



# Mobilizing, Convening, Catalyzing: The Alliance for Global Water Adaptation (AGWA)

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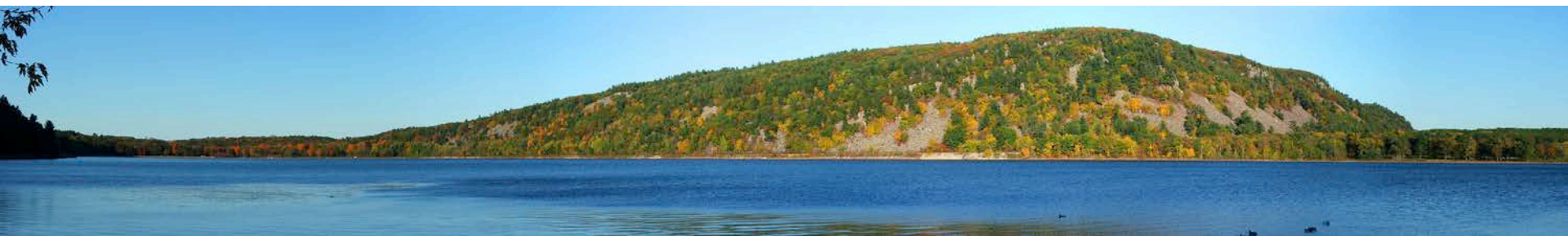
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# AGWA: A Brief Overview

- How do we manage water sustainably over decades and centuries?
- The **Alliance for Global Water Adaptation** is a group of regional and global development banks, aid agencies and governments, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector
- Our strength is connecting and supporting **technical decision makers from a wide variety of disciplines and institutions**
- We translate the new emerging practices for policy makers to enable more effective action



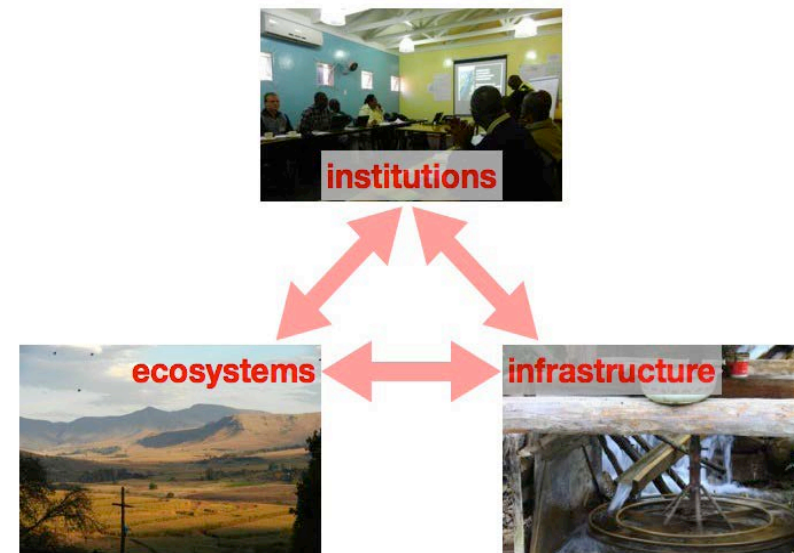


# AGWA's actions

- Technical support
- Policy engagement
- Decision Support System (DSS)
  - a “meta-tool” that incorporates existing tools, research, and data-products into decision-making processes
  - Step-wise, decision focused
- *Beyond Downscaling* book for risk assessment: September 2014:
  - <http://alliance4water.org>
- Global decision tree: mid 2015



an integrated vision of resilience



# How We Operate

- Two Co-Chairs:
  - World Bank
  - Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)
- Functions as independent network
- Secretariat led by SIWI as of August 2014
  - Works to uphold and build network, hold meetings, coordinate activities, and support AGWA's field-based projects
  - John Matthews as AGWA Coordinator



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# The Future of AGWA



- **Policy:** UNFCCC activities planned for Lima, Paris COPs
- Policy: World Water Forum 7
- Policy: Cooperating with UNESCO-IHP on science-policy meeting in July 2015
- Practice: New handbook for on best practices for risk assessment, adaptation planning, and implementation in mid 2015 for water managers
- Practice: >20 projects globally — case studies publishing in mid 2015
- Practice: green bond market engagement on resilience



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