and in three of the East African countries. They receive a written agreement which gives them a certain position, complimented by a small compensation of costs and the possibility to declare more expenses.

Activities in the regions are mentioned here briefly, whilst they will be described in more detail under the different outputs.

Latin America and the Caribbean

- The pilot project in *Bolivia* to support the Vice-Ministry of Basic Services has been completed with a last Gender Training for the Ministry's staff. See under Engendering National Policies 4.4.
- The final outputs (products) of the pilot project with the Government of *Chile* (DGA) and CEDEM are completed and approved. See Pilot Projects 2.9.
- The first two phases of the pilot project to incorporate gender in *Mexican* Water Policies have been completed. A proposal for continuation has been received. See also 4.4.

- The bi-national collaboration processes and the set-up of a Women's Platform for *Peru and Ecuador* has been documented as a pilot project which is ongoing and on track.
- In *Ecuador* a GWA country facilitator was appointed, and she organised a GWA meeting for members and especially for members-to-be. The report is received.
- In the intensive workshop of SC members and Capacity Building experts in February in Chile the GWA ToT Manual (global) was screened and many suggestions for improvement were collected. See output 3.1.
- When the report of the Chile workshop was received GWA trainers from Latin America screened the manual again but this time from a LAC perspective. The report was received and will be taken into account for the revised ToT Manual. See also 3.1.
- A proposal for a ToT course in Cuba has been received. The e-mail communication with Cuba is very difficult which delays the process. Even so the preparations are ongoing.

Arab region

- The Arab language website is unique and visited often, clearly responding to a demand in the region and receiving lots of positive feedback.
- GWA (SPO Chrisje van Schoot) participated in proposal writing workshop for SAGA (Social analysis and Gender Analysis in environment and natural resources management projects) in MENA, organised by ICARDA/Aleppo and IDRC/Cairo in October in Cairo. GWA got high acclaim as being one of the very few organisations having documentation and capacity building efforts on gender and water issues available in the Arabic language.
- A French language ToT Gender and IWRM for the Arab region is implemented in October in Morocco, with and in the Institut Agronomique et Vétérinaire Hassan II.
- An Arab language ToT in Gender and Water was implemented in Jordan and hosted by the Queen Zein Al Shraf Institute for Development (ZENID) in Amman.
- Three proposals were received, two of which were returned for revision, as costs were prohibitive. The third proposal has been assessed and approved and will be implemented in 2009.
- A Seminar on Gender Mainstreaming in Water Policy in the Kurdish language was held together with Public Aid Organisation on 20 July 2008 in Erbil, Iraq. Future collaboration in Iraq was discussed, because water supply is seriously disrupted, and the time of reconstruction is the best to be involved, and to enable stakeholders to take social and gender relations into account.
- Five promising GWA members who attended the 2007 TOT course in Tunis, received additional on-the-job training as assistant trainers during the Regional training courses in Morocco and Jordan.
- A GWA member Rajaa Alzeen presented the case Water for women refugees in Darfur in Stockholm World Water Week.
- The ED of GWA is member of the Steering Committee of GEWAMED.

South Asia:

- The GWA Chairperson, the South-Asia Focal point and the GWA Facilitator represented Gender and Water Alliance at Public Service International, Faridabad, India. A presentation about GWA was made and the audience were informed of our activities.
- A National GWA meeting was held in January 2008 in Dhaka Bangladesh, where SC member Catharien Terwisscha van Scheltinga participated.
- One GWA member from Nepal: Ramesh Sharma, participated in the WEDC Conference in Ghana for GWA, where he presented his community sanitation project.
- Various proposals have been received and assessed by the GWA facilitator (Shilpa Bentinck). Towards the end of 2008 the GWA facilitator fell ill, and some of the proposals are pending.
- The proposal for the Gender Equity Gauge in four South Asian countries has been completed. It has been handed to two donors, and response is awaited. See 4.6.
- A regional TOT Gender Mainstreaming in IWRM in the Bengali language was organised in November in Kolkata, India together with the NGO Pradhan, both for Bangladesh and for West

Bengal. A GWA Bangla Group (by google) was formed as a result. A regular newsletter is compiled by Ms Afsana Yasmeen.

- The Travelling Exhibit has been produced in India by CEE, Gujarat. Members in other countries also provided photographs. See 5.4 and 5.5.

West and Central Francophone Africa

- A National Training on Gender and IWRM in Cameroon was held together with GWP. Margriet Reinders was our Lead Trainer, supported by an excellent trainer from Cameroon Cécile Ndjebet.
- A National Training of Trainers with Kigali Institute of Science and Technology KIST, SNV and the Nile Basin Initiative was organised in Kigali, Rwanda. Gender was mainstreamed in this IWRM training.
- An International training, also with KIST, Sustainable Sanitation and IWRM was held in Kigali, in December, in which a number of GWA members from Eastern Africa participated: George Sanga and Nyanzobe Malimi.
- The Francophone website is updated by the Secretariat.
- From Francophone Africa the following members participated in the *AfricaSan* in Durban, South Africa: Mr Zingui Xavier from Cameroon, Stanislas Bineli, GWA's RFP also from Cameroon, and Charles Dieme the PO in the Secretariat for the Francophone Region. He met with a large number of people and many expressed their interest in GWA training.
- In six countries plans have been developed for inventories and documentation of gender-and-water issues, data, organisations, activities, websites, resources, etc. At the end of 2008 three have nearly been completed.
- Training IWRM and Gender mainstreaming in Grand Popo, Benin, 8-12 September 2008. This training was an initiative of the National Water programme of Benin (PNE) in collaboration with the General Direction of Water, GWP, CapNet and GWA. The training was hosted by Eco-Ecolo, a NGO in the environment sector.
- An MoU with 2iE, an organisation for Capacity Building in Ouagadougou was drafted, but before we can sign it some more information is wanted, to ensure that the same costs are not paid for more than once.
- For the Regional Gender Ambassador Training in Senegal in January 2009, all the preparatory work was done in 2008. The hosting organisation is Wetlands International Africa.

Southern Africa

- *AfricaSan* was held in Durban in February. In total GWA was represented by 5 persons, one from Southern Africa: Mrs Keletso Mokobi from the Women's Affairs Department in *Botswana*.
- In Southern Africa activities are developing around the Travelling Exhibit (with IW-Learn), but all rather at slow pace and with a low profile.
- A proposal for organising a Regional Strategic Planning Workshop for Southern Africa has been received. GWA is in the process of coming to an agreement on this proposal. If all works out as prospected a Strategic Planning Workshop will take place in Zambia in 2009.

Central Asia

- The Resource Guide for Mainstreaming Gender in Water Management was translated into Russian, and case studies from the CAR region were included as well as resources originally written in Russian.
- The contact with Uzbekistan is improving. Two proposals for research about gender relations and the drying of the Aral Sea, have been received and are reviewed. This is a typical Climate Change subject.
- During the two-day visit of Dr. Galina Stulina from the Uzbekistan Scientific Information Centre of Interstate Coordination Water Commission to the Secretariat, further cooperation between the GWA and the Centre were discussed. She had been funded by ADB, and as such they

have published various Newsletters about Gender and Water in CAR. This funding comes to an end, and it would be an opportunity to see how we can continue this activity together. A Training Workshop is discussed to be held in 2009.

Anglophone West Africa:

- The Regional Strategic Plan has been sent to the members and various interesting contributions were received, but the proposals that were sent afterwards are not yet in a state to be approved.
- Last year the ED visited Katsina State, in the North of Nigeria and in February she again met with officials of Kano and Kaduna States: Governors, Wives of Governors, Emir and others, as well as The First Lady of Nigeria in a formal session in the President's House. In Nigeria the First Ladies of the states play an important role in development of their state. GWA is requested to organise a study-tour/training workshop on Gender, Water and Good Governance, for a number of the First Ladies, to be held in the Netherlands, agreed upon for June. This had to be postponed because of the Turbaning ceremony of the new Emir of Katsina. The Dutch Ambassador in Abuja was visited and he promised his collaboration. Wives of Governors of Plateau State, Akwa Ibom and Lagos State were visited by the RFP. The situation at present is that no new date has been settled for yet.
- One Training of Trainers Workshop Gender and Water Management was held with success in the South of Nigeria in Delta State in September. Trainees were from NGOs and government organisations. Three local trainers were involved.
- One other ToT was discussed with the National Water Research Institute in Kaduna. It is still pending.
- 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. Although the people are keen to have it, the problem is to organise it, and that is not the work of GWA Secretariat.
- New contacts with the Gambia have been established.
- The RFP participated in the meeting for mobilization of the Nigerian water users/stakeholders towards their effective participation in the NBA (Niger Basin Authority) Shared Vision Process.
- Mary Wuya from Ocean Foundation represented GWA in AfricaSan.

Eastern Africa

- GWA Kenya had a members' meeting with the ED May. The Regional Strategic Workshop was discussed and planned. The new Water Policy includes one full page on gender, after the work of GWA Kenya to influence this.
- GWA Kenya undertook another meeting in which they developed their own strategic plan.
- For the revision of the Proposal for Lake Victoria for UN-Habitat the ED went to Kenya to have a partner meeting. UN-Habitat Water Branch approved the proposal soon after, and then the process of completing the requirements for a Cooperative Agreement began. Before the end of 2008 it was signed.
- One GWA member Carol Mungara from Kenya represented GWA in the WEDC conference in Ghana.
- Practical Action Kenya was visited to discuss their work for WASTE.
- Annabell Waititu and Carol presented GWA in the *Africa Women and Water Conference*.
- The Regional Strategic Planning workshop took place in October. There were many participants, and the number of plans was large. For each of the countries: Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Sudan, a country convenor was appointed who then again had to organise a country GWA meeting. In that meeting a Country Facilitator would be appointed.
- In Uganda the Country Facilitator is Rehema Bavuma. In Kenya it is Sarah Ogalleh, and in Tanzania Gemma Akilimali. The other meetings will take place in 2009. Annabell Waititu with her group of IEW was appointed as Regional Focal Point per 1 October 2008.

Southeast Asia and the Pacific

- The Strategic Plan for Southeast Asia and the Pacific region has been finalised and was sent to all GWA members.
- On the basis of this plan a proposal for printing of posters in a hand-washing campaign in the Philippines has been received and approved.
- Two proposals from the Philippines and one from the Mekong River Commission have been received and assessed. They need adjustment.
- Together with the Asian Institute of Technology, GWA has developed a programme for a two-week Summer Institute on Gender and Water to be conducted in June 2009 in Bangkok, Thailand. ADB and AusAid have been approached for funding.
- The Senior Programme Officer responsible for the region (Esther de Jong) has given a presentation at the International Symposium on Women, Water and Waste, in July in the Philippines.
- Following the symposium a meeting of Philippine GWA members was organised, where it was decided to develop a Strategic Plan for Gender Mainstreaming in Water for the Philippines on the basis of the Regional Strategic Plan.

Lusophone countries

- A Lusophone strategic plan has been produced, together with GWP and Cap-Net. Nevertheless the activities in the countries apart from Brazil have not sufficiently taken off.
- In Brazil this Year has been announced the National Year of Gender and Water, and many activities are organised.
- The Result-oriented Management System SIGEOR was included in the National Water Plan with a strong commitment for gender mainstreaming.
- A ToT is planned for the beginning of 2009 in Northeast Brazil.
- The research of Daniela Nogueira in Northeast Brazil has been rounded off, and apart from a brief article in Source Bulletin her larger paper is now translated in English.
- The artist Ziraldo is drawing 4 cartoon booklets on Gender and Water.
- Ipanema still maintains and updates the Portuguese website, and translates various letters for the members. The quality of the website improves and the visitors increase in numbers.
- The SC member Demetrios Christofidis gave four presentations on gender and water in the framework of a network of education in water and sanitation for the Ministry of Cities in Brazil.
- The engineering staff of ProAgua Nacional in Brazil was trained in gender and a gender perspective in water management. The Terms of Reference for local participation activities were prepared with this technical group of more than 40 engineers, also by Demetrios Christofidis. Costs for all GWA inputs and participants were paid by Fundação Joaquim Nabuco.
- GWA was represented by various members in the II Symposium of Researchers on Women and Gender: Environmental and Water Management, in Recife Brazil in November.
- GWA was also represented by Demetrios Christofidis and Ninon Machado at the Water Forum of the Americas, regional process in preparation of the 5th World Water Forum. Paraná Brazil. After two days of interactive debates several recommendations were produced. The one on gender is: "*Decentralized, participative and integrated management of water resources with local stakeholders and indigenous and traditional communities, taking into account a gender perspective...*".

1.6 – 1.8 GWA Websites and list-serves

The *English language website* is managed by the GWA secretariat. The *Spanish website* was managed by CAZALAC in Chile, but is now again updated from the Secretariat. The *Portuguese* one is managed by IPANEMA in Brazil. The French website is now managed by the Francophone Programme Officer in the Secretariat, and the *Arab language website* by the Junior Programme Officer of the Arab region. The Arabic website of GWA is the only website about gender and water in the Arabic language. According to the statistics, the website has a good number of visitors till now. To learn more on website management a workshop was attended held by the IRC in Delft.

See **ANNEX III** for statistics of all GWA websites for 2008 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.

1.9 Steering Committee meeting

The 12th SC meeting was held in Santiago, Chile, back to back with the Workshop to revise and improve the Training of Trainers Manual of GWA. As fieldtrip a visit to the Water Company Coopagua in Santo Domingo was done. The size of the water treatment plant and of the plant for purification of the waste water is small, which made it a clear learning exercise. The reception was very hospitable.

The 13th SC meeting was held in Stockholm preceding the World Water Week.

1.10 Translations

Various documents and some letters were translated. Small documents are translated in house, and bigger ones by a Spanish translator in Peru, a French translator in Rwanda, a Portuguese translator in Brazil, Arab translators in Tunisia and a Russian translator in Uzbekistan.

2.2. Output 2: Knowledge and Information

2.1 and 2.2 Resource Guide for mainstreaming gender in water management:

A new version has been produced: the Russian Resource Guide, in Uzbekistan. It is multiplied together with the English version on a CDrom. To discuss the details of the Russian version Dr Galina Stulina visited the Netherlands.

Of the original 4-language version 5000 copies have been handed out. A new lot (3000) has now been multiplied which includes the new GWA leaflet, and the membership forms in the four languages.

For ten more languages a proposal was handed in with UNDP, of which only the three South Asian languages were approved. In November the translating work and the literature search has begun. The contract was signed to launch the new CDrom in Istanbul for the 5th World Water Forum. For other languages more funding is looked for.

2.3 Fact Sheets

The first drafts of the Fact sheets on Gender and Domestic Water Supply and on Gender and Sanitation were reviewed and comments given. A second consultant is asked to rewrite them. It is a challenge to get the facts on 4 pages, even using only bullets. This budget item is behind planning.

2.4 GWA material and case studies

One interesting case study has been produced based on primary research: Gender aspects of Rain Water Harvesting Tanks in Rural Burkina Faso. This will be used for ToTs Rainwater Harvesting, and further collaboration with RAIN.

Other case studies were the two produced for the Russian Resource Guide.

At present a few proposals have been received for a case study Gender and Mangrove Management in West Africa, which is important for GWA because of its relation to Climate Change mitigation.

2.5 Workshop for gender tool in the partnership building approach

This workshop and resulting paper together with BPD (Building Partnerships for Development) is still pending and moved to 2009, after a visit of the ED to BPD in London to get this activity back in the planning.

2.6 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”

The Minimum Agenda for various target groups including politicians, produced as a four-pager will be reprinted by GWA for further handing out, apart from the CDrom. Of the CDrom many copies are handed out in all events and training workshops.

2.7 Innovative research

- In the regional plans various examples of innovative action research are included.
- The fieldwork of study Democracy, Gender and Water in North-eastern Brazil is in completed.
- Development of a methodology to measure intra-household water use from a gender perspective (a water diary) is being supported in Australia. On the basis of the findings of this research, follow-up research into the applicability of the methodology in developing countries will be necessary and is expected.

2.8 Results-oriented partnerships

See chapter 4 for details on GWA's partnerships. New partnerships are with RAIN and with WASTE, about respectively Rain Water Harvesting and Waste Management (Sanitation, Waste Water and Solid Waste).

2.9 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.

- CEDEM (Corporación de Estudios para el Desarrollo de la Mujer)/ DGA (General Direction of Water) Chile, completed implementing the project “Empowering and Mainstreaming Gender and Water Issues: Towards a Fully Integrated Water Resource Management Plan and the 7th Millennium Development Goal.” The project is completed. The final reports from Mariela Garcia, the external reviser, as also from CEDEM, are received and accepted and will be uploaded on the website. A video with testimonies of women about the problems regarding water management in the watershed area is in production.
- 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, but not yet received. The final reports are pending.
- The Programme Officer for Latin America Christine Verheijden attended the international event and made a presentation about “Relation of gender and water at global level and experiences of GWA’.

2.10 E-conferences

The earlier e-conference about gender, water and integrity (or corruption) resulted in a further process which is ongoing: a presentation in the Integrity workshop in Cali, Colombia, and a workshop organised in October 2008 in Costa Rica together with WIN and FANCA. The contact with WIN (Water Integrity Network) is intensified and improved. See also 2.14.

SPO Christine Verheijden participated in a GTZ workshop on Gender and Corruption in Development Cooperation in Frankfurt.

2.11 Policy Briefs

The planned policy briefs are still waiting for the preceding process to be completed: for example the Policy Brief on Gender, water and corruption would be the outcome of the e-conference and the follow-up workshop about the topic. The e-conference and the workshop are completed. The SC

member Eva Rathgeber wrote a paper on Gender and Water Integrity, and later a two-pager. (see 2.10).

2.12 Brochures for schools

The first draft of the first of the four planned cartoon booklets, drawn by the famous Brazilian artist Ziraldo, has been received. Various discussions are ongoing related to gender and multi-cultural aspects of the drawings and the (short) texts. The plan is to launch the booklets in 4 languages in Istanbul.

2.13 Source Bulletin:

After nearly two years of GWA contributions of two pages per issue, continuation needs to be reconsidered. To produce high quality texts and coordinate with IRC, takes a lot of time of the staff. The articles published this half year were apart from news from the secretariat:

- Gender-Sensitive toilet design meets cultural needs of girls and women in Northeast Nigeria;
- Mainstreaming Gender in Water- there is a word for it in Arabic;
- Making water quality visible: for women as well as for men; and
- Gender roles are critical to success of the Water for African Cities programme.
- Brazil: Rainwater Harvesting in semi-arid region helps women;
- Burkina Faso: From water managers to water “beggars”; and
- Kyrk-Kyz or forty girls in Uzbekistan gain the courage for leadership.

GWA (the Senior Programme Officer Esther de Jong) attends the coordinating meetings of IRC at the IRC office or by Skype.

2.14 Workshop related to e-conference

In October the workshop Gender, Water and Integrity was held in Costa Rica, convened together with WIN, and indirectly TI and SIWI. IRC could not contribute. Freshwater Action Network Central America (FANCA) was the co-organizer of the workshop, in which GWA members from all over the world who had participated in the e-conference, participated. From WIN the participants were more regional. The outcome of the workshop is a lot of information from various countries including suggestions for actions against corruption.

2.15 Influence UNEP, CSD and UN documents

- The table of contents of the World Water Development Report has been commented upon by the GWA Secretariat. As this was an internet based process no reaction has been received.
- GWA’s accreditation for UNEP resulted in some contributions. A number of documents which were received were commented upon from the perspective of NGOs and gender. In February SPO Chrisje van Schoot attended the Partners Meeting in Monaco.
- For the UN Task Force for Gender and Water the ED (Joke Muylwijk) attended and contributed to an Expert Group Meeting on Gender Disaggregated Data.
- Annabell Waititu (Kenya) and Ninon Machado (Brazil) represented GWA in New York, CSD-16 . The UN Task Force for Gender and Water arranged one session, with which GWA was involved from the beginning

2.16 Gender and Water Inventories in specific countries

In most RSPs such inventories have been planned, some more detailed than others. Contracts have been made for four countries in Francophone West and Central Africa: Rwanda, Benin, Niger, Mali and Cameroun.

The Gender Equity Gauge is a much more comprehensive form to monitor progress, the proposal for 6 countries is wide-ranging and the budget accordingly. It has not yet been approved. See 4.6.

2.17 Translations in Regional Plans

No activities for translating have started apart from the GWA documents itself under item 1.10.

2.18 Spanish brochures

Latin America is planning their own brochure, which is not written till now.

2.19 Aqu@ward Cuba awards

The first award is planned to be handed out in 2009.

2.20 Lexicon Gender and Sanitation

A start was made with the glossary on sanitation and gender in English and Arabic language. There are many glossaries about sanitation of the other organization but they do not mention sensitive issues which relate to gender and reproduction. The main aim of this Lexicon is to encourage people to discuss sensitive subjects with non-euphemistic words about sanitation openly without needing to use words that may be rude in some countries or to some people.

2.3 Output 3: Capacity Building

This output turns out to be GWA's major work and the core activity which is most in demand, and appears to be most effective. There is a strong interaction with the other outputs: information gathered in output 2 is utilised in output 3, whilst both outputs 2 and 3 are necessary to be able to influence national policies and have serious inputs in international events.

Various Capacity Building:

To be selected for sponsoring for the training, the trainees need to write a concept note, with for example their experience with gender and their ideas of 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 some feedback from the trainees. This process is continuously ongoing, but has not yet yielded representative figures.

- In Wageningen Agricultural University, the SC member Catharien Terwisscha van Scheltinga organised in November the Storm van der Chijs Fund Lecture titled "Gender and other Social Dimensions of **Climate Change**". The GWA Chairperson Dr Sara Ahmed was the key-note speaker besides Irene Dankelman (Chair WEDO).
- GWA was invited to do a training session on gender and water resources at the Regional Workshop on Water and Land use Planning (organised by SOWAMED-GEWAMED) and held in Rabat, Morocco also in October for young scientists.
- Seminar on gender mainstreaming in water policy in Kurdish language was held together with Public Aid Organisation on 20 July 2008 in Erbil/ Iraq.

3.1 Review of training material

In February a Workshop was organised in Chile with SC members, ex-SC members and some key members from all continents, with the aim to review the Training of Trainers Manual of GWA. All modules were discussed and recommendations for changes were made. A detailed report on the lessons learned and suggestions for a revised manual was written and sent to all participants for comments. A lead consultant was contracted and she has started her work to produce a revised and updated Training of Trainers Manual for GWA, drawing on experiences from GWA training courses and feedback on existing materials, and involving coordinated contributions from a number of authors. The actual re-writing of the ToT Manual is now ongoing.

Similar work was done specifically for Latin America by a group of GWA members and trainers in Costa Rica. The outcome is only different in the sense that it applies to Latin America explicitly.

3.2 Material for new categories of trainees

After the production of a Module for Gender and Rain Water Harvesting, the process is now ongoing for Gender, Sanitation and Solid Waste.

3.3 Pilot training with SC

See 3.1.

3.4 Regional ToTs (2 per year)

There were **4** regional or international ToTs organised:

- A regional TOT Gender Mainstreaming in IWRM in Bengali language was organised in November 2008 in **Kolkata**, India together with the NGO Pradhan. 24 participants from West Bengal, India and Bangladesh attended the course.
- In October a French language ToT Gender and IWRM for the Arab region was implemented in **Rabat**, Morocco, hosted by the Institut Agronomique et Vétérinaire Hassan II. The course was attended by participants from Tunisia, Algeria, the Comoros Islands and Morocco. Two participants were funded by ONEP Morocco and two participants by IDRC/Wadimena.
- An Arab language Regional ToT in Gender and Water was implemented in Jordan and hosted by the Queen Zein Al Shraf Institute for Development (ZENID) in **Amman**. The course was attended by participants from Egypt, Sudan, Yemen, Jordan, Iraq, Palestine and Lebanon. Seven of the participants (AWARENET members) were funded through Cap-Net, while USAID Jordan funded one of her staff members.
- GWA contributed the major share to the Gender, Water and Equity Training Programme, in **Mumbai**, October, organized by Centre for Women's Studies, School of Social Sciences, of the Tata Institute of Social Sciences. This was a regional course which will be followed up.

3.5 National Gender and IWRM trainings (4 per year)

In 2008 GWA organised and co-organised **7** trainings for water professionals (including Training for trainers):

- Gender and IWRM together with GWP in **Cameroun**.
- ToT IWRM met 2iE in **Ouagadougou**.
- Regional Training on Sustainable Sanitation and IWRM. GWA contributes with a gender trainer and four trainees. Gender and IWRM in **Kigali**, Rwanda. The main organiser was KIST Kigali Institute of Science and Technology. Other contributing organisations were GTZ-Kenya, UNOPS, Intermon Oxfam Ethiopia and Stockholm Environment Institute.
- Together with GWP GWA organised a National training on Gender Mainstreaming in IWRM at **Grand-Popo**, Benin, in September. Trainees came from a large variety of organisations such as Technical Directions, national and international NGOs, Local Authorities, financial and technical partners of Benin Republic, etc.
- KIST organised another national training workshop on Concepts and Principles of IWRM in **Rwanda** in July, co-organised by GWA, Cap-Net and SNV Rwanda.
- In September a Training of Trainers was organised with IFESNET (Africa Initiative for Environment sustainable Network) in **Delta State**, Nigeria.
- GWA member Mariela Garcia contributed as trainer to the Training on Gender and Watsan in **Argentina**.

The following table is a systematic list of the training activities by GWA in 2008.

dates	Place, country	Title	Host organisation	# trainees female	# trainees male	Contributions by other organisations
1-5/12/08	Kigali, Rwanda	Sustainable Sanitation and Integrated Water Resources	Kigali Institute of Science	7	19	UNOPS (Cap-Net Programme-SA): \$15 100 GTZ-Kenya : \$ 3500

		Management	and Technolog y			Intermon Oxfam-Ethiopia : \$3500 SEI-Sweden : \$ 2400
8- 12/9/08	Grand-Popo, Benin	L'approche Genre dans la Gestion Intégrée des Ressources en Eau	Global Water Partnership - Benin	7	19	GWP-Benin : € 6831
14- 18/7/08	Kigali, Rwanda	Concepts and principles of Integrated Water Resources Management	Kigali Institute of Science and Technolog y	8	21	Cap-Net: \$ 10 000 SNV Rwanda: \$ 4 400
25- 29/3/08	Yaoundé, Cameroon	L'approche Genre dans la Gestion Intégrée des Ressources en Eau	Global Water Partnership -Cameroun	11	17	GWP-Cameroon: € 4262.7
7-11/1 2008	Ouaga dougou Burkina Faso	Training of Trainers IWRM	2iE	7	18	
14-20/9 2008	Asaba, Delta State Nigeria	Regional ToT Gender in IWRM	IFES-NET Africa	11	20	
20/07/08	Erbil, Iraq	Seminar on Gender Mainstreaming in Water Policy	Public Aid Institute	12	13	Materials and equipment in kind by PAO
27/10- 02/11/08	Rabat, Morocco	Francophone TOT course Gender Mainstreaming in IWRM in the Arab Region	Institute of Agronomy and Veterinary Medicine Hassan II	14	7	ONEP 900 E IDRC/Wadimena 1450 E
01/11- 07/11/08	Amman, Jordan	Arab Region TOT course Gender and Water	Zein al Sharaf Institute for Developm ent (ZENID)	14	4	Cap-Net/AWARENET 6182 E USAID-Jordan 500 USD
25/11- 01/12/08	Kolkata, India	Regional TOT programme on Gender Mainstreaming in IWRM	Profession al Assistance for Developm ent Action (PRADAN)	12	12	
20/10- 24/10/08	Mumbai, India	Gender, Water and Equity Training Programme	TaTa institute of Social Sciences	12	12	Co partnership with SaciWaters, SOPPECOM
TOTAL	11			115	162	

3.6 Gender Ambassador Training (regional)

Preparations for the organisation of this regional training are ongoing in Francophone West Africa.

3.7 Capacity Building with UN-Habitat in Lake Victoria towns

The proposal for the Gender and Vulnerable Groups Capacity Building was rewritten twice by the ED after meetings with UN-Habitat and the partners (SNV for Local Economic Development, IHE for Urban Catchment Management and Utility Management, GWA for Gender Mainstreaming and Inclusion of Vulnerable Groups, and FCM for Pro-Poor Governance). First the budget had to be lowered, and later the programme had to be narrowed to only Training of Trainers, and Capacity Building of the highest level. The selection of qualified trainers has worked out well, but because the signing of the full-fledged CA took a long time, some of them have moved on to other full time positions. The contract was signed in November.

3.8 Water Aid Training Programme

After discussions at various levels, no training programme has been planned yet, but contacts improve gradually.

3.9 Training educative material Dominican Republic

No proposal has been received.

3.10 South East Asia Gender and Water Inventory

No proposal has been received in 2008.

3.11 Francophone list of scholarships

No proposal has been received.

3.12 Workshop Gender and Good Governance for First Ladies and other power holders

Preparations are ongoing, but it is very difficult to come to an agreement about the dates. The Netherlands Embassy in Abuja was visited and the Ambassador promised to collaborate. His point of view was that Nigeria is in urgent need of capacity building related to good governance.

3.16 Gender and Water Summer Institute

An MoU was signed with the Asian Institute of Technology. In this framework a programme for an academic course is developed with support of various SC and staff members. It will be held for the first time in Bangkok mid 2009.

2.6 Output 4: National Water-related policies

4.1 As a follow-up to the work of "Water for African cities II" a new proposal, adapted to the positions and needs of the different cities will be developed. Yet, it seems to be the right sequence that the proposal for Lake Victoria is first approved.

4.3 The gender mainstreaming processes in Mexico and Bolivia are now being documented.

4.4-4.5 Mainstreaming gender in Water Policies

- In 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) work with GWA for the "Incorporating a Gender Equity Perspective in the Mexican Water Policies." The project is a follow-up of the "Blue Agenda of Women" strategy the groups developed for 4WWF. The planned process was slightly changed since its beginning in 2007 for more impact at the national level. The final report of the first and second phases are all received and accepted. A proposal for continuation has been presented and although not approved

yet, GWA is interested to continue in this process of policy influencing. It becomes clear that the whole process is much longer and more complicated than initially expected, as it encounters a lot of resistance at decision making level among important national water institutions.

- In the Vice-Ministry of Basic Services belonging to the Ministry of Water of **Bolivia** GWA contributes to the “Updating and elaboration of documents of the Social Strategy of the Sector Basic Sanitation.” Through basket funding, GWA together with ten other institutions supported the process of engendering the policies and procedures, through a Technical Consultation Committee (CTC, by its acronyms in Spanish). Due to some changes of Ministers the process took a bit longer than initially planned, but finalised in July 2008 with a Gender Training for the Ministry’s staff. All community guide books, manuals and other output products have been published, distributed and are in use. It still is planned to elaborate a brochure and manual in Spanish about operationalising gender mainstreaming in the water and sanitation sector. The Vice-ministry requested the continuation of the CTC as a permanent committee of technical support. GWA has accepted to continue in this CTC, being represented at national level by one of its members.
- GWA members in **Kenya** had a few meetings with those who are responsible for the compiling of the new Water Policy of the Government of Kenya. This resulted in a full page on gender in the booklet. More comments can still be handed in as long as the policy still is to be approved by the Parliament. Nevertheless the IWRM policy and other water-related policies need to be more gender-inclusive. The GWA Kenya group has managed to influence the Ministry in appointing a Gender Desk Officer, and remains alert.

4.6 The South Asian region is developing a Gender Equity Gauge, which is planned to be used to monitor the implementation of policy statements made by governments in the region. The Gauge will provide a means of comparison between countries and will generate data on the actual change in the field after policy change. This is a large activity, and a full-fledged proposal has been written by 6 countries. The lead organisation SOPPECOM, India is looking for funding of other sources as well. In the meantime GWA has suggested to cut the proposal in parts which will be fundable.

4.7 Follow-up AMCOW workshop Entebbe

In December a workshop was organised in Entebbe by Nile Basin Initiative and GWP, to develop a plan to influence the AMCOW ministers from a gender perspective. The ED participated in this workshop, and a follow-up is actively pursued.

4.8 Influence policies via UNEP Accreditation

See 2.15.

2.7 Output 5: International events

5.1 SC travel

Chairperson Sara Ahmed:

- The Chairperson participated in Bangkok in the formalisation of the MoU with AIT and to discuss the Summer Institute for Gender and Water.
 - Attend Public Services International regional meeting.
 - GWA members meeting Tanzania facilitated by PAVODE.
 - GWA members’ meeting Nepal, facilitated by NEWAH.
 - The Chairperson contributed to the UN Climate Change Conference COP-14 Poznan, Poland.
- SC member Eva Rathgeber travelled to New York to represent GWA in a GGCA meeting.
SC member Maria Angelica Alegria participated in the Expert Group Meeting on Gender Disaggregated Data in New York in December, organised by the UN Task Force on Gender and Water.

SC member Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt represented GWA in the Asia-Pacific Forum Preparatory meeting in Tokyo.

5.2 Staff Secretariat Travel

- International Symposium on Women, Water and Waste: As mentioned under output 1.4 this symposium was attended by Esther de Jong. She presented a paper on a good practise of Gender Mainstreaming and Empowerment in a sanitation project in India.
- AfricaSan, Durban
The PO Charles Dieme participated in this conference e.
- Water Expo Zaragoza
A paper on 'Gender Mainstreaming, empowerment and access to water' was presented by SPO Christine Verheijden during the Third Thematic Week of the Water Tribune at the Expo Zaragoza for which GWA had been invited. The African Chapter of the Travelling Exhibit has been on show in Zaragoza together with UNDP.
- World Urban Forum in Nanjing China
ED Joke Muylwijk was invited by the Gender Unit of UN-Habitat to speak in their special session about a new Strategic Plan.
- Fundacion Carlos Amberses
The ED was invited by the Fundacion Carlos Amberses to speak in a Conference on Problems and Solutions for the African Continent: infrastructures, water and cooperation, in Madrid in December.
- Gender and Climate Financing Meeting in New York
This workshop was organised in December by the Global Gender Climate Alliance (set up by UNDP). Although there is a lot of money for mitigation and adaptation, there appeared to be no entrances into any funds for gender. The ED participated in the workshop.
- Expert Group Meeting on Gender Disaggregated Data
The UN Task Force on Gender and Water organised this EGM, in which we developed a report explaining which gender disaggregated data are available (very few worldwide) and which are necessary, and how to collect them. The ED participated and contributed to this EGM.

5.3 Gender Ambassadors

See under the various regions

5.4 and 5.5 Travelling exhibition with IW-Learn

Africa: As the cooperation between GWA and the Gender Equity Unit (GEU) of the University of the Western Cape did not work out as expected, GWA secretariat decided to retake charge of the African Chapter of the exhibit. GWA will announce the availability of the exhibit to its members, and exhibitors will be asked to add an extra panel on gender and water issues of their own country.

South Asia: In April 2008 a contract was signed between GWA and the Centre for Environment Education (CEE) in Gujarat India for the development of a South Asian Chapter of the Travelling Exhibit. The first set of panels were displayed in August 2008 at World Water Week in Stockholm. The exhibit is scheduled for display in 6 countries in 2009 as well as during the 5th World Water Forum in Istanbul. In all countries a so called "country-panel" is added with the most relevant gender and water issues of that country. The text of the posters is adapted to the language and situation in the different countries. By the end of 2008 Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka were in process of trans-adapting and expanding the exhibit.

Latin America: The TE has been on display in most Latin American countries, but could be revived and perhaps adapted.

Philippines: Not related to the Travelling Exhibit, posters were developed, printed and disseminated widely for restaurants in Manila, to explain the need for handwashing.

5.6 Fifth World Water Forum, Turkey, 2009

Preparing for the World Water Forum requires a considerable amount of energy of GWA as it is a worldwide process and gender would need to be mainstreamed throughout the complete

programme. GWA has written proposals for contributions in 11 different sessions, which is a considerable effort at mainstreaming gender in technical sessions. GWA participated on behalf of the Major Group Women in the Ministerial Process and attended a preparatory meeting. All related documents were commented upon from a gender perspective.

5.7 Initiatives and sessions at international events

- Stockholm World Water Week 2007, August

Together with Safer World UK a session was organised on **Conflicts**, Water and Gender, which was attended by many participants, and resulted in a discussion without beating around the bush.

Contributions by GWA were invited into sessions of Water **Integrity** Network, and the Chair was Lead Rapporteur for the sessions on Water Resource Management to report in the Planary Closing Session.

Two new **books** were launched: *Gender and Natural Resource Management: Livelihoods, Mobility and Interventions*, edited by Bernadette Resurreccion and Rebecca Elmhirst, and *Water First: Issues and Challenges for Nations and Communities in South Asia* by Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt and Robert Wasson, (editors).

The GWA stand was in a strategic position and visited by most WWW participants.

The GWA Chairperson Sara Ahmed was one of the seven main rapporteurs of the week, for NRM.

The Travelling Exhibit for South Asia was launched in the GWA stall.

- WEDC 33rd International Conference IWRM and Partnerships in Ghana

Four GWA members (from Zimbabwe, Kenya, Nepal and Botswana) wrote papers, which were accepted by WEDC. GWA supplied funding for their participation. About a shared session of WEDC and GWA no agreement could be reached.

- AfricaSan See 1.4, 1.5 regionalisation.

- CSD-16

Annabell Waititu (Kenya) and Ninon Machado (Brazil) represented GWA in New York, CSD-16 and she had various meeting for GWA. The UN Task Force for Gender and Water arranged one session, with which we were involved from the beginning.

- African Union Meeting CSO Forum, Egypt

Annabell Waititu and Caroline were invited and gave a presentation for GWA.

- IRC Symposium

Moslek Sadeque represented GWA at the seminar IRC organised for its 40th anniversary. He presented a poster on Menstrual Hygiene for young girls in slums.

- 2nd Australasian Natural Hazards Management Conference 2008, Te, Papa, Wellington, New Zealand, July 2008

Yolanda Gomez represented GWA at this conference where she presented a poster on Gender and Disaster Management.

Meena Bilgi also represented GWA and presented a paper on Understanding Disasters from Gender lens; Changing Mind Set and Actions; Experiences from Drought Prone as well Saline areas of Gujarat, India

- EU Water-NGO meeting

SPO Esther de Jong attended this meeting in London, but the objective was mainly related to funding water management in Europe.

3 Donor relations

DGIS

- Monitoring op Maat 2007 has been sent to DGIS. For some of the indicators many more activities have been done and results have been achieved, and for a few of them, especially where we depend most on proposals from members, targets cannot be reached.
- The SPO Esther de Jong attended the first day of a policy dialogue of DGIS with civil society. On the basis of her experiences it was decided not to attend the following workshop as there was little room for organisations like GWA (network organisations) to give a useful input.
- The ED and SPO both contributed to a stakeholder consultation meeting organised by DGIS about the practical implications if the right to sanitation would be acknowledged politically.
- In May the ED was invited by DGIS to tell about GWA and what GWA can do in the countries where the Dutch Embassies have a water sector to support. The occasion was the impact study by Annelie Joki-Hubach about the evidence of positive impact on poor women from the large amounts the Dutch Government spends in the water sector.
- GWA was invited to attend (and attended) a meeting in the Ministry where Mr. Colin Chartres, the new Director of IWMI was introduced.

The following reports have been sent:

- Progress Report 2007;
- Financial Report 2007, and
- Audited Statement,
- Annual Plan 2008,
- GWA budget 2008,
- Liquidity forms,
- Monitoring op Maat 2007; and
- 5 Regional Strategic Plans
- Annual Plan 2009.

DFID

- After an expression of interest to finance the GWA programme again, in October 2007, the ED sent various documents and visited DFID in London to discuss options. It was agreed that GWA would send a list of activities which could be financed from a certain amount, to have an impression, but not with the intention to earmark the contribution. After that DFID started with reorganisation, which resulted in no funding in 2008. Perhaps in 2009.

The following reports have been sent:

- GWA Strategic Plan 2006-2010 and Annual Plan 2008 and budget
- GWA Arab Region Strategic Plan
- GWA Latin America and Caribbean Strategic Plan
- Letter of Accountant
- GWA Progress Report 2006
- GWA Financial Report 2006 with audit
- GWA Lusophone Countries Strategic Plan (English Summary)
- Progress Report 2007;
- GWA Financial Report with Letter of Auditor 2007

AECID

- SPO Christine Verheijden has written a proposal following a strict internet format, this year it was not approved. 40 of 400 were selected.
- In December ED Joke Muylwijk visited AECID in Madrid. Both the contact persons of the above mentioned fund for NGOs and for a new Water and Sanitation Fund for Latin America were met.

4 Partnerships (in alphabetical order)

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

ADB

The SPO for South East Asia Esther de Jong visited ADB whilst she was in Manila. Possibilities for financing activities from the different regional plans of the Asian regions were explored. It was agreed to explore Pilot and Demonstration Activity funds of the Water Financing Partnership Facility as an initial step towards developing a possible broader program for collaboration. The SC member Kuntala Lahiri-Dutt has contacted the new Gender Specialist at ADB.

Cap-Net

As a result of the participation of the Cap-Net Managers workshop GWA participated in, in December 2007 in Brazil, GWA planned to assist the National Water Resource Institute in the organisation of a Training Workshop on Gender and IWRM in Kaduna, Nigeria. The ED visited the NWRI in Kaduna. The training is still postponed till later this year or next year. In general GWA and Cap-Net work together in IWRM training, as well as in ToTs for Gender and IWRM.

End Water Poverty

End Water Poverty plans to be present at the present G8 Summit for last minute lobbying and media work. They will hold a planning meeting (2 events) at the Stockholm Water Week, in which GWA participated. The PO for Latin America is the contact person for End Water Poverty.

FAO

GWA was approached to revise, rewrite and complete the "Gender and Water Management Pocket Guide" for FAO. The SPO and ED gave their comments and will now read the result and comment upon it again.

GGCA

The Global Gender and Climate Alliance, initiated by UNDP, is interested in working together with GWA in various outputs. During the first workshop in New York the SC member Eva Rathgeber represented GWA. During a later workshop in New York on Gender, Climate and Financing, the ED Joke Muylwijk participated. Surprising is that there is a lot of money in this world for mitigation and even for adaptation, but nothing is available for gender aspects and women's activities.

GWP

The contact with GWP has been mainly at regional and country levels. For example the ToT in Cameroon was organised together with GWP. A meeting with the new Chair person of GWP Letitia Obeng was encouraging for better collaboration in the future, especially at the regional level.

GEWAMED

The ED is still member of the SC of GEWAMED. The planned meeting in Tunisia was postponed, and in December a Board meeting took place in Rome. Collaboration for 5WWF was discussed.

IDRC

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.

IRC

See 2.2. about Source Bulletin and *WIN* for other shared activities. Various other shared activities as were discussed before, seem to have landed on the back burner.

IW-Learn

See 5.4. *IW-Learn* Would like to expand the South Asian chapter of the travelling Exhibit to Southeast Asia and Pacific as there are more GEF-members in Southeast Asia that can be targeted. *IW-Learn* expresses its satisfaction with the collaboration in general and with the South Asian Chapter in particular.

RAIN

For GWA Margriet Reinders trained the group of *RAIN* partners in Africa on Gender aspects of Rain Water Harvesting. She also prepared a module. Currently discussions are ongoing about further and closer collaboration.

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.

UNDP

On request a proposal was sent to *UNDP* for financing of the Resource Guide in 10 languages and a number of other activities. Of this the RG in three languages was approved, after producing a write-up about how the RG has been disseminated and used. The three South Asian languages RGs are in development. See 2.2.

UNEP

As accredited organization of *UNEP* ‘s Major Groups and Stakeholders branch the 9th Global Civil Society Forum and the 10th special session of the Governing Council/Global Ministerial Environment Forum was participated in and attended from 18-23 February in *Monaco*. Apart from bringing attention to gender and water issues during the NGO meetings, useful contacts were made. Regularly many documents are sent to the Secretariat, which have to be read and commented upon, this is done selectively.

UNESCO-IHE

For the training programme for *WAC II* for *UN-Habitat*, GWA keeps contact with *IHE* to coordinate the gender mainstreaming in the programme. In the Lake Victoria Water and Sanitation programme *IHE* are partners, like GWA and *SNV*. Presently we are in the process of writing a shared proposal, which is very complicated, because of the many activities to be harmonised. See 2.4.

In January a workshop was held in Delft for the partners to meet and to join hands. There was a videoconference organised with the Lake Victoria team in Nairobi. That gave us the chance to ask many questions.

UN-Habitat

See 2.4. and above here.

WASTE

On their request a one-day training workshop was given to the staff of *WASTE* on how to mainstream gender into their programme.

It was decided to develop a training module on gender, sanitation and solid waste together.

WaterGAP

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

Water Integrity Network

GWA is a member of this network. The new Programme Coordinator came to the GWA office to discuss possible collaboration. The workshop on Gender, Water and Integrity in Costa Rica is convened together with WIN (October). See 2.14.

The ED of GWA was invited to contribute to WIN's panel in the Stockholm World Water Week, as well as in a WIN meeting.

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 4th WWF in Mexico.

WSSCC

The SC member and previous Chair Ethne Davey represents GWA in the Steering Committee of the WSSCC during a period of rapid change. The MoU GWA has with the Collaborative Council has been put on the backburner for that time. Ethne leaves the SC per the beginning of 2009. A meeting in Stockholm will result in more collaboration.

5. Publicity in the Media

- The publicity about Strategic Planning Workshops and about Training of Trainers workshops has been intensive especially in West Africa. In the GWA website examples of such publicity is included.
- During the visit of the ED to Nigeria various newspapers and television stations published articles and showed spots.
- In the Netherlands, the BNR, a news radio organisation held a series about Stockholm WWW, with daily interviews. The ED Joke Muylwijk was interviewed and it was broadcasted. The feedback received was that the message about why to take both women and men into account in water management was clear.
- SPO Christine Verheijden was interviewed in Zaragoza during the Expo, and an article was published in the Expo's paper.
- A local paper in Peru published an article about citizen's participation and gender in watermanagement, after interviewing SPO Christine Verheijden and other GWA members.

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, Anglophone West Africa, Southern Africa, Eastern Africa, South Asia, Lusophonia, fund raising, reporting, UN-Habitat, partnerships, supervising staff	100
2	Financial and Administrative Officer	AA	Finances, office structure, teaching new staff	100
3	Deputy Financial Officer	AAA	Finances	89
4	Senior Programme Officer	EdJ	Southeast Asia and the Pacific, Source Bulletin, Traveling Exhibit	89 Per 1-11 100
5	Senior Programme Officer	CvS	Arab Region, Capacity Building	78
6	Programme Officer	CV	Latin America, Integrity, Elections, Monitoring op Maat	100
7	Programme Officer	CD	Francophone Africa	89
8	Junior Programme Officer	BA	Arab region and archives	78
9	Junior Programme Officer	MN	Russian language region and members' database	67
10	Office cleaner	ZHB	Working environment	33
	Total		8,23 fte	823%

Support from the regions consists of:

1	Regional Focal Point	South Asia	end of term and not extended	SM
2	Regional Focal Point	Anglophone	end of term and not	AA

		Africa	extended	
3	Regional Focal Point	Francophone Africa	end of term and not extended	StB
4	GWA Facilitator and Trainer M.Reinders	Francophone	Framework contract	MR
5	GWA Facilitator	South Asia in India	Framework contract	ShB
6	GWA editor and translator	in India, but not limited to South Asia	Framework contract	DCV

This division still leaves the ED with responsibility for five regions, which is obviously too many, and a solution is continuously looked for and worked towards. Regionalisation has brought more and not less work, as was expected. For two vacancies (capacity building officer and a communications officer) recruitment procedures were held, but without success. Two new colleagues resulted from the process: Esther Clara van Hoeve, PO for the UN-Habitat partnership and Anamika Amani, Forum Assistant to help organise the 5th World Water Forum for GWA.

Office

From October 2007 onwards the office space is extended and three rooms function as office only. A contract was prepared and signed with the support (advise) of a Lawyer and two Real Estate Agents. The renting relation is now formalised in a contract.

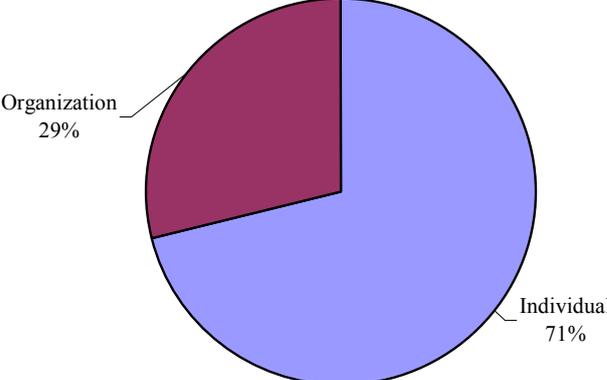
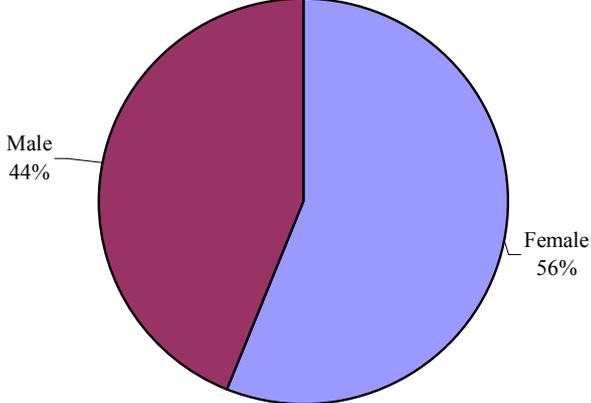
7. Elections for Steering Committee

For 2009 new elections are scheduled, the process started end 2008

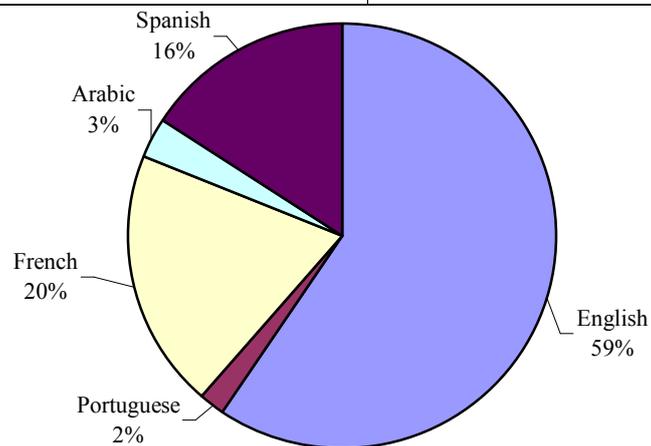
8. Finance

- The Annual plan 2008 and the budget for 2008 have been approved, as far as the budget is covered. So far these funds have not been secured, and the plan for 2008 has been lessened halfway.
- The Secretariat makes sure that no more money is spent as has been secured.
- The workshop with the Financial Committee was held in June. The result is a list of recommendations, which is appreciated. Most of the recommendations are followed up, some are still pending.
- The administrative system as developed by the Secretariat has been approved by the Financial Committee. Towards the end of 2008 the committee again advised regarding the financial situation (by phone).
- The accountant wrote a letter for the Steering Committee and an audited statement with the Financial Report of 2007.
- A separate audit was made for the UN-Habitat contracts.
- For an overview of budget, expenditure and balance, See **ANNEX I**.

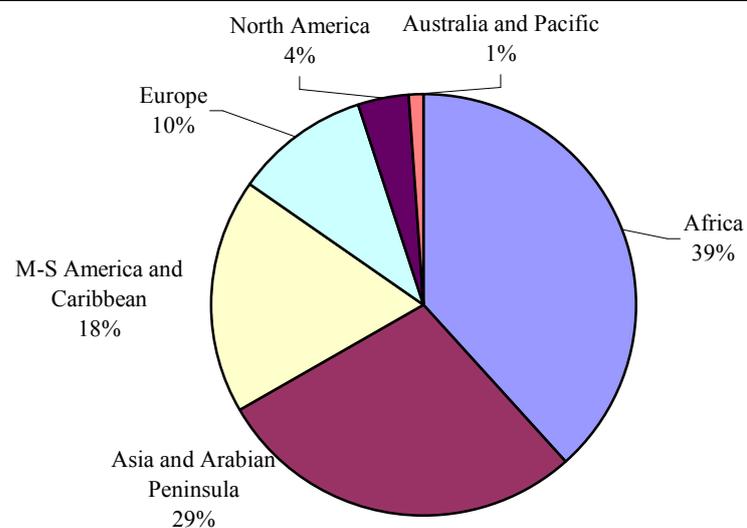
ANNEX II Membership report

 Membership report per 31 December 2008		
31/12/2008		1413 Members 114 Countries
Membership type	Percentage	Quantity
Individual	71%	997
Organization	29%	411
 <p>A pie chart illustrating the distribution of membership types. The chart is divided into two segments: a larger blue segment representing 'Individual' members at 71%, and a smaller maroon segment representing 'Organization' members at 29%.</p>		
Sex	Percentage	Quantity
Female	56%	787
Male	44%	624
 <p>A pie chart illustrating the distribution of membership by sex. The chart is divided into two segments: a larger blue segment representing 'Female' members at 56%, and a smaller maroon segment representing 'Male' members at 44%.</p>		

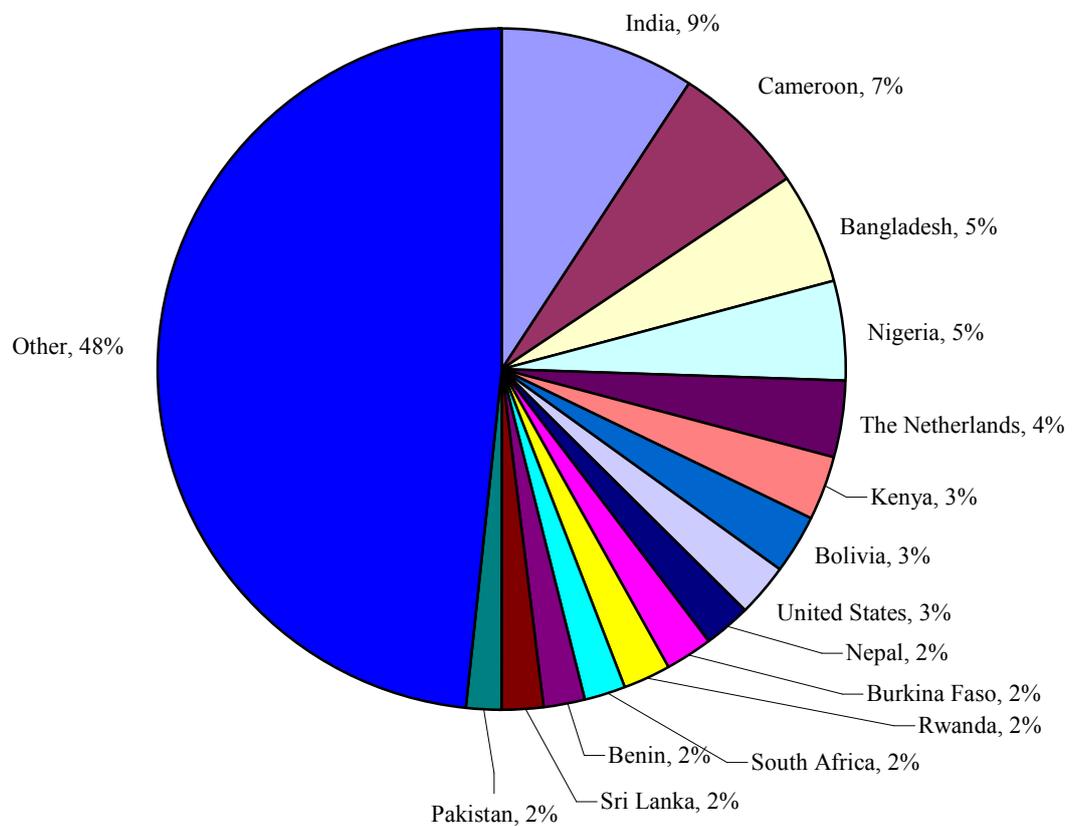
Language	Percentage	Quantity
English	60%	841
Portuguese	2%	26
French	20%	278
Arabic	3%	39
Spanish	16%	229



Geographic region	Percentage	Quantity
Africa	38%	538
Asia and Arabian Peninsula	28%	401
M-S America and Caribbean	18%	252
Europe	10%	142
North America	4%	56
Australia and Pacific	1%	14

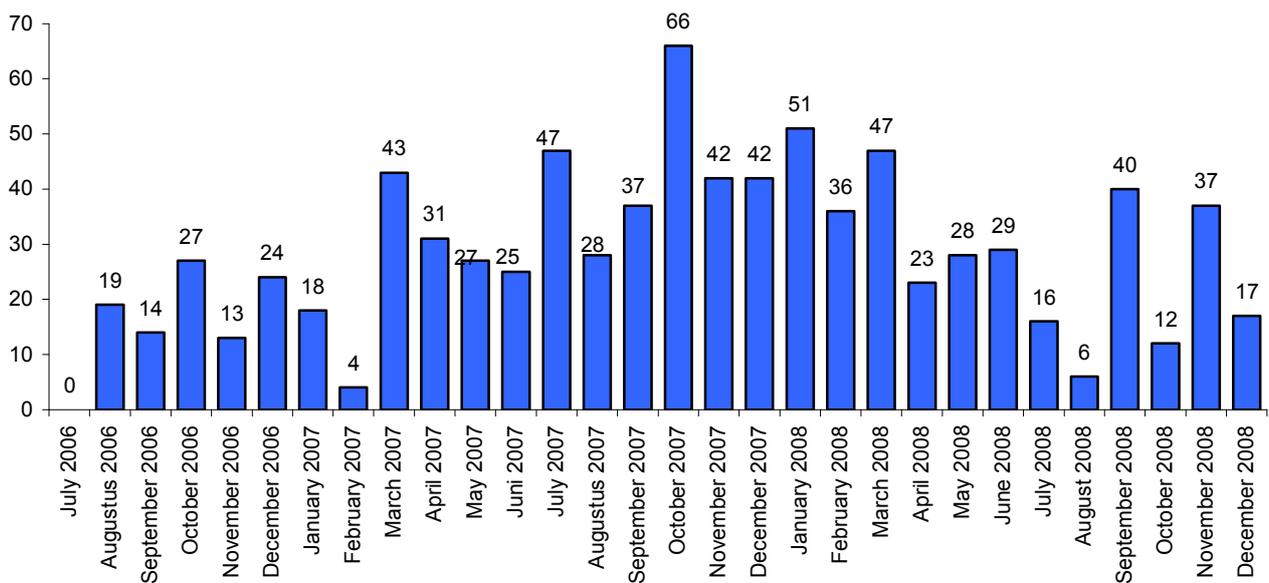


Country, Top 15 (<u>31-12-08</u>)	Percentage	Quantity
India	9%	128
Cameroon	7%	93
Bangladesh	5%	74
Nigeria	5%	66
The Netherlands	4%	51
Kenya	3%	42
Bolivia	3%	39
United States	3%	36
Nepal	2%	34
Burkina Faso	2%	31
Rwanda	2%	29
South Africa	2%	28
Benin	2%	27
Sri Lanka	2%	27
Pakistan	2%	26
Other	48%	682



Increasing of the GWA Membership

New members per month	Quantity
July 2006	0
Augustus 2006	19
September 2006	14
October 2006	27
November 2006	13
December 2006	24
January 2007	18
February 2007	4
March 2007	43
April 2007	31
May 2007	27
Juni 2007	25
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



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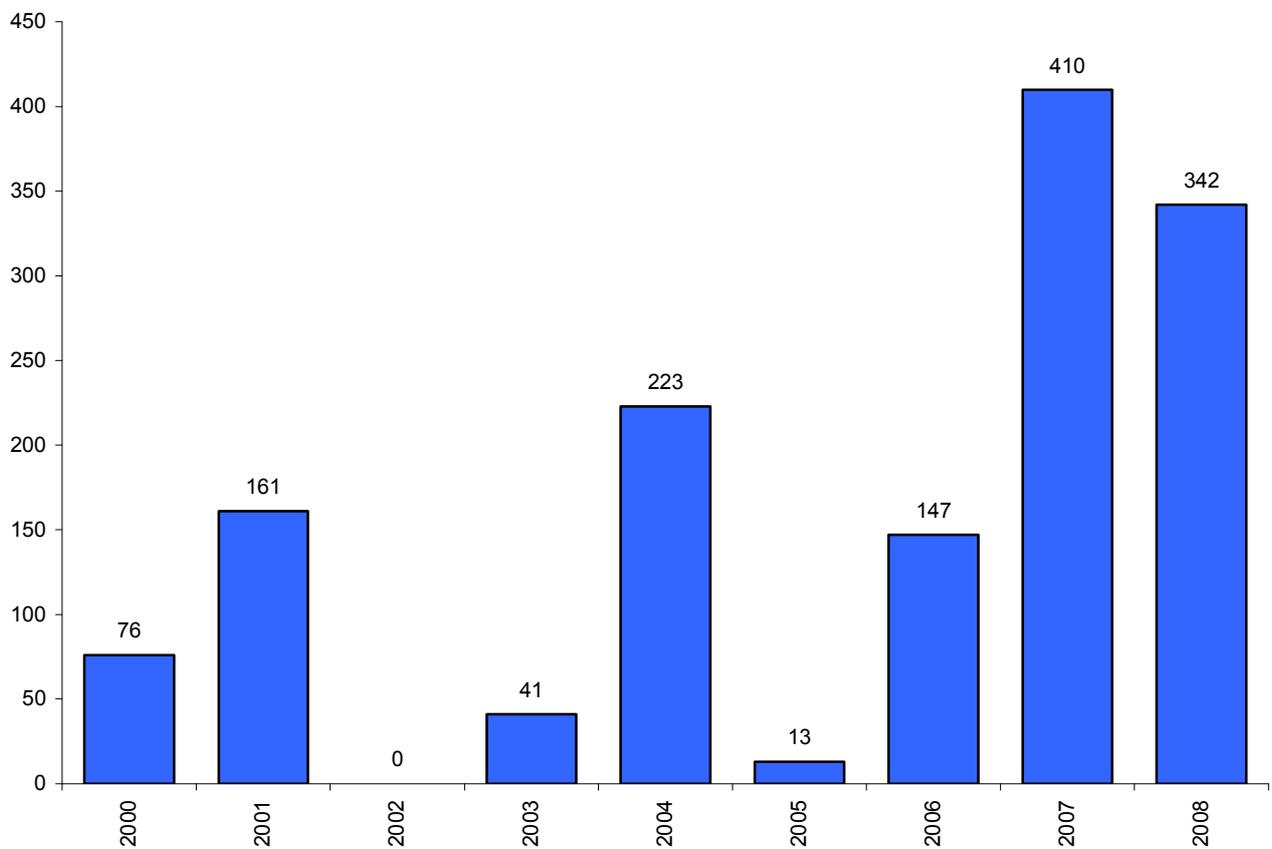
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New members per year

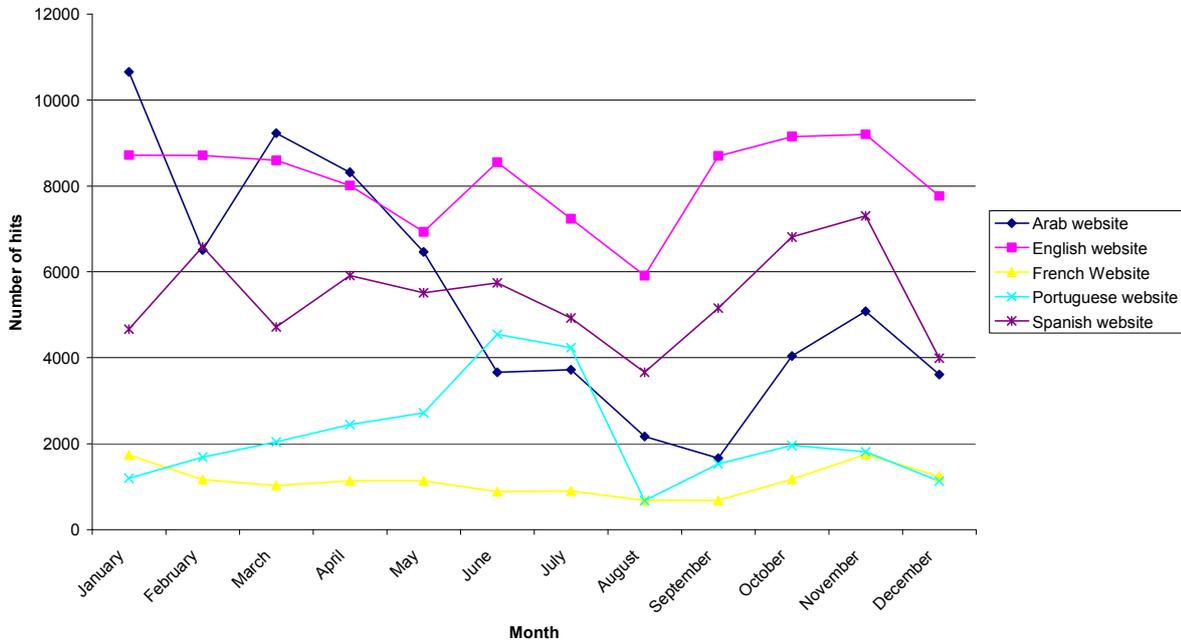
2000	76
2001	161
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2003	41
2004	223
2005	13
2006	147
2007	410
2008	342



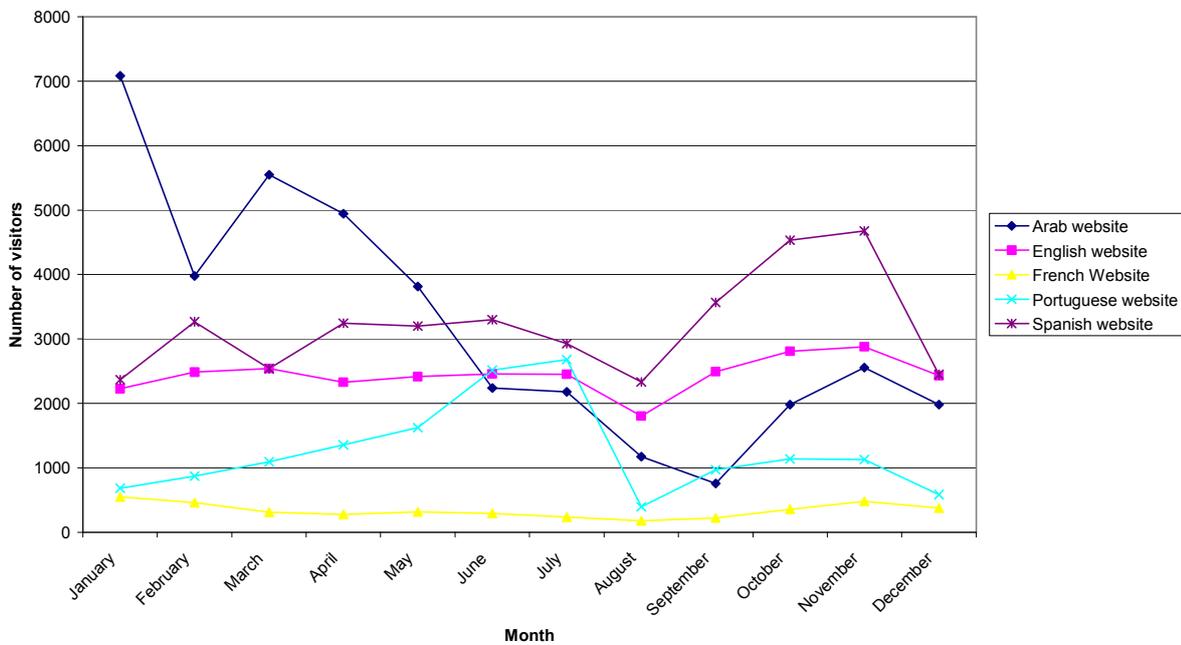
Annex III Website Statistics GWA

OVERVIEW OF HITS AND VISITS TO GWA WEBSITE

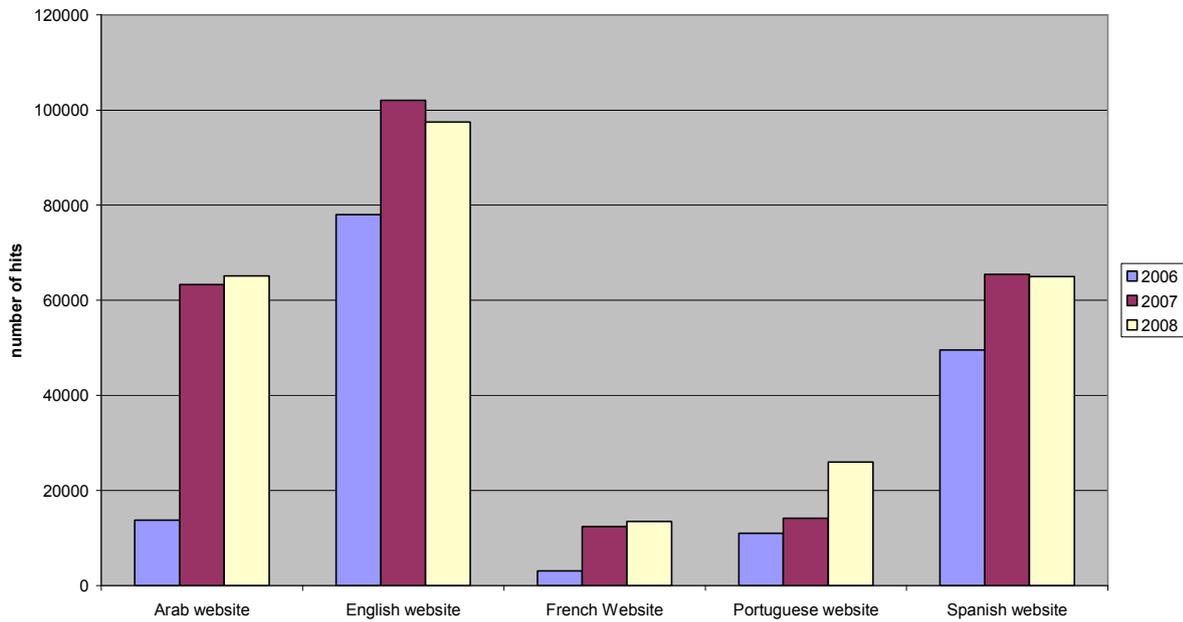
Number of hits per month in 2008 for different GWA websites



Number of visitors per month to the different GWA websites



Total number of hits on different websites 2006-2008



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