

Partnerships/Initiatives to strengthen the implementation of Agenda 21

Name of the Partnership/Initiative

“Gender and Water initiative, building up a French speaking network of partners, resources and initiatives.”

Expected date of initiation: august 2002

Expected date of completion: december 2004

Partners Involved:

Governments: French Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Intergovernmental organizations: Agence Intergouvernementale de la Francophonie

Major groups:

pS-Eau, CREPA, Rapsode and other NGOs from the pS-Eau network.

Other: network: Gender and Water Alliance (GWA)

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Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative

Please provide a brief description:

This partnership is born from the strong demand of the French speaking water stakeholders to have easier access to in-depth information about gender issues and gender sensitive initiatives.

- Gender mainstreaming into water and sanitation programmes.
- Collect data to provide French speaking water stakeholders with a complete and consistent toolbox on how to implement gender sensitive approach.
- Disseminate experiences and know how to foster new partnerships mainstreaming gender issues among members of the network.
- Coordinate capacity building and awareness raising initiatives of the members to raise the profile of gender issues in their activities.

Please also provide a brief description of the relationship of the Partnership/Initiative with the objectives of Agenda 21 as well as relevant goals and objectives of the United Nation Millennium Declaration:

- Agenda 21: Chapter 18 (on freshwater) and 24 (on women);
- United Nation Millenium: key points 2 (development and poverty eradication) and 3 (Protecting our Common environment).

Expected results:

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- Raise the profile of gender sensitive actions: raise awareness about the efficiency of mainstreaming gender into water resource management.
- Strengthen ownership of water stakeholders with current gender concepts and approaches.
- Constitute a comprehensive data collection about experiences, tools, methods and approaches about gender sensitive actions.
- Bring on board of the sensitization network a wider group of water stakeholders.
- New tools on latest findings about gender issues available in French (videos, CD-ROM and interactive database) and deliverable among French speaking water stakeholders.
- Coordination and back up of French speaking stakeholders initiatives aiming at gender integration into water management.

Specific targets of the Partnership/Initiative and timeframe for their achievement:

- Launch of the initiative at the Johannesburg Summit: 3 workshops on the Francophone Pavilion in the WaterDome to liaise with a new group of water stakeholders;
- mobilization of the French speaking water sector community during the 3rd cycle of the francophone e-conference pS-Eau/GWA (16/09/02 – 11/10/02);
- WWF3 in Kyoto: milestone to assess progress of on going activities and partnerships, to disseminate findings and proposals of the GWA e-conference, to widen further the members of the network;
- Implementation and monitoring of the different activities proposed (corresponding to results detailed above) in 2002-2004.

Coordination and Implementation mechanism

Please provide a brief description of expected coordination/implementation mechanism of the Partnership/Initiative.

pS-Eau will be the secretariat of the network.

Arrangements for funding

Please describe available and/or expected sources of funding for the implementation of the Partnership/Initiative (e.g. donor government(s); international organization(s)/financial institution(s); foundation(s); private sector; other major groups, etc.)

French minister of Foreign Affairs; Agence Intergouvernementale de la Francophonie, Gender and Water Alliance.

Arrangements for capacity building and technology transfer

Please include information if the Partnership/Initiative provides for training, informational support, institutional strengthening and/or other capacity building measures:

- comprehensive database (with contacts, tools, training materials, case studies bibliography, experiences descriptions...);
- exchange and dialogue activities (seminar, e-conferences,...);
- tools of sensitization and training (video, photos, specific web pages, etc);

Please also provide here a brief description of expected arrangements for technology transfer (if applicable).

- As this initiative will its work on North-South partnerships and exchange of know how and experiences, a permanent dialogue and transfer of knowledge will occur between the different stakeholders.

Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the

international and/or regional level (if any)

Please provide a brief description:

- Réseau Genre en Action (French minister of Foreign Affairs);
- Gender and Water Alliance (GWA associated program)
- World Bank – Water and Sanitation Program (WSP) - Promotion of the Role of Women in Water and Environmental Sanitation (PROWESS).

Monitoring Arrangements

Please describe expected arrangements for monitoring of progress in the implementation of Partnerships/Initiative after it will be launched at the WSSD:

(e.g. frequency/modalities of preparation of progress reports; electronic updates, news-letters, etc)

Newsletter every trimesters + specific progress reports for major milestones (after Joburg, before and after Kyoto, after the last session of GWA e-conference).

Other relevant information:

Web-site (if available): www.pseau.org/genre

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