



# Follow up to 3rd World Water Forum

## GWP Actions for IWRM

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# Where are we?

- From 2nd to 3rd Forums the focus was:
- Building awareness, articulating concepts, agreeing the 'why' and 'what' of IWRM
- Bringing the water community together and building a strong world wide network
- Establishing programmes for action (international and regional focus and mainly water people)

# UN WSSD 2002

- Culmination of The Hague 2000, Bonn 2001, and other international events
- UN Millennium Development Goals and targets formalised for water, sanitation and IWRM
- Other MDG's also depend on water - poverty, hunger, health etc.
- Johannesburg Plan of Implementation set target for countries to "*develop IWRM and water efficiency plans by 2005*" thus giving formal recognition of importance of IWRM
- UN CSD: next two years will focus on water, sanitation, settlements = impetus for change.



# Kyoto - IWRM theme recommendations

- Involving local level in decision making
- Preparing of national IWRM strategies
- Building multi-stakeholder partnerships
- Creating and supporting river basin management structures
- Promoting the world lake vision



# Kyoto - Governance theme recommended

- Including water in poverty reduction strategies
- building administrative capacity and implementing laws for efficient public institutions
- Decentralising operational and service delivery functions to municipalities, local governments, communities and public or private operators
- Developing regulatory institutions that avoid jurisdictional overlaps and conflict between sectors
- Improving communications and access to information for accountability, transparency and to reduce corruption



# **GWP response to WSSD and Kyoto**

- 1 Assist countries to establish IWRM plans and processes.**
- 2 Providing support to CSD12 process.**
- 3 Follow up to the Dialogue on Water Governance and Panel on Financing Water Infrastructure.**



# Actions to support preparation of national IWRM plans

- IWRM now accepted approach and focus now shifted to practical 'how to' application. Countries at different stages of the process.
- On-going actions in Africa with direct support to 11 countries (CIDA and NL funded) and also for governance dialogues.
- Sharing experiences across regions - ToolBox a useful sourcebook.
- Preparation of guidelines.
- Work programme for Asian regions for IWRM plans.

# IWRM Plans - the process

**1 Establish status and overall goals**

**3 Analyse gaps**

**4 prepare strategy and action plan**

**6 implement frameworks**

**7 Monitor and evaluate**

**2 Awareness, political commitment, consolidate, develop partnerships**

**5 Build commitment to action and develop capacity**

# Illustration from Thailand

- Champion: Dr Apichart architect of the Thai IWRM process
- Started with consensus building and getting the main IWRM elements into the system to institutionalise the process. (Adapted to local socio-economic and political conditions)
- National Water Vision drafted and endorsed by govt July 2000 (link to 2WWF)
- Vision discussed in MS forums and made into a national water policy.
- Created RB Commissions: 14 out of 25 established so far.
- Local stakeholder committees/Working Groups an integral part of system. RB plans drawn up – two so far

# Thailand illustration (cont)

- Capacity built and organisational revisions done in parallel.
- Complementary budgetary procedures restructured to make RB Commissions strong and sustainable
- Institutional reforms consolidated water related agencies and new Ministry of Nat. Res. and Env. created in Oct 2002 as regulatory body for WR Management.
- New framework water law now being drafted – through a MS process - including consolidation of many old fragmented water laws

# Some highlights of the process

- IWRM is cyclical with feedback loops.
- It takes time and patience and must be consistent.
- Need a few key champions as catalysts for change with influence and commitment
- GWP network and international processes give impetus - but ultimately has to be locally driven
- No fixed procedure but need to have the 3 basic IWRM elements in place
- Process is as important as any 'plan' and public awareness and MS participation are essential
- Seamless transition from concept > planning > implementation
- Partnerships, Governance and financing are key elements

# Governance and Financing

- The World Panel Report on Financing Water for All with 87 recommendations - many on governance.
- Governance Dialogues in about 40 countries identified priority actions.
- G8 Water Action Plan - World Bank requested to coordinate follow up with MFIs, OECD etc
- GWP aim to complement MFI actions to broaden the the debate and share ideas with regions/countries.
- Include dialogues between finance and water people with key decision makers and with managers
- Raise demand for investment and promote economic value of water

# CSD 12 - status report

- GWP Regional Partnerships surveyed IWRM status in their regions
- Of 100 countries about 20 well advanced, 30 recently commenced and 50 not yet started and will need support.
- The GWP networks enables the more advanced countries to support those not yet started
- The report will be completed in February and submitted to the CSD in April

# From Kyoto to Mexico

- 75% of countries to have IWRM processes well advanced by 4WWF.
- Improved governance systems for both resource management and service delivery.
- Water given a high profile in poverty reduction strategies.
- Increased financing for water infrastructure - from all sources.
- MDG targets for water and sanitation are on track.