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Technical Secretariat for the UNESCO G-WADI program (2012)

Status: **Project Manager:**

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Purpose: This project, to be carried out primarily by ICIWaRM, supports a critical UNESCO water program at a fundamental level - as the so-called "Technical Secretariat".

A technical secretariat for a UNESCO program provides both a backbone and a nervous system to the program by supporting it in myriad ways. It plays a role in internal communications, connecting the different regional groups through a website, with databases, and through informal channels. It helps organize workshops, training courses and joint research initiatives on themes related to arid zone water management issues. And it assists the UNESCO staff in reporting on the past and planning the future.

Objective: The primary objectives are:

1. Outreach and Communications: Develop and implement an outreach and communication strategy of the Global G-WADI network, including setting up and maintaining the web site, and seeking information and news from network members to be posted.
 2. Training and Capacity Building: Work together with UNESCO secretariat and G-WADI Regional Groups to organize capacity building workshop(s) and training courses, including some that involve existing G-WADI "products", and to help plan joint research programs.
 3. Planning and Reporting: Assist the UNESCO secretariat in preparing an annual report of the program's activities, and likewise assist them in preparing an annual plan of action for the network in consultation with global and regional leaders of the network.
 4. Record Keeping: Maintain records of members of the network, and serve as a repository of information related to past activities.
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Benefits: Like ICIWaRM itself, the activities that comprise this project forms a foundational element of the U.S. strategy for building peace and security by serving as an instrument for achieving U.S. priorities in international water resources via capacity development, education, training and technical assistance. Such interactions also help bring ideas from other countries back to the Corps.

Progress:

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**Related
Links:**

- [G-WADI Global Website](#) (*project web site*)
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Partners:

- [NASA](#)
- UNESCO-IHP
- University of Arizona