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## MOU - GIWEH And Asia Water Council

In a bid to strengthen ties and mutual cooperation within the Asia Water Council (AWC), On 9th October GIWEH signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Board and all other Members of the AWC.

The MoU aims to strengthen efforts to share information and technology in order to promote the water industry and resolve water problems in Asia. Signatories include our own Director General of GIWEH, Dr. Nidal Salim, Dr. Hak-Soo Lee (President of AWC), Dr. Doo-Soo Park (Vice-President of K-Water), Director of the China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research (IWHR) Mr. Zhang Cheng, Mr. Reynaldo Velasco of the Philippines' Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS), and Dr. Kwan-Sue Jung, professor of CNU. GIWEH look forward for further collaboration in working towards our shared goal of combating climate change and attaining water security in Asia.



## Public-Private Partnerships

GIWEH actively participated Committee on Innovation, as part of discussions on Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) in Geneva from the 20th to the 21st of November, 2018.

The Working group on PPPs is an intergovernmental body established in 2016 and it comprises over 2000 experts from the public and private sectors, NGOs and international organizations. The session was focused on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), debating and endorsing a zero-tolerance approach to PPP procurement and a number of international PPP standards (in Railway, Roads, and Renewable Energy) will debated and endorsed.



# GIWEH Project and Activities

## Tunis Project

On 15th August 2018, GIWEH representative travelled to Tunis, Tunisia on a follow up program with the National Research Institute for Rural Engineering Water and Forestry - Tunis. This came following the previous visit of fifteen experts from different Tunisian organizations from different sectors (academia, private, government) to Geneva in early 2018 to meet with a number of Swiss organizations. Fruitful discussions were held on the subject of possible future cooperation in the area of water for rural development.

# International Representations

## GIWEH in Dakar



As part of GIWEH's preparations for the 9th World Water Forum in Dakar, Senegal, two visits were made to the capital, first by Director General of GIWEH Dr. Nidal Salim, and the second by the Advisory Board of GIWEH.

Discussions centered on avenues for cooperation, the ways in which GIWEH can support Senegal in its duties as host of the next WWF, and more broadly the ways in which GIWEH intends to support the regional process in Africa.

## Singapore International Water Week

GIWEH participated on a special session organized by the Asia Water Council on 10th July 2018, this truly global conference brought together more than 2400 participants from 110 countries and regions. The event especially highlighted new technical methodologies and strategies to tackling water issues in Asia, and brought together a wide range of stakeholders from governments, private sector, to civil society groups to discuss them.

GIWEH participated as a board member of the Asia Water Council and the vice-chair of the "knowledge-base and dissemination" special committee, continuing its commitment to a holistic approach to water management.



## 10th Water Business Forum

On the 11th July 2018, GIWEH participated in the 10th edition of the Water Business Forum, a global platform for international cooperation held in Singapore during the Singapore International Water Week 2018, organized by the Korea Water Forum. Bringing together the public and private sectors, the forum provides a precious space for dissemination and sharing in the water sector and sustainable development. Reflecting the need to involve all actors in water development and management, the forum aims to connect governments, businesses, NGOs and international organizations to create new business opportunities and catalyze cooperation across borders and sectors.



## Kick-Off Meeting of the 2nd Asia International Water Week

Singapore International Water Week held on 9th to 13th of July 2018 marked the kick-off of the second Asia International Water Week Process.

The event provided space for the discussion of concrete solutions to water issues in Asia, most notably through technical methodologies and strategies such as Smart Water Management technology, and to bring together a wide spectrum of water stakeholders from governments, the public sector, the private sector, and civil society.



## Korea International Water Week

GIWEH was involved on KIWW as Advisory Board Member and Dr. Salim was a referee in the World Water Challenge 2018. GIWEH joined the Water Leaders' Round Table September 2018 at Daegu, Exco on the event of Korea International Water Week organized with the theme of "Water Partnership for Sustainable Development"

GIWEH had a fruitful discussion for cooperation with Korea Water Cluster. They visited the booth of the Cluster and reviewed most of the technologies which are available and discussed how to integrated these technologies on small and medium scale projects.



## United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights

GIWEH served as a representative of the non-profit sector during the 7th United Nations Forum on Business and Human Rights in Geneva. It took place between the 26th and the 28th of November, 2018, on the central theme of "Business respect for human rights – building on what works". This UN Forum was the world's largest annual gathering on business and human rights, counting more than 2,500 delegates from government, business, community groups and civil society, law firms, investor organizations, UN bodies, national human rights institutions, trade unions, academia and the media.

Over three days, participants took part in 60+ panel discussions on topics that relate to the Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (the United Nations "Protect, Respect and Remedy" Framework), as well as current business-related human rights issues and the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals.



## World Water Council

On 29th November to 1st December 2018, GIWEH presented by Director General Dr. Nidal SALIM, Dr. Dietrich Bartelt-Advisory Board member and Dr. Morgane Anziani-Vente, Project Officer GIWEH, had the pleasure to join the Board of Governance meeting of the World Water Council and the 8th General Assembly which aimed to influence the strategic orientation of the WWC by voting on policies and programs. It was also the occasion for members to elect the representatives of the Board of Governors for a term of three years, approve the triennial budget, and adopt the work program and By-Laws.



GIWEH as a Board member of AWC had the pleasure to announce that AWC become a Board member of WWC for the new mandate 2018-2021. GIWEH also participated at the election of the board of the governance for the WWC for the mandate 2018-2021.

## GIWEH at European Business School

Dr. Nidal SALIM, the Director General of GIWEH, was invited as a panelist at Session Three: OUR SHARED FUTURE within the Humanizing Development. Mr. Adolf OGI- Former president of the Swiss Confederation presented the keynote speech of the session.

A firm understanding of the world today and the increasing roles of non-state actors, coupled with visionary leadership will allow us to paint a picture of a uniquely shared future. Public-private collaboration presents unprecedented development opportunities of inclusion for marginalized populations and helps to make successful leapfrogging possible.



## Conference of the Parties (COP) 24



GIWEH actively participated at COP24 through the promotion of its activities related to water and climate change, participating in the Water Sustainability Discussion and by joining the Global Climate Action. Director General, Dr. Nidal SALIM additionally announced the official launch of the 4th GIWEH International Water and Climate Change conference to be held in Morocco in partnership with the Ministry of Equipment, Transport Logistics and Water. The Morocco 2019 conference will be held as a preparatory event for the 9th World Water Forum, in Dakkar 2021.

While members of GIWEH believe the agreement struck in Poland is not strong enough, as said by The Guardian, while climate talks continue, there is hope. Dr. Salim -"We have to push forward the water and climate change agenda and prepare well for COP25"

## GIWEH at the UK Parliament

On 18th December 2018, Director General of GIWEH, Dr. Nidal Salim addressed a large audience gathered at the UK Parliament in London, organized by the European Caucasus House. The event included representatives of the UK government and NGO leaders. Dr. Salim highlighted the issue of environmental protection within the framework of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals. It is an area that links scientific research and knowledge with policy, political strategy, and socio-economic decision-making. Therefore, environmental protection requires a solid scientific basis for policy-making and inversely, environmental science requires strong political support. Whereas environmental protection provides important opportunities for peace-building. Indeed, at GIWEH we stress the importance of cooperation in environmental protection programs, and encourage projects that cut across borders, promote collaboration and peace, and implement a community-based approach to ensure sustainability of both the environment and of peace.



## Publication

### SDG 6 Policy Series

The first paper on SDG 6 completed by Dr Tobias Schmitz and his team on 4th December 2018. The intention was to produce a series of these which focus on different aspects of SDG 6 from a field perspective. This policy note is the first in a series analysing the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 6: ensure access to water and sanitation for all. This series was initiated by Dr. Tobias Schmitz of the Global Institute for Water, Environment and Health (GIWEH) to contribute to a community of practice reviewing the relationship between the theoretical aims of the SDG framework and its practical implementation.



It is our conviction that case studies help to shed light on key themes related to the monitoring of SDG 6, and help to link local practices to national, regional and global monitoring. We would like to contribute to a community of practice amongst practitioners, enabling the exchange of insights to support the SDG 6 agenda. To this end we extend an open invitation to all those who see this as a useful initiative to come forward and engage, suggest topics of interest, share experiences and highlight remaining challenges as the agenda 2030 is being implemented.



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