



GLOBAL WATER INSTITUTE – RESEARCH & ADVOCACY PRIORITIES FOR 2014-2015

ISSUES	RESEARCH & ADVOCACY PRIORITIES
Water Resource Management	GW I will conduct research and do advocacy to attract donors for generous funding water-related projects aiming at reintegrating ex-combatants to bring peace and security for African communities. GW I will also emphasize its advocacy by ensuring that its programs' foundational goal of protecting lives and securing the environment remains straightforward, clear and intact.
Rights to Water and Sanitation	GW I will pledge for significant funding of water and sanitation services for the rural poor and other people suffering from war and the negative impact of climate change, mainly water scarcity and food shortage. GW I will also promote water policy changes that will benefit ex-combatants who have chosen to return to civilian life, and other poor people who do not have access to clean water and sanitation services, or people who cannot produce enough food due to social conflict and environmental degradation.
Reintegration of Ex-combatants through Water-related Programs	GW I will promote strong funding of water programs dedicated to creating jobs for and technical training of ex-combatants and to assisting other war victims, who without humanitarian aid cannot sustain their lives on their own. GW I will also focus on aiding post-conflict countries willing to reform their DDR framework for the sake of including in their National Action Plan, water governance and regional collaboration in the environmental protection and security. GW I will also address the role of the African Union as it is integral to the delivery of Africa's peace and security.
Human & Environmental Security	GW I will identify security implications to trans-boundary water, vis-à-vis climate change. GW I will conduct research and advocate for comprehensive social and economic development reform in partnership with local governments and civil society entities, addressing the plight of climate-induced immigrants. GW I will also encourage international support of African refugees who have fled their homes due to natural disasters, such as floods and drought which are at the source of water scarcity and food crisis.
COUNTRIES AND REGIONS	RESEARCH & ADVOCACY PRIORITIES
BURUNDI	Through the dialogue process, GW I will advocate for changes in the UNDP and the World Bank's reconstruction assistance, using water projects to Burundi that will benefit the short- and long-term needs of ex-combatants and their respective communities.
COTE D'IVOIRE	GW I will promote positive change in policies towards Cote d'Ivoire that promote a negotiated and improved the situation of ex-combatants through water –related projects, increased training in capacity building on conflict prevention and promotion of water and human rights in all aid efforts emphasizing water governance.
ZAMBIA	GW I will identify existing water projects that maximize the inclusion of women in the rural poor. Through various seminars and training, GW I will promote strong funding of water-related programs established to improve life-conditions of the rural poor, especially women and girls. GW I will also focus on helping the Zambia government in water governance policy reform to better address effectively and efficiently needs of water and sanitation services for local communities in rural areas.
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC (CAR)	GW I will urge the local government, the World Bank, the United Nations, the African and European Unions, and other relevant actors to: engage in support of peace and security in CAR and neighbouring States, provide strong funding to meet humanitarian needs, effectively reintegrate ex-combatants in order to prevent further conflict and stimulate long-term development and overall regional security.
GREATER SUDAN	GW I will support generous EU and World Bank funding of conflict transformation and reconstruction in the Greater Sudan, which for years was affected by war. GW I will also encourage local training for ex-combatants and local leadership, geared to reconcile communities and build long-lasting peace in the region.