CITY-WIDE PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE WATER USE AND WATER STEWARDSHIP
WHAT IS A CITY-WIDE PARTNERSHIP?

The City-Wide Partnership (CWP) for sustainable water use and water stewardship initiative was developed by WWF-Pakistan in 2014. It is a network of public sector departments, private companies, technical experts and civil society actors committed to mitigating shared water risks. This partnership aims to promote constructive, open dialogues on priority water risks and mobilize resources, foster new partnerships for improved water governance, adopt locally driven solutions to make measurable improvements in the overall water management of the region and link these initiatives with governance and policy-making.

THE APWASI PROJECT AND CITY-WIDE PARTNERSHIP

In July 2021, this city-level platform was launched in the twin cities of Rawalpindi and Islamabad under the Australia-Pakistan Water Security Initiative (APWASI). The project aims to implement the Water Sensitive Cities (WSCs) vision for Pakistan. WSCs is a nature-based approach that focuses on holistic management of the integrated water cycle in order to make cities liveable, resilient, sustainable, and productive. It seeks to protect and enhance the health of waterways, reduce flood risk, and create public spaces that harvest, clean, and recycle water.

The Australian aid funded programme envisions to:

1. Demonstrate low-cost Nature Based Solutions (NbS) for improving access and availability of water.

2. Ensure community resilience to climate change and other water-related shocks through a mix of locally suitable interventions.

3. Build capacity and awareness of key stakeholders on urban water management, as well as educating and sensitizing local communities, youth and other users about water use and conservation.

Under this initiative, WWF-Pakistan has established two demonstration sites in the twin cities of Islamabad and Rawalpindi.
# Objectives of the City-Wide Partnership

1. Develop a common understanding amongst key stakeholders on water risks and urban water management in Islamabad and Rawalpindi.

2. Identify mitigation options necessary to address priority risks at the policy and management level.

3. Formulate strategies and actions to address priority risks in Islamabad and Rawalpindi.

4. Voice the key changes that all stakeholders want to see in water management in Islamabad and Rawalpindi.

The CWP will also serve as a platform to share findings, lessons learnt and situational analysis data of the programme demonstration sites so that community-identified priorities for safe water access and improved sanitation services are incorporated in planning and delivery of urban water services. The CWP will also help local governments utilize evidence-based information and data on water use, distribution, water quality and sanitation to inform planning and decision making for cities. Moreover, as the programme progresses, representatives from the disadvantaged demonstration communities, particularly women and people with disabilities, will be given an effective voice so that they are able to participate in city-level discussions on urban water management.
CITY-WIDE PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTES TO SDGs 6, 11, 13, 17

THE CITY-WIDE PARTNERSHIP FRAMEWORK

Sustainable Water Use and Water Stewardship

- Understanding water risks
- Capacity building
- Effective partnerships and informed decision-making
- Enhanced funding mechanisms and strategy
- Enhanced public-private partnerships
- Advocacy and policy lobbying

City-wide Partnership
BECOME A MEMBER

As a member of the City-Wide Partnership for ‘Sustainable Water Use and Water Stewardship’ initiated by WWF Pakistan, you are expected to:

1. Adopt and support the overall vision of the partnership

Make your city a Water Sensitive City (WSC) through increased multi-stakeholder interaction and collective action for sustainable management of water resources and improved governance.

2. Play an active role

- Participate in-person at the scheduled meetings
- Propose innovative ideas for the mitigation of identified water risks
- Engage in meaningful discussions and dialogue
- Respond to communication (including calls and emails) related to the partnership

3. Provide meaningful support

- Consider how your organization can contribute to the partnership to improve the water management of the twin cities
- Ensure active participation of your organization in all partnership-related activities
- Utilize your own experiences and network to benefit of the partnership
- Initiate collaborations with other members of the partnership

4. Promote the cause

- Advocate within your own organization
- Invite other relevant stakeholders who can play a significant role in the partnership
MEMBERSHIP FORM

First Name: ___________________________    Last Name: ___________________________

Name of Institute/Organization:_____________________________________________________

Designation: ________________________________________________________________

Tel (Work): ___________________________    Mobile: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________________________________________

Address (Work): ______________________________________________________________

Have you ever been a member of City-Wide Partnership before:  □ Yes    □ No

Nominate a secondary contact person from your Institute/Organization

Name: ________________________________

Designation: __________________________

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