

The physical science and engineering solutions are no longer enough



 We have made great scientific and technological strides globally and South Africa contributes way above its weight in research papers (1.69% global share)



 Good water management is about Behaviours, Relationships, Compromise and a Systems view.



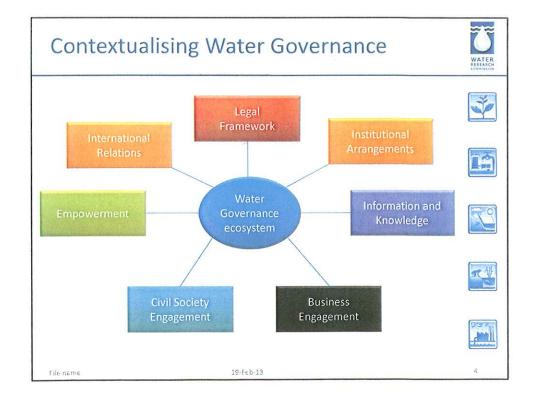
 People are at the centre of the Water Solution.





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MAIN MESSAGES



 The markers of good governance (3, 6, 12, 15, 16 and special sessions)



Legislation, regulation, rights and accountability (2,5,9 and special sessions)



 Multi-level, multi-sectoral and transboundary governance and adaptive management (4, 7, 8, 11, 14 and special sessions)



Tools for implementation (10, 13, 16 and special sessions)



LEGISLATION, REGULATION, RIGHTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY



Implementation of the laws (Good laws are meaningless if they are not implemented)



Strong and self-sufficient institutions (e.g. CMAs) for vertical and horizontal governance and accountability



 Capacity development on water integrity and accountability (busting corruption) targeting both public officials and civil society because the responsibility for addressing unethical practices is quite distributed (All actors must play their part)



Addressing unlawful use of water



 Development of effective tools, guidance and mechanisms for regulation and accountability



MARKERS OF GOOD GOVERNANCE



Effective and mutually beneficial partnerships



- Need to move from state-centric view of water governance
- Stakeholder/multi-stakeholder platforms and involvement in wall resources management



Relationship building



- Provision of non-tangible emotional benefits (hope and promise)
- Focus on provision and uptake of data and information



Effective mechanisms for greater scrutiny of activities -



MULTI-LEVEL, MULTI-SECTORAL AND TRANSBOUNDARY GOVERNANCE AND ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT



Improve co-operative governance of shared river basins using IWRM strategies/plans as an important starting point



Understanding integration – sectoral and regional.



 Strengthen institutions for multi-level, multi-sectoral, transboundary governance and stakeholder engagement



 Developing a suite of win-win benefit sharing projects as incentives for sustainable cooperation between states



 Developing effective mechanisms for decentralised managemer (such as Water Users Associations)



- Strengthen integration across sectors
- Improving water governance in a rural context.

TOOLS FOR IMPLEMENTATION



 Establish a system of benchmarking water governance and performance



Develop and implement tools for spatial planning



 Need for data and information management tools such as simple Decision Support Systems to support effect governance



Strengthen capacity building in water governance



Use the ecosystems approach



Going Forward



 Developing a robust water governance knowledge base – WRC portfolio and beyond.



 Using the available South African laboratory to develop some global best practice taking advantage of the NWRS 2 implementation and the water law reform processes.



 Developing governance models to better our chances to achieve sustainable development solutions.



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Next Steps



WRC Dialogues on Governance Matters



- Gender Summit 2013
- 2nd International Freshwater Governance Conference – Adelaide 2014



• Inter-parliamentary engagement between South African Legislature and that of the Australian Commonwealth and/or State Legislature of South Australia.





When all is said and done.....

REMEMBER MRS MKWANAZI



While serving the needs of big business, the mines, the farmers, our systems must ensure that Mrs Mkwanazi, just down the road here, is able to access water for productive and domestic purposes, that she has access to sustainable sanitation services, that she has access to a road and transport services to get her produce to market, and that she can make a living that enables her to feed and educate her family, and to live with dignity. (Extract from the opening remarks of Advocate de Lange)

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