

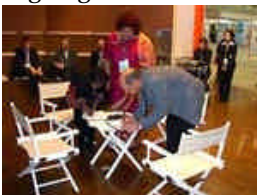
## Gender and Water Alliance and CAP-NET launch partnership

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The International Network for Capacity Building in Integrated Water Resources Management (Cap-Net) and the Gender and Water Alliance (GWA) have signed a memorandum of understanding to enhance human resources development for integrated water resources management.



Signing on behalf of Cap-Net was Mr. Paul Taylor, Director and on behalf of the GWA, Ms Jennifer Francis, Executive Secretary. Both Paul and Jennifer stressed the need to develop capacity of individuals and institutions in implementing the new concept of integrated water resources management (IWRM) which was endorsed since the 2<sup>nd</sup> World Water Forum.



Cap-Net promotes individual and institutional capacity building in IWRM through training of trainers, research strengthening and improved knowledge management including the strengthening of networks and communities-of-practice, and identification, development, dissemination of innovative materials and tools. The GWA on the other hand promotes strategic improvements in the practice of gender mainstreaming in the water sector through their network. It believes that that promotion of water security for men and women is integral to the efficiency and sustainability of water resources management initiatives and services. In recognition of the strengths of both organizations and the mutually shared goals, this new partnership will contribute to integrated water resources management in practice.



The partnership now established will collaborate for mutual benefit through:

- Jointly devising a means for linkage and sharing between the respective websites allowing discovery and display of resources from either site on the other.
- Promoting the mutual goals of sustainable management of water resources in a gender sensitive environment through partnership in the development and promotion of materials, tools and capacity building activities.

- Strengthening and improving visibility of our respective networks through cooperative activities which reflect the benefits and synergies of partnership.
- Ensuring that gender is fully reflected in the IWRM capacity building agenda of Cap-Net and that the gender mainstreaming approach of GWA is structured for incorporation into water management at all levels.

Action on this partnership will begin shortly in June when both Cap-Net and the GWA will hold training for trainers and participate and contribute to the development of the modules for the courses.