

WWN Africa development, 2013-15

Long term goal is to deliver better wetland projects on the ground and influence wetland policy nationally, regionally and internationally.

Objectives:

1. Improve communication amongst CSOs (Civil Society Organizations) working on wetland conservation projects at site and national/regional level.
2. Build capacity of the WWN members to deliver wetland management, campaigns and projects.
3. Raise the profile and influence of CSO's at international multi-lateral environmental agreements, in this instance Ramsar.

Activities:

Aim	Objective	Actions	Indicators	Timeline
1. Improve communication	Identify key issues that prevent good communication between CSOs in the Africa region.	1.1 Regular group skype meetings with key WWN Africa partners. Face to face workshop to develop personal links and share experience. Provide input to Ramsar's Africa newsletter.	Report on barriers to communication. Proposals for solutions. Face to face meeting.	Report: Nov 13 Proposals: Jan 14 Meet: Feb 15
	Explore potential tools to help improve the communications situation amongst key wetland NGO partners, both international and local	1.2 Explore existing best practice. At workshop, identify main requirements of a new communication system. Link to Ramsar's SGA Project on Wetlands inventory in Mozambique.	Ideas for using high and low tech solutions	Feb 15 workshop. By end 2015
	Invest in creating workable tools that will be useful to both key partners and also other NGOs working in the region.	1.3 Develop new, or amend existing, tools to support the regular communication and joint work between partners under the WWN banner, linked to Ramsar.	Workable tools developed and promoted	2014-2015
2. Build capacity of African Wetland NGOs to deliver environmental campaigns / projects	Work with key WWN partners to build their ability to work on joint wetland campaigns and projects	2.1 Workshop held in two parts to cover: 1. project management, financial management, funding sources and fund-raising, monitoring, communications and promotion; and 2. how to deliver wetland education, habitat and species monitoring, community engagement, and lobbying and advocacy. Ramsar representative to attend.	Workshop held. 25 participants supported to attend. Training resources produced.	Feb 15 workshop.
		2.2 Resources and materials collated for use by partners via the WWN website. WWN Africa members trained to use the website and post content.	Resources uploaded to the website and used.	Until 2015

		Combine the reporting the WWN system with the database of African wetlands ongoing creating by the African team of the Convention.		
		2.3 Using the strengths and resources of existing partners, create an ongoing system of workshops and local ‘champions’ that can support smaller NGOs to effectively carry out their work. Use example of Ramsar and UNESCO-IHE work in Kigali to identify local champions.	‘Champions’ identified and trained.	Feb 2015 workshop
		2.4 Wetland Awards scheme promoted and local engagement activities carried out. Work with NGOs and communities to ensure wetland sites identified that fit best or worst practice.	Wetland sites highlighted for good/bad practice. Local groups active.	To meet wetland globe awards, 2015
		2.5 Projects developed through CSOs that can ensure wise use of wetlands with local people. Support project development and input from CSOs.	10 project identified and fund-raising started	By end 2015
		2.6 Produce report which identifies common issues faced by African CSOs in wetland protection. Publish in research or other wetland journals.	Report produced, circulated and published	April 2015
		2.6 Monitoring network set up to track the progress of wetland conservation at key sites.	Report on key sites produced.	By mid 2015
3. Raise profile of Africa NGOs and promote their work at Ramsar	Raise awareness of civil society work locally, nationally and internationally	3.1 Attendance at the Ramsar COP12 meeting in Uruguay, and Ramsar Africa preparatory meeting (end 2014). Africa delegation put forward suggestions for approach to support wetland protection and awareness-raising. Use Ramsar guidance on NGO involvement at COP meetings.	10 delegates from Africa NGOs attend the Ramsar COP, under the banner of WWN.	End 2014 for preparatory meeting. Mid-2015 for COP 12.
		3.2 Campaigns and resources made available to demonstrate the work and ability of civil society groups in wetland conservation	Information and resources available on the website	Early 2015

Costings:

Heading	Detail	Date	Cost \$	Match	
Workshop	Travel for 10 participants (10 x 750)	Feb 2015	7500	0	
	Per diem for 25 people over 3 days (20 x 3 x 25)		1500	0	

	Food and accommodation for 10 people over 3 days (20 x 3 x 100)		6000	0	
	Trainers and course materials		1,000	2,000	
	Venue hire		0	1500	
Comms tools					
	Time spent by local NGOs to support development of comms tools		0	3,000	
	Cost of purpose built tool (listserv, chat room, forum etc).		5,000	0	
Project management	Project management tasks by staff host organisation	Ongoing	?	0	
	Project management by WWN Chair (UK)	Ongoing	1,500	1,500	
Practical outcomes	10 Africa NGO reps attend the Ramsar COP12 (flights, food, accommodation, 10 x \$3000)	June 2015	30000		
	Local project bids prepared and resources started to be accessed		0		
	African element of WWN Globes carried out		0		
	Input to practical projects developed over the project		0		
Ramsar	Attendance of 5 WWN reps at the Ramsar preparatory meeting and Ramsar COP (funding linked to Ramsar? National Ramsar budgets?)	June 2015		10,000	
Total			52500	18000	