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Water for Rural Development in Tunisia **Kick-off phase**

GIWEH officially started the preparatory phases of its strategic project **Water for Rural Development** in Tunisia. During our stay in Tunisia we conducted field trips to visit the lands where the project will be developed and implemented. Additionally, GIWEH was pleased to meet with its local partner, the Tunisia Union of Agriculture and Fisheries (UTAP) to discuss the potential involvement and integration of Tunisia's ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources to the project. The conversation also addressed how to efficiently collaborate in order to achieve the project's goals and to potentially scale up the project to other regions of the country.



Preparation of the Citizen Process for the 8th World Water Forum **2018**



Given GIWEH's membership with the Citizen's Process Commission of the 8th World Water Forum in 2018, Dr. Nidal Salim joined the third meeting at the World Water Council headquarters to continue preparing the Forum. The focus was on the strengthening of linkages and coordination among the Forum events in order to optimize coherence in the Forum's program. ISC agreed on the final thematic framework, progressed with the planning of activities and spread enthusiasm for the event.

GIWEH is pleased to announce the release for the Call for Proposals. The deadline for submission is on the 28th of February 2017. If you have any questions, please have a look at our news page or contact us.

Korea International Water Week **Daegu Korea, 2016**

At the Korea International Water Week, Dr. Nidal Salim was invited to take part at the Water Leaders Roundtables alongside representatives of government agencies and global water organisations. Dr. Salim emphasised GIWEH's missions of involving all stakeholders, especially the most vulnerable ones, of sharing technology and knowledge and of focusing on affordable projects on the ground for better capacity building. GIWEH's vision received positive feedback and requests for future collaborations.

Dr. Nidal Salim and Ms. Marguerite Lançon also gave presentations during the Knowledge Base and Dissemination's (KB&D) Special Committee's session "Water Information Beyond Data and Knowledge: Asia Dynamic Hub for Water, The Power of Information.", which they had co-organized. They then participated in World Water Partnership session as an observer.

Finally, GIWEH followed the invitation of the president of the Korea Water Forum (KWF), Dr. Jung-moo Lee, who asked GIWEH to be an advisor in designing the program and the topics of the next KWF.



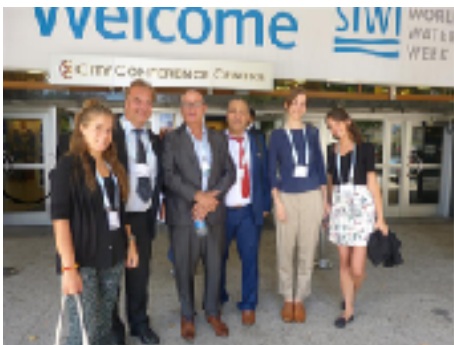
Budapest Water Summit

GIWEH was strongly represented at the 2016 Budapest Water Summit, with both members of the board as well as staff members attending this important diplomatic event. GIWEH was in charge of organising an expert meeting in order to evaluate the use of international law to implement and monitor SDG 6.5; 6.6 and 6b.

Under the supervision of Dr. Tobias Schmitz and Dr. Nilda Salim, GIWEH is developing GIS and IT based systems to support national governments in the collection, collation and analysis of water data relevant for reporting on national, regional and global water goals. Three papers were presented on the indicators for monitoring which need to be processed in these tools. These ideas were commented on by Alice Bouman Dentener, vice chair of the Global Water Partnership, and Dr. Zaki Shubber, lecturer in water law at UNESCO IHE.



Stockholm World Water Week



During the Stockholm World Water Week Dr. Nidal Salim presented “Water Management Direction Towards the Sustainable Development Goals” to highlight the links between water management and the Sustainable Development Agenda, and to introduce good water management practices.

GIWEH, as member of the Citizen’s Process International Committee of the 8th World Water Forum, also held a meeting to push forward the organisation of the 8th World Water Forum. The attendance of experts, such as

Prof. Benedito Braga, President of the World Water Council, led to an efficient discussion, which was decided to be carried on at the Budapest Water Summit in December 2016.

The 2nd World Irrigation Forum (WIF) Thailand

During the WIF GIWEH took part in various activities and panel discussions with the Asia Water Council, where GIWEH has been elected as a board member on the 13th of July. The event gave an update of the latest innovative irrigation technologies that can improve water management in the agricultural sector.

GIWEH made sure to meet with farmers and representatives of youth organisations as well as with research institutes to discuss potential cooperations. GIWEH was also received by Thailand’s Royal Irrigation Department to discuss diverse opportunities of collaboration.



The 22nd session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP22) Marrakech



The conference provided a platform for cross-sector stakeholders to come together to draw roadmaps and plan actions to implement the Paris' Agreement. Dr. Mohamed Aloui, GIWEH's Senior Advisor in Hydrology and Climate Change, and Mr. Mbaruku A. Vyakweli, member of GIWEH's advisory board as well as of the World Water Council, represented GIWEH at the event.

They participated at the special sessions and high-level discussions on Water, at the African days, as well as at meetings focusing on civil society, climate change and rural development. Consequently COP22 served GIWEH for further developing its current strategic project in Tunisia.

Additional events

- 20 October, GIWEH met the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Safe Water and Sanitation
- 22 November, Panel Discussion: Freshwater Agreements and the HR to Water, Geneva University
- 7 December, GIWEH at the 60th Board of Governors Meeting
- 14 December, Planetary Security Conference
- 14 December, Global Workshop on the Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystems Nexus
- 19 December, Natural Alternative to Antibiotics, European Parliament

For more detailed information about any of the aforementioned events please refer to the Annual Report 2016.

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