

Freshwater

Freshwater Issue Advisory Group (IAG) meeting Rueschlikon, Switzerland Friday 26th April 2002

Persons present:

IAG Members

Achim Steiner, IUCN
Al Fry, WBCSD
David Boys, Public Sector International
David Nunley, International Development Enterprises
Gourishankar Ghosh, Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council
Graham Brown, Unilever
Jennifer Francis, Gender & Water Alliance
Jim Lamb, Severn Trent
Khalid Mohtadullah, Global Water Partnership
Masato Toyama, Secretariat of the 3rd World Water Forum
Marcella de Souza, Watershed Organisation Trust
Maria de Lourdes Davies Freitas, IMAH Brazil
Sarah de Villiers Leach, RandWater
Stephen Lintner, World Bank
Stephen Turner, WaterAid

Jasmin Enayati (Co-ordinator)

Guests

Dagmara Berbalk, German Federal Ministry of Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety
Daniel Wiener, ecos ag
John Roberts, Global Water Report
Thomas Streiff, Swiss Re

Others

Anna Heydenreich, University of St. Gallen
Minu Hemmati, Stakeholder Forum, Implementation Conference Coordinator

Purpose

- To review and develop the Freshwater Issue Paper (version 4) and the Stakeholder Action Plans
- To discuss participation at the Implementation Conference

Outcomes

- An agreed framework to take the process forward to the Implementation Conference (and beyond)
- A structure that will help us to identify existing partnerships and gaps

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Opening Remarks from the Group:

(These are my brief notes of initial comments – they do not cover word for word what participants said – they are recorded to help you with preparing your feedback on the meeting)

- The **timing** of the Implementation Conference is essential to achieve best possible linkage to the official process and enable participants to attend.
 - Media activities: press won't arrive before the Summit
 - The Bureau for the Summit might decide to use the first week of the Summit to celebrate Type 2 initiatives
- The **strength** of this group is that we are pursuing a common agenda. We should mobilise that to lobby governments.
- We should try to capitalise on the tremendous opportunity that the Water Dome offers and use it as the **venue** for the Freshwater Strand; this would demonstrate solidarity with the water community, add value to our process and create linkages
- **IUCN** would offer their venue (NetCorp) as a possible IC conference venue
- The **role of the IC** is to broker initiatives between stakeholders based on the draft action plans; and to profile new and existing partnerships in the run-up to Jo'burg by presenting case studies.
- There is a world of action out there; the IC should profile the enormous amounts of activities by brokering contacts between organisations and stakeholders
- In Jo'burg we will be committing ourselves for the next 10 years
- The Bonn Conference has given us a platform through which we have achieved a common objective; we have achieved remarkable consensus: our focus is on delivering water for the poor
- We are committed to new initiatives that will breathe new life into the Bonn agreements
- The IAG will help raising the profile of the IC (hand out material before conference; check media contacts, eg John Vidal: WaterAid)
- The IC creates space and a structure, which shall be utilised to step up from consensus to being partners; the aim is to cross-fertilise between initiatives and evoke interest
- It will be helpful to **categorise** partnerships to have a structure of key partnerships at key levels. This will enable us to identify gaps and find the organisations that can fill these gaps
- There will be vertical and horizontal types (eg twinning) of partnerships (levels include village, urban, industry, agriculture, regional (urban + rural), river basin, national, transboundary, global)
- **Sub-groups** shall be created to develop partnerships ideas (not everyone has to be involved in every partnership)
- We should aim to achieve digestible, bite-size outcomes
- Outcomes should be presented visually
- Concern regarding the **financing** of the demonstrations of partnerships and of getting participants from all sectors to Jo'burg; different organisations access different budgets – need for balancing this.

(remark from Jasmin: the aim of achieving equitable representation at the IC will be handled by Stakeholder Forum (SF)– the event is by invitation; SF is aiming to raise funds for a - limited - budget for getting people to the IC and encourages those you can afford to contribute to this)

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- The IC is aiming to attract a diverse range of partners to **catalyse** existing initiatives and start acting
- The IC should provide a forum in which we bring our strengths to bear and recognise our differences
- The objective is to promote partnership for ACTION, involve, inspire and expose the benefits of partnerships
- By looking at partnerships we are already involving governments
- The private sector, particularly local entrepreneurs, is a vehicle for efficient service delivery
- The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) give us the legitimacy to act
- Partnerships are our approach to realise the MDGs / our methodology to deliver the MDGs
- The goals cannot be achieved without IWRM

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FRAMEWORK FOR DELIVERING WATER FOR THE POOR

The IAG decided on the following structure to take the process forward:

- Mission:** Realise the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)
Principle: through Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)
Approach: expanding partnerships through action
Issues:
- governance
 - providing equitable access and reliable services for water supply and sanitation
 - a) resources
 - b) domestic services
 - mainstreaming gender
 - capacity-building
 - how to address emerging issues
- Agenda:** How are partnerships working towards / dealing with the issues?
- case studies (depict partnerships)
 - lessons learnt from case studies
 - how to strengthen initiatives / partnerships
 - how to expand / diversify initiatives / partnerships
- Outcomes of the IC:**
- Extended partnerships
Support / strengthen existing partnerships (through finding additional partners; promotion towards governments and the public, attract attention, funding, and political support, become part of monitoring mechanisms of high visibility, etc)
Broaden / extend existing partnerships (through finding additional partners)
Replicate existing partnerships
Create new partnerships in areas where gaps have been identified
 - Audit of partnerships (desired and ongoing)
- Seeking added value**

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The agreement on the mission statement resulted in the following Action Plan:

Action	Who	When
1. Circulate the minutes from the meeting and the tasks to all members of the IAG – including those not present	Jasmin	30 April 02
2. Review the documentation and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Propose partnerships (existing and new) - Explain partnerships - Give an outline of the initiative in bullet points (fill in the above framework – briefly) - Suggest possible participants for the IC (partners that would be part of implementation) - Send dates you will be attending Bali PrepCom 	All IAG Members	Before 15 May 02 <i>earlier replies welcome!!</i>
3. Get information regarding the Water Dome as a venue for the Freshwater strand of the IC	Alan Hall, GWP	15 May 02
4. Finalise date and venue for the Implementation Conference and Freshwater Issue Strand Options include: moving the whole of the IC to the 1 st week of the Summit (beginning of the week, possibly starting during the weekend 24/25); moving only the Freshwater meeting; keeping the IC planned as was (20-23 August)	Stakeholder Forum	asap
5. Arrange for next IAG meeting at Bali PrepCom	Jasmin	

Summary:

As a result of this meeting we have:

1. Reconsidered the ideal time and venue for the Implementation Conference
2. Agreed on a common framework / structure which will enable us to create partnership initiatives to achieve our overall goal of delivering water for the poor
3. Revised our approach and constructed an Action Plan to deliver it