

# Water Operators Partnerships

## Helping Water Operators Help One Another

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# Response to a Global Challenge



Water Operators are essential to achieving the MDGs but need to improve skills and governance to improve operations and extend service to poor.



UN-HABITAT to host the Global WOPs Mechanism with the help of partners

Many countries are off track to meet the water & sanitation MDGs



Water Operators' Partnerships a key component of UNSGAB's Hashimoto Action Plan to step up effort to achieve MDGs



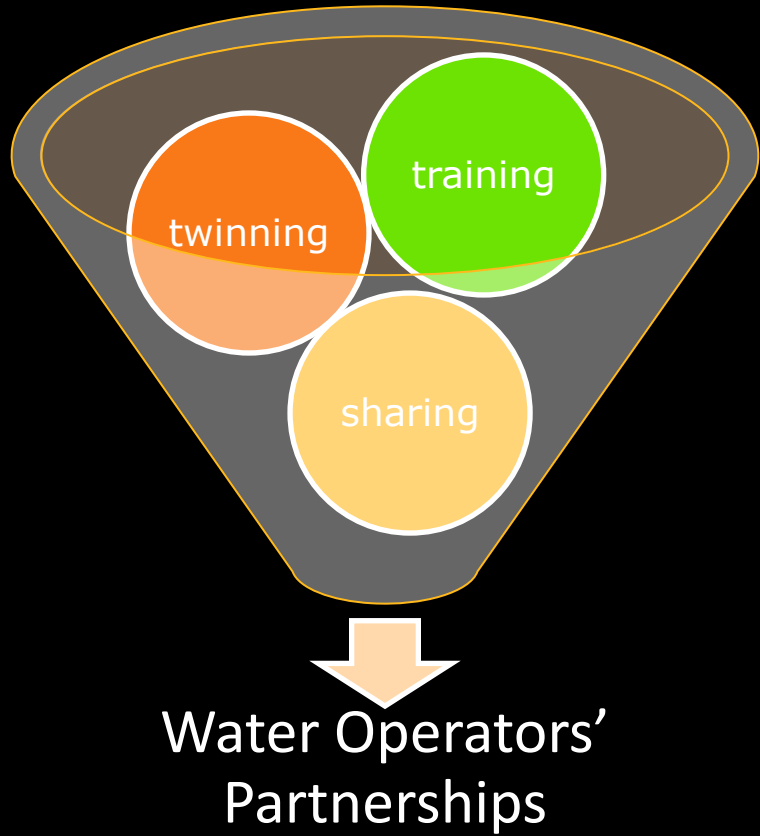
GWOPA formed as an alliance of partners to help increase the scope and impact of WOPs

Urgent need to accelerate Progress

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# What are WOPs?



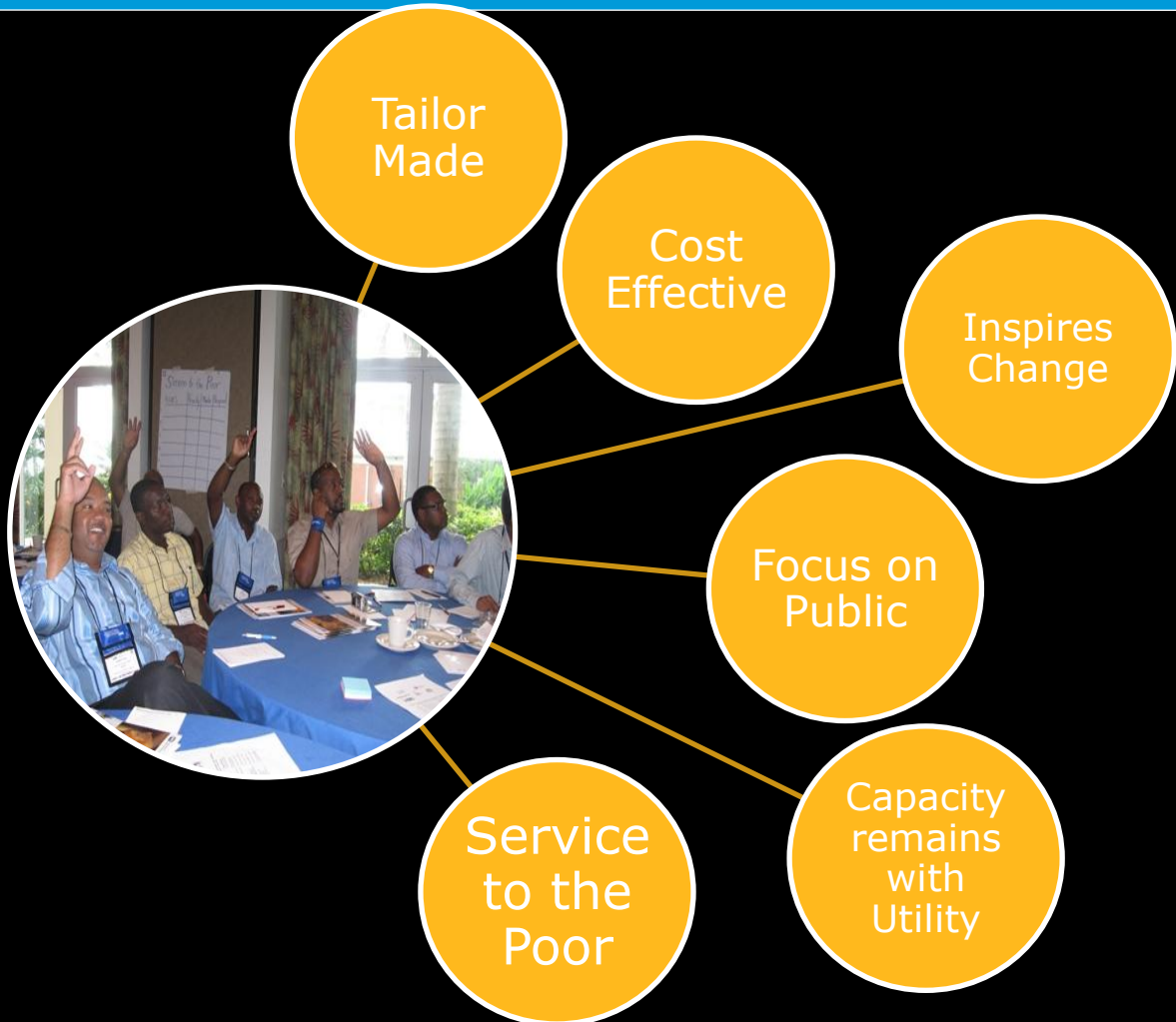
## Premise

Water Operators have a tremendous role to play in meeting MDGs

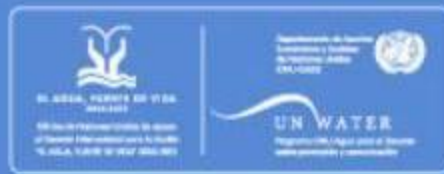
There are capacity gaps, but utilities are also source of great expertise

There is much to be gained by more systematic sharing between them

# 6 Good Reasons to go for WOPs



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# Water Operators' Partnerships Guiding Principles

## Water Operators' Partnerships

### Code of Conduct

sustainability

coordination

Accountability & transparency

Not for profit

Solidarity

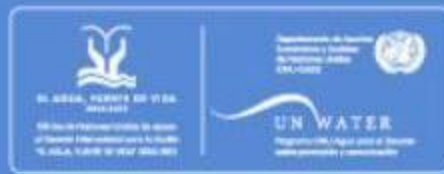
Mutual benefit

integrity

inclusiveness

Learning from others

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# National & Regional WOPs platforms are the backbone of WOPs

**GWOPA supports & connects by:**

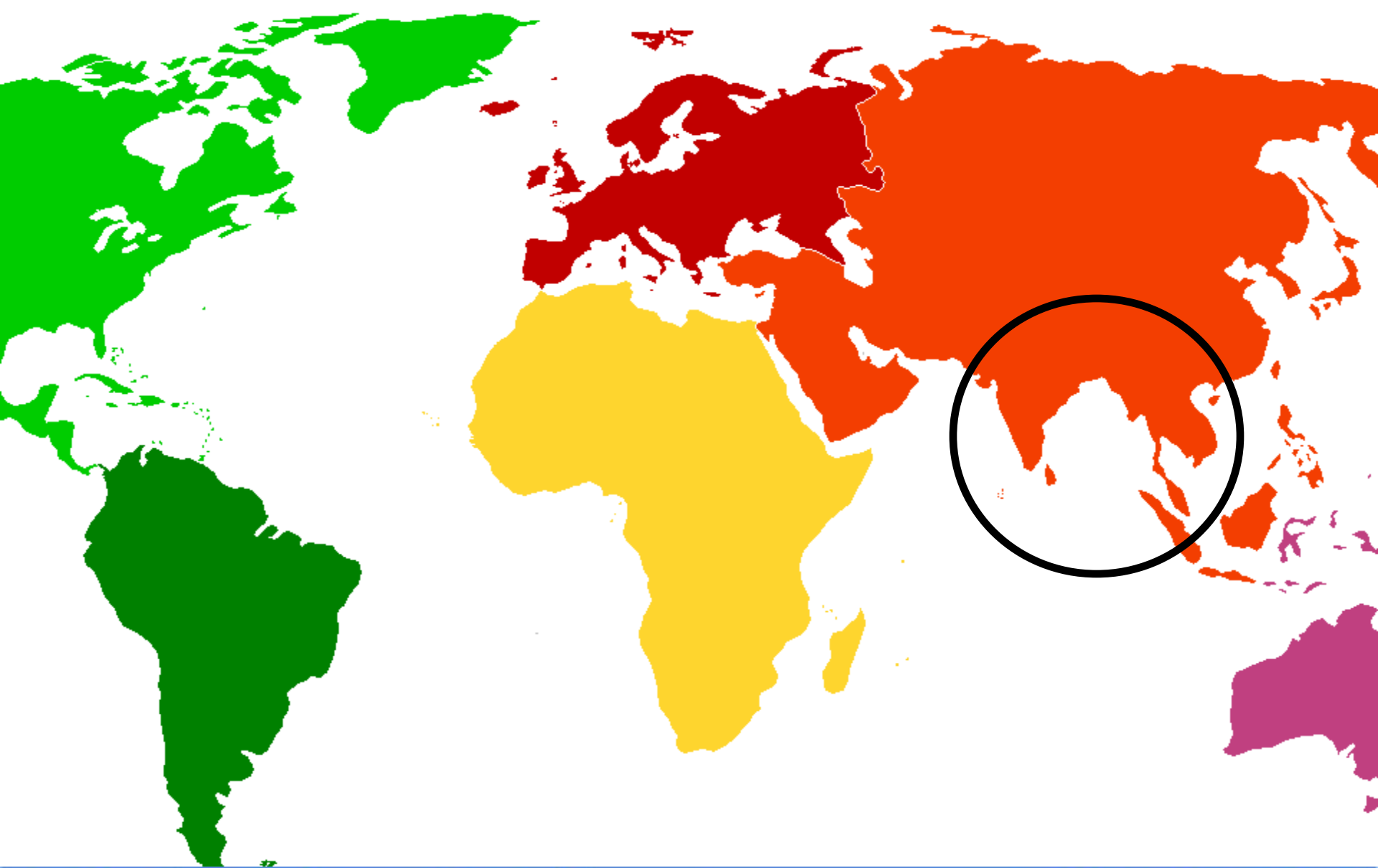
- **Supporting establishment within sustainable structures**
- **Linking platforms and encouraging cooperation**
- **Promoting Hashimoto Principles and code-of-conduct**
- **Convening stakeholders for dialogue**
- **Providing access to its tools and resources**



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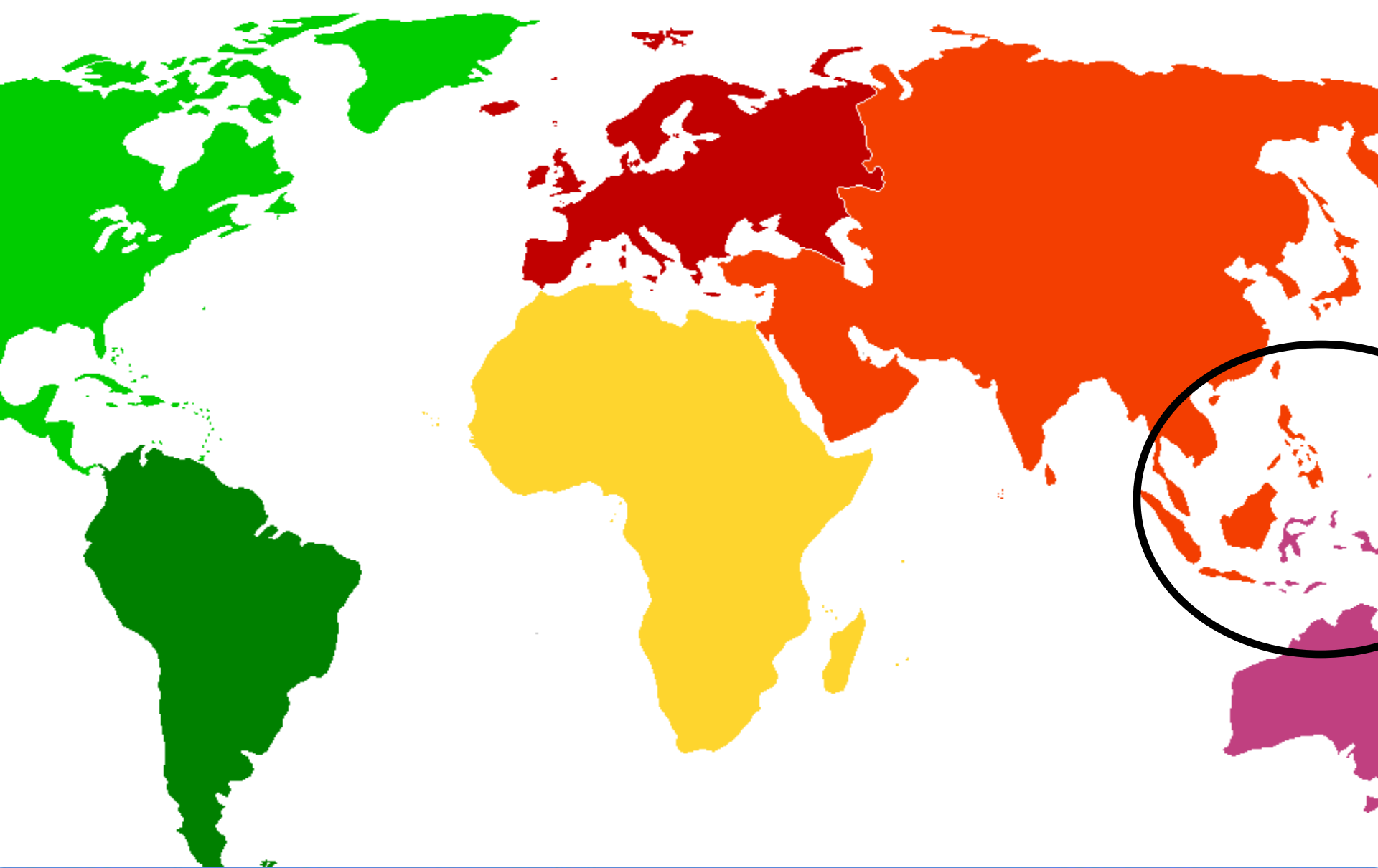
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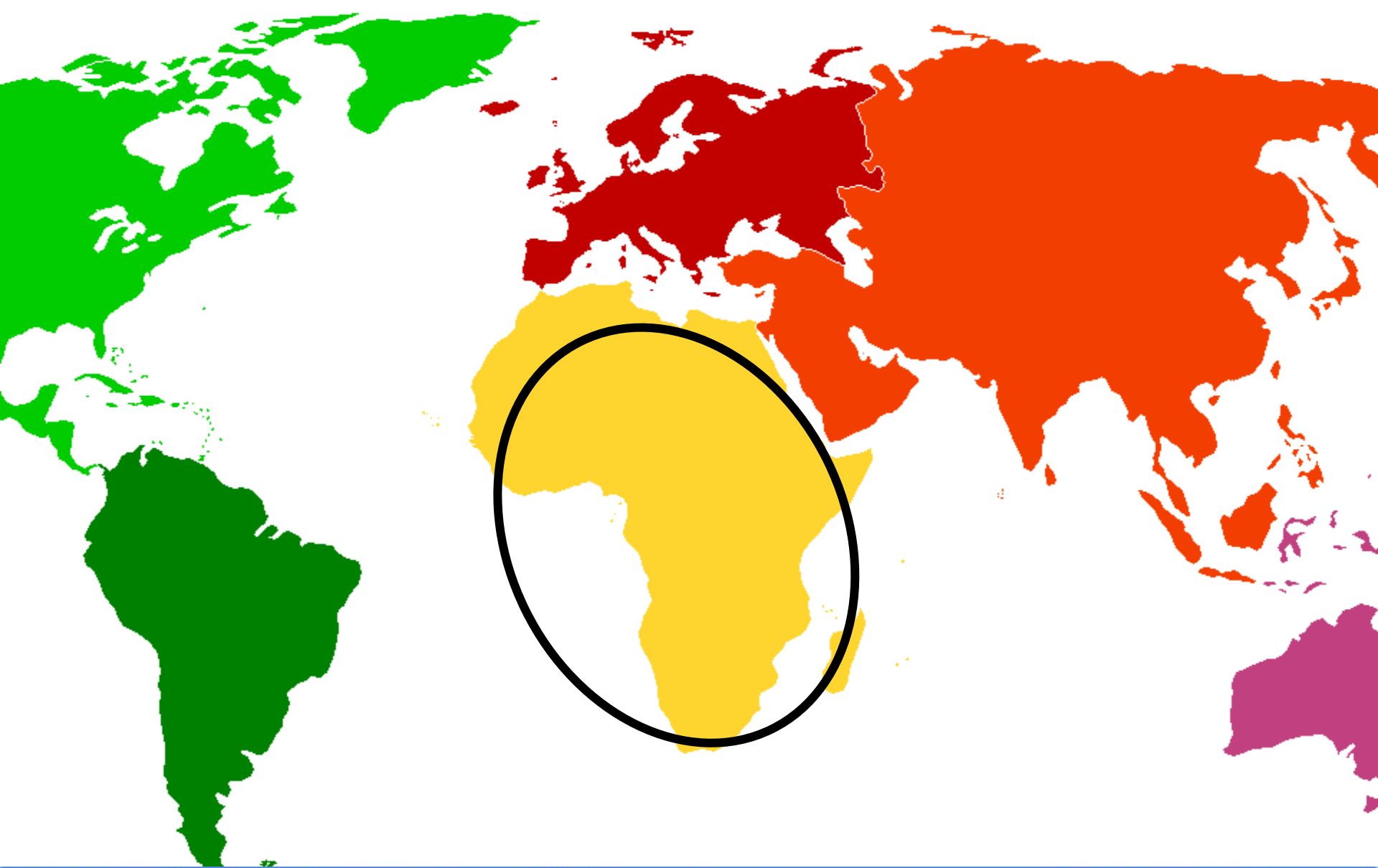


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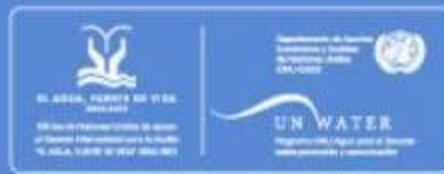
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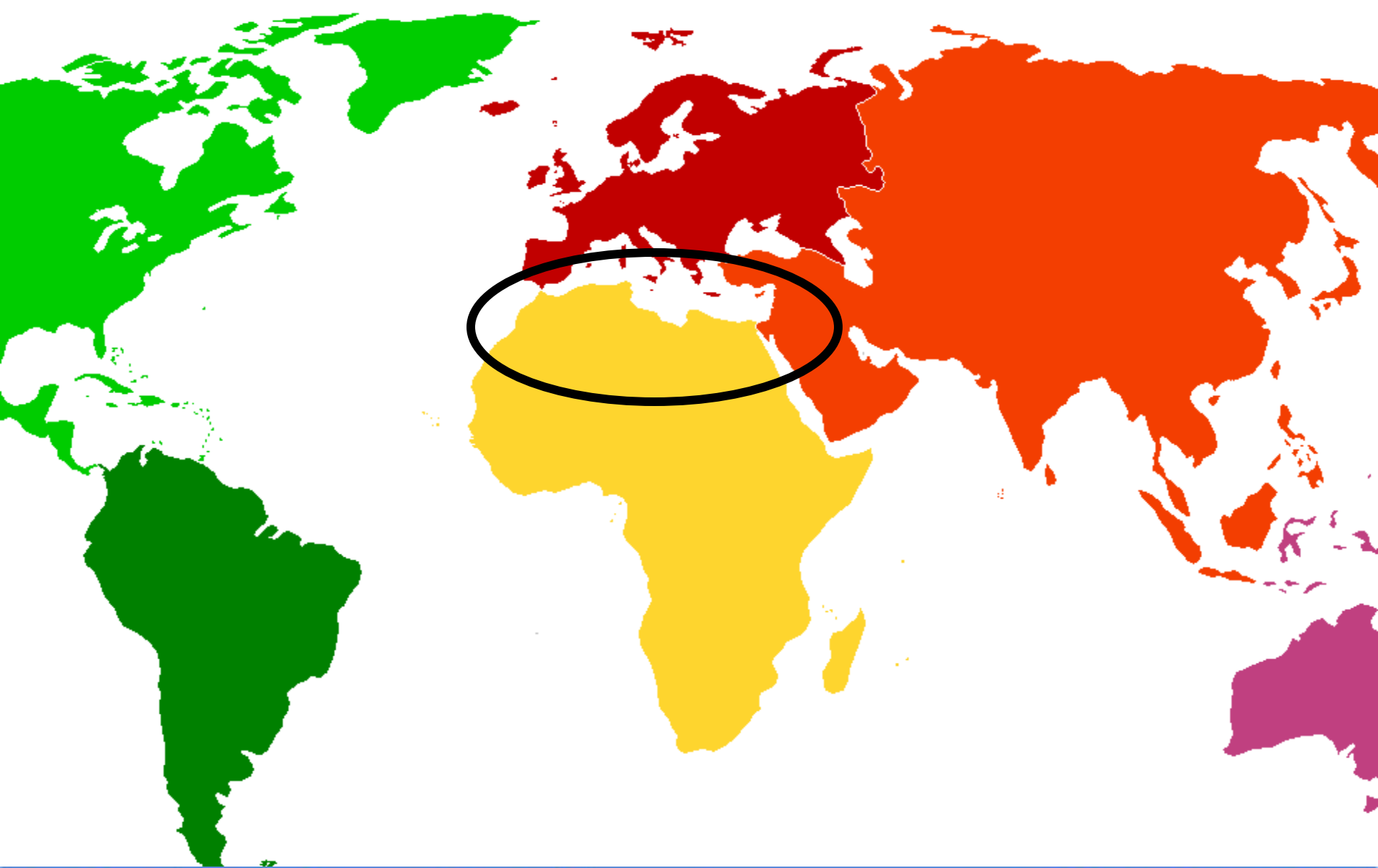




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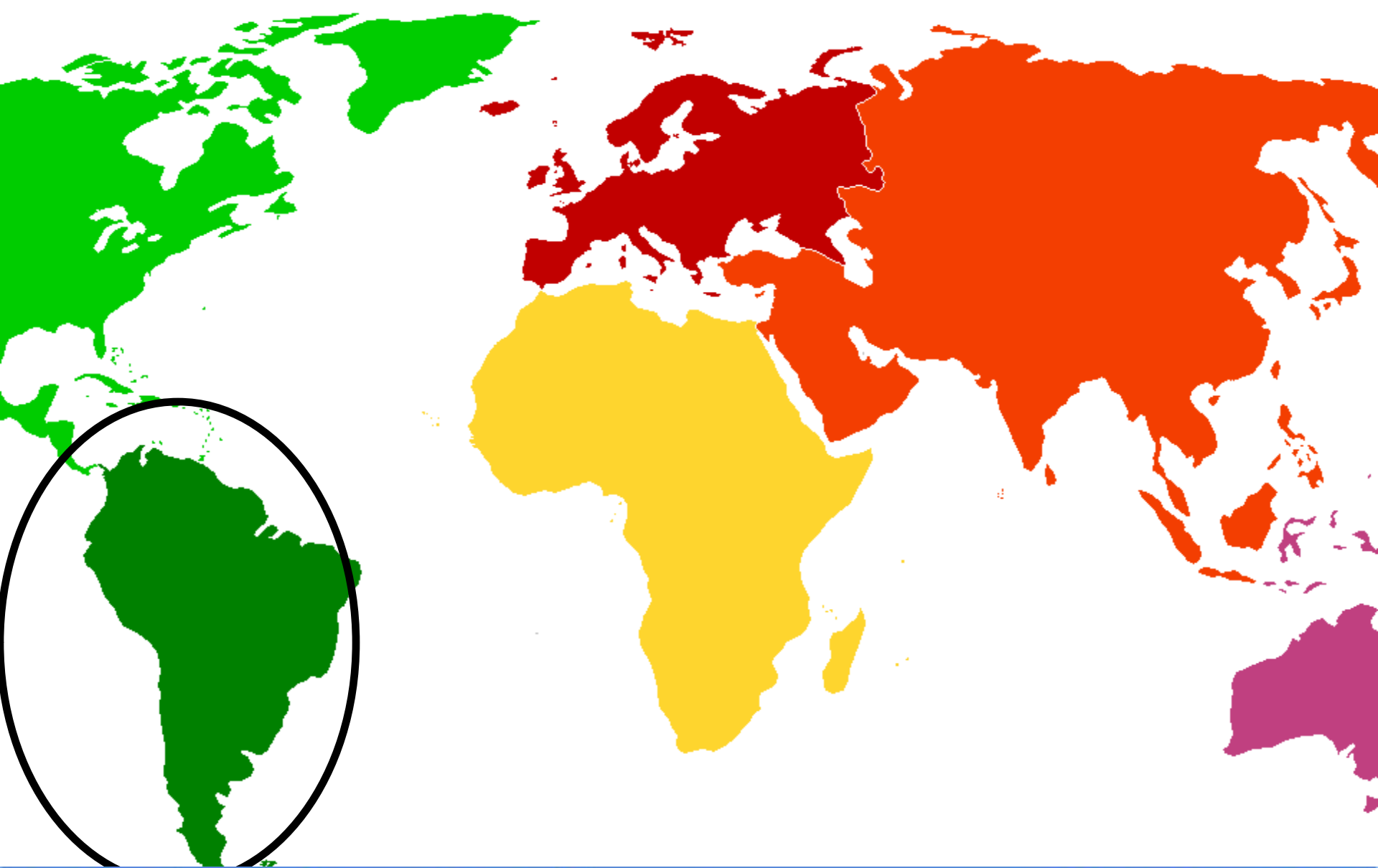
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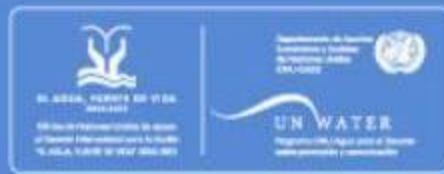
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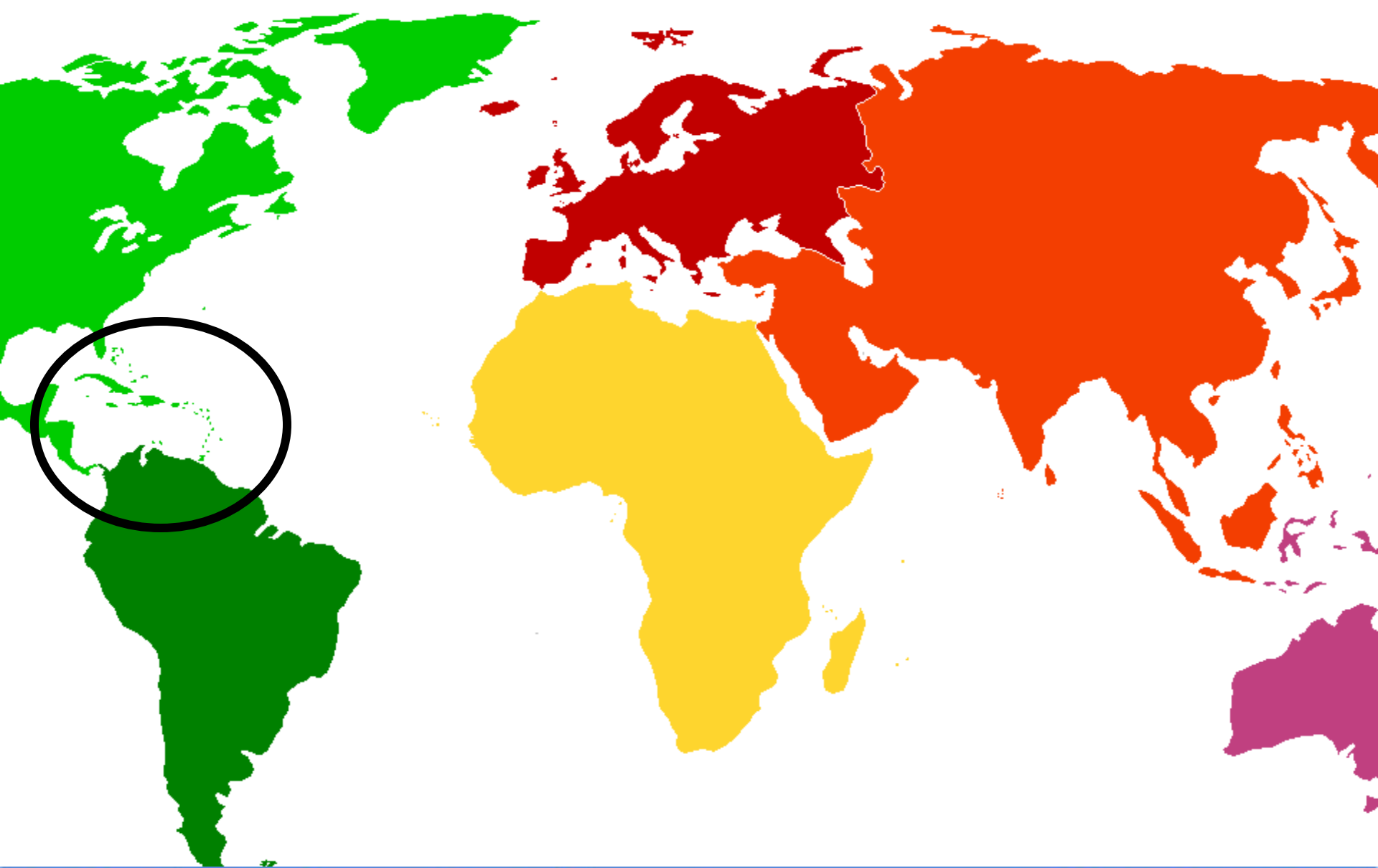
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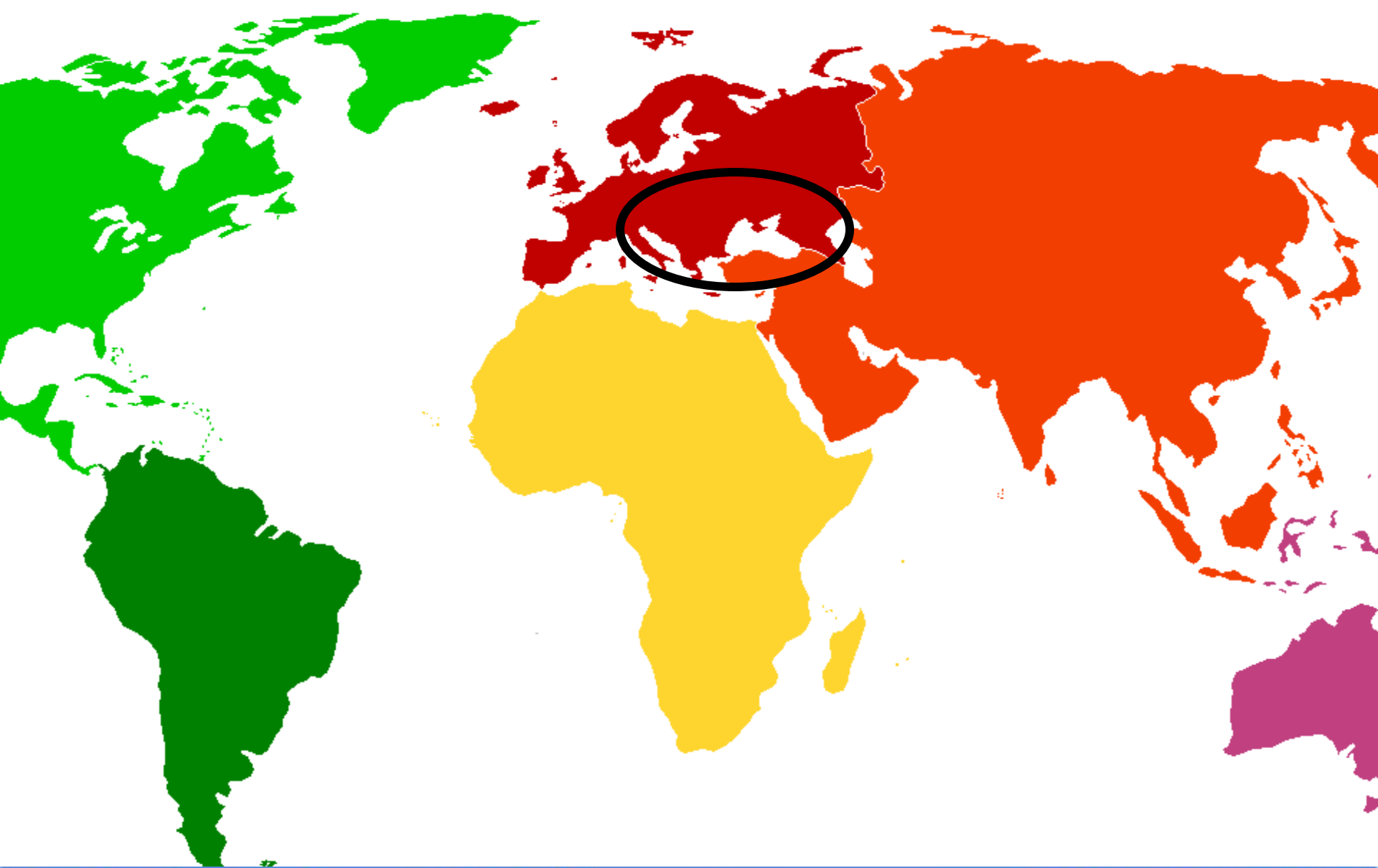
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# Linking platforms and encouraging cooperation

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 CARIBBEAN WATER AND WASTEWATER ASSOCIATION

**CBWMP**  
 CARIBBEAN WATER AND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

**IDB**  
 Inter-American Development Bank

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**IWA**  
 International Water Association

**AIDIS**  
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**BWA**  
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# GWOPA: Taking WOPs beyond short-term twinning

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# How GWOPA helps make WOPs Bigger & Better

## 1

### Brokering

- Matchmaking can be a limitation to the scope and impact of WOPs
- Creating opportunities and approaches for utilities to find one another in meaningful ways
- GRUBS – encouraging utilities to benchmark and to share their experiences





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### Knowledge Management

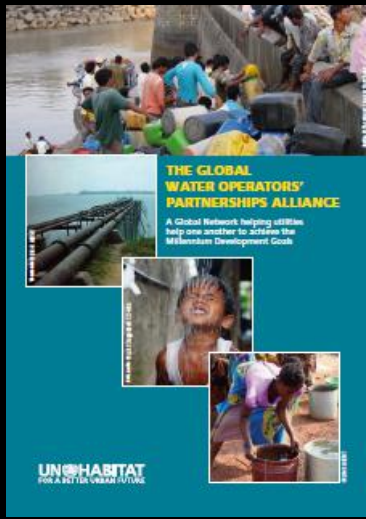
Monitor to measure scope and impact

Work with practitioners to draw lessons from practice

Develop tools:

- GRUBS
- Typologies
- Best Practices and case studies
- Templates and guidelines

To share freely with all to help improve WOPs



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## 3

### Finance



- identifying and helping extend access to existing WOPs funding sources at all levels
- Propagating successful financial and legal support mechanisms for WOPs
- establishing a donor-supported financing facility to support public utility improvement
- providing direct funding to intra- and inter-regional exchange

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# The GWOPA Advisory & Financing Facility

- Ensuring WOPs capacity gains translate into better service for the poor
- Targeting small utilities with little credit worthiness but which have demonstrated initial successes through WOPs
- Using initial successes and higher internal revenues to leverage funds to implement further changes
- PIP implementation to bridge the gap toward larger sector loans for infrastructure.

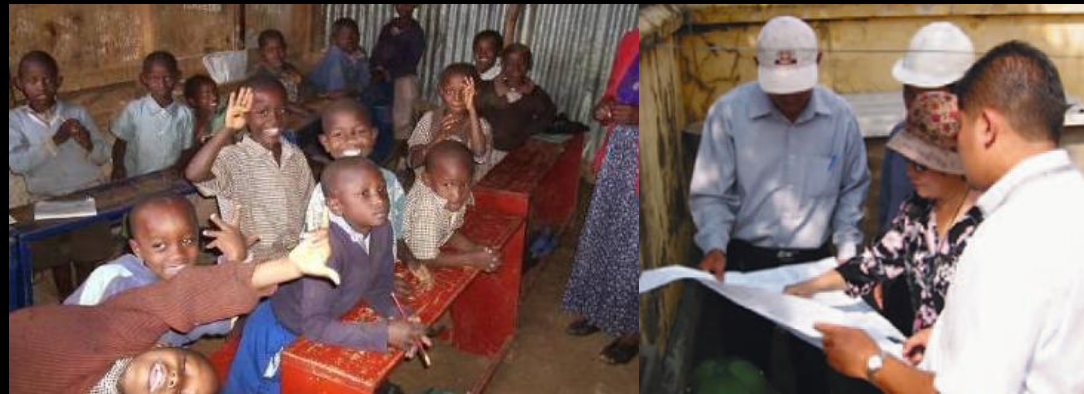


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### Training and Capacity Building

- A direct complement to twinning activities
- Training a courtship activity
- Putting utilities at the front of capacity building
- Creating online platforms to extend utility knowledge beyond 1 on 1 twinning



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### Advocacy



- Expounding the benefits of WOPs to gather further support for the practice
- Drawing on extensive networks amongst operators, governments, donors, NGOs, and private sector
- Showing a united global force for improving water service provision

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# Water Operators as Leaders in Efforts to Attain MDGs

Operators have tremendous role to play in meeting environmental and development goals

How?

- Communicating and Advocating
- Showing by example

Inspiring!

Questions

How can Water Operators play this role fully?

How can the Global Water Operators Partnerships Alliance help?

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