

# IWaSP Second Annual Partner Exchange on Collective Leadership for Water Security

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To deal with the complex and urgent challenges of water security, a new leadership paradigm – collective leadership - is required that recognizes the diversity of involved actors as a strength; pools and levers resources; and improves collaboration across sectors for achieving common goals. Indeed, collective leadership and effective partnerships are essential for implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) from the local to the global levels.

The International Water Stewardship Programme (IWaSP) is an international water security programme which combines global best practices in water stewardship with local know-how. The innovative six-year programme (2013-2018) facilitates partnerships between the public sector, the private sector, and civil society. It addresses shared water risks on a catchment scale, while improving stakeholders' use and management of water and building their capacity to develop their own solutions.

Combining the wealth of innovative practices and lessons learned from over 12 IWaSP partnerships and the Collective Leadership Institute's (CLI's) expertise in multi-stakeholder collaboration, IWaSP and CLI are co-organizing an interactive IWaSP Second Annual Partner Exchange in late October in Kampala, Uganda. The event will be useful to individuals and teams in multiple ways: building capacity for initiating and invigorating partnerships; ensuring high quality dialogue and engagement processes; and delivering concrete results. Participants will take home:

- Insights from partnerships working to improve aspects of water security in various contexts, including new ideas to inspire emerging partnerships
- Improved collective leadership skills for contributing to water security
- Tested collaboration methodologies and tools to help move partnerships forward
- A network of peers for continued exchange on challenges and successes

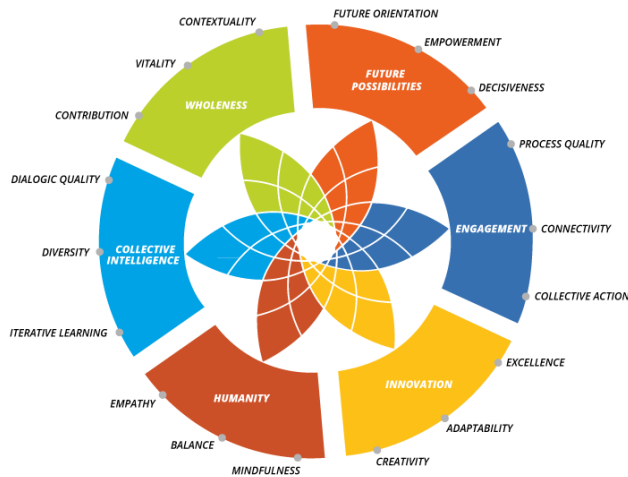
*Photos: Impressions of past IWaSP activities*



Participants will explore the steps of IWaSP’s Water Risk and Action Framework, a process model that offers guidance on partnership creation and execution:



During the event participants will also discuss and apply the competencies found in CLI’s Collective Leadership Compass to the challenges they face in specific steps of their partnership development work:



The above models will be complimented with relevant practical tools to help take water security partnerships to the next level.

Learn more about IWaSP here: [www.iwasp.org](http://www.iwasp.org)

Learn more about CLI’s work building capacity for collaboration in the water sector, for example here in Tunisia: <http://stakeholder-dialogues.net/stories/26/>