



THE WATER DIALOGUE

VENUE: LOIUS LEAKEY AUDITORIUM, NATIONAL MUSEUMS OF KENYA

MONTHLY EVERY 2ND TUESDAY STARTING ON 8TH OCTOBER 2013

TIME: 6:00 P.M.- 8:00 P.M.

OVERVIEW:

Water is among the most 'shared' resources on earth. 40 percent of the world's population lives in areas that depend upon trans boundary waters. Building trust, capacity, and avenues for cooperative management of national water resources is therefore important.

If any of the people involved in water management do not cooperate, water resources will not be managed in the most effective way, with adverse effects on human lives and the economy. When water resources are cooperatively shared and managed, peace, prosperity and sustainable development are more likely to be achieved.

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The key objective of the partnership is to establish a multi-stakeholder platform that strengthens in-country dialogue around water and recognize sustainable water resources management and development as a long-term process which requires coordinated efforts integrated into the broader development agenda.

The Water Dialogue therefore will promote cooperative approaches to water management, which can advance socio-economic development and environmental protection

WHY THE WATER DIALOGUE?

Water cooperation between different water use sectors is crucial not only to ensure the sustainable and equitable use of water but the integration of all relevant sectors as well.

In this context, water cooperation needs to embrace multiple perspectives, be informed by a variety of disciplines and extend to all levels, from the local to the national to the international level, and across all socioeconomic sectors.

In the process, it is helpful, especially that capacity builders and managers learn from each other, and cooperate on mutual basis from time-to-time. It is detrimental that the actors should work in isolation. With this in mind; water, climate and environment actors should place great importance to solidifying partners with whom they collaborate to deliver programmes, and take forward resultant messages and envisaged actions for effectiveness and impact. In Kenya this effort is partly constrained by lack of a national level platform and linkage to help in fostering collaboration between various water sector partners.

The Water Dialogue is therefore aimed at contributing to raising awareness challenges facing water management in light of increasing demand for water access and capacity issues. In addition to potential of increased stakeholders cooperation. Successful water cooperation will identify burning water issues on water education, conflicts, financing, intra and international cooperation national, legal framework, and linkages to development goal etc. and develop goodwill to work in partnership.



OBJECTIVES:

- Enable in-country framework to learn, codify and exchange knowledge and experiences in order to create understanding and raise prominence of specific challenges facing water resources management
- Identify capacity building needs and opportunities for sustainable water resources management
- Enhance stakeholders' cooperation, sustained engagement contributing to efficient utilization and development of water resources .
- Create an opportunity for individuals to disseminate knowledge on research and field experiences

ACTION:

National dialogue is envisaged as a voluntary, genuine and flexible participation of a wide range of stakeholders, without long term obligations to any partner. This means that the platform will exist initially for one year but in the long term for as long as it is beneficial and receives partner(s) support.

Structurally, Water Dialogue is a series of short national multi-stakeholder dialogues and knowledge sharing grounded in evidence either generated through research or implementation

The main tool for promoting cooperation and dialogue will be a monthly workshop, supplanted by other mechanisms for exchange of information.

One or two presentations are expected at each monthly session, to share lessons from research and field practices and experiences, followed by a plenary session with or without expert discussions.

The initiative will tap local and international knowledge, proficiencies whenever convenient.

***Sustainable Water
Resources Management is
a catalyst for tangible socio
economic development***

Papers and Case Studies will be compiled in a Book of Annual Proceedings



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