

6th World Water Forum: Reminder on the Solutions collection process

The 6th World Water Forum's Commissions, working groups and Secretariat have set ambitious thematic and regional targets for each of the Forum's 12 Priorities for Action and 3 Conditions for Success.

Working groups are developing rationales and action plans to substantiate each target and encourage buy-in from key stakeholders.

With less than five months to the opening of the Forum, it is now critical to identify promising solutions that can help reach these targets and facilitate the build-up and securing of commitments.

1. The role of the working groups:

All working groups have a key role to play in identifying solutions. The target-specific working groups have been requested to identify promising solutions for their respective targets. The Core Groups have been asked to support these efforts.

To raise interest from your partners and get solutions sent to you for review you may:

- 1. Contact your own networks and urge them to contribute to the Platform of Solutions** (through mailing lists, professional newsletters, etc)
E.g.: see 1.5.7 example as Annex 1
- 2. Call for solutions at the events you organise** (through presentation PPT, Solutions Kit, Forum's 2nd Announcement, etc)
E.g.: see 1.1.2 example as Annex 2
- 3. Call for solutions at the events you attend** (through presentation PPT, Solutions Kit, Forum's 2nd Announcement, etc)
E.g.: see 2.3 example as Annex 3

2. The role of the Forum's Commissions and Secretariat:

The Forum's Commissions and Secretariat will support the efforts of all working groups to identify solutions. We have created the Platform of Solutions to allow all stakeholders to have an opportunity to contribute with both spontaneous contributions and solutions to the preparation process and to provide a format for the solutions you will have identified yourselves.

A Community Manager is now in charge of managing the Platform to make it an engaging and lively tool.

Our strategy is to:

- 1. Make a Forum's official call for Solutions and Commitments**
- 2. Contact the Commissions' networks** (through mailing lists, etc)
- 3. Contact water networks worldwide** (through water networks online, professional newsletters, etc)

4. **Call for contributions at all the events we attend** (through presentation PPT, Solutions Kit, Forum's 2nd Announcement, etc)

3. Collecting the solutions:

Furthermore in order to support coordinators in the collection process, a set of criteria has been put forward to help you profile "solutions".

N°	CRITERIA
1	Strategic fit with a target: the solution addresses a specific need in the action plan
2	Ground-tested: the solution has been successfully implemented and shared on the ground
3	Cost-effectiveness: the solution yields significant impacts (outputs, outcomes) given the level of investments required (not only financial) and/or when compared to other possible solutions that could be undertaken to achieve the same target
4	Impact assessment: the solution's positive impact has been demonstrated and success factors identified
5	Replicability: the solution has potential for scaling up or replication in other contexts/location
6	Willingness to commit: the solution has convinced a range of stakeholders to commit/has potential commitment for implementation
7	Sustainability: the solution can continue to deliver tangible impacts on the long term

Annex 1: Target 7 of 1.5 "Contribute to cooperation and peace through water"

**Système Euro-Méditerranéen d'Information sur les savoir-faire
Domaine de l'Eau**

**Euro-Mediterranean Information System on know-how in the
Water sector**



Dear colleagues and friends,

As part of the preparation of the next World Water Forum, which will be held in Marseille in March 2012, **EMWIS has been appointed as Coordinator for the Target 7, of the theme « Contribute to Cooperation and Peace».**

The target 7 is related to the setting up of **Water Information Systems at Transboundary level** and is worded as follows: « **By 2018, develop mechanisms to share and monitor information at the transboundary level especially on (i) scientific and social data for information systems: contribution to an online inventory and establishment of a water observatory, and (ii) indicators and guidelines for programmes monitoring the quality of cooperation and the impact of the lack of access to water on cooperation and peace-building**».

You will find attached the **target description and a first draft action plan** (grouped in one file). Both documents are draft versions and will of course be improved later.

Our objective is to present during the Forum the **existing or innovative solutions**, and to get if possible commitments on their achievement (solution = case studies illustrating real solutions that are sufficiently relevant to be selected for the Forum).

According to the timeframe defined by the IFC (International Forum Committee), the identification and collection of «solutions» have to be done in **September and October 2011. These "solutions" will form the basis for presentations and discussions at the Forum session.**

Knowing your interest in the instruments for managing transboundary waters and given your expertise in this domain, I am pleased to ask you to contribute by sending us **your suggestions and proposed «solutions » / case studies, that will illustrate this target.**

You can send your proposals to the following email :

info@semide.org or e.mino@semide.org

You can also contribute through the web site concerning the « solutions » :

<http://solutions.worldwaterforum6.org/>

Thanks for your contribution.

With our best regards,

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Coordinators of target 7 of the Priority for Action 1.5 "Contribute to Cooperation and Peace" of the 6th World Water Forum - Marseille 2012

Annex 2: Target 2 of 1.1 “Guarantee access to water for all and the Right to Water”



6th International Rural Water Supply Network Forum 2011, Uganda Rural Water Supply in the 21st Century: Myths of the Past, Visions for the Future

Guidelines for Session Managers

In 29 November - 02 December 2011, the 6th RWSN Forum will be held in Kampala, Uganda. We expect 400 participants for the event. The RWSN Secretariat has undertaken a draft allocation of the accepted papers and films to the various sessions (see separate document). There are 30 sessions in total (four in plenary, one exhibition/posters session and 5x5 in parallel) plus three seminars and two (or three) field trips. [...]

It is the intention that the RWSN Forum is extremely inclusive of different perspectives (not only those who are presenting). We have tried to ensure a good geographic mix of papers/films in each session, as well as different organisational perspectives and where possible, languages. Although all of the papers have been reviewed, some are more reflective than others. Some look at the national picture, while others are much more locally focussed. This mix is deliberate and also reflects the wide range of submissions that came in. This in turn is simply a reflection of the diverse Rural Water Supply community.

We would like the sessions widen participants ideas of what can be achieved, as well as what is involved in doing so. We also want to make sure that lessons are learned, and that the discussions are much deeper than simply presenting case studies where everything is easy or everything was perfect and exactly as it was intended by the project. However, we also want to be upbeat, as there are some great examples of success and promise.

By the end of the three days of the main Forum, we would like to build up to some sort of **action plan for rural water supplies**. This action plan would comprise the specific actions of the participants themselves, as well as recommendations for others. However, the actions should be much stronger than simply giving general statements like – more funding needed, or more capacity needs to be built.

If possible, we would like each session to come up with one or two **key lessons** to be shared more widely, and one or two **key actions** that can feed into a draft action plan that is presented back at the end of the Forum. This action plan would form the basis for what RWSN takes on to the **6th World Water Forum in Marseille**. However, more importantly, this **“Kampala Rural Water Supply Action Plan” (working title)** also informs the RWSN strategy and will give new ideas for activities, or exchange that should be fostered among the participants and wider RWSN membership.

Programme:

- **Day 1:** Overview of Rural Water Supplies. Success and failures in the past and RWSN achievements
- **Day 2:** Sustainability of Rural Water Supplies and islands of success from around the world
- **Day 3:** Vision for Rural Water Supplies, with promising ways of dealing with emerging challenges
- **Day 4:** (optional): field visits and seminars on:
 - Life-Cycle Costs Approach (IRC-WASHCost)*
 - Water Point Mapping (WaterAid)
 - Photovoltaic Services for Developing Countries (Entec AG)

Annex 3: 2.3 Harmonize water and energy

2.3 “Harmonize water and energy”

During the 5th World Water Forum in Istanbul, the Ministerial Roundtable on Water and Energy made six recommendations, one of which was that “scientific research on water footprint of energy be advanced”. The 6th World Water Forum Key Priority 2.3 “Harmonize water and energy” and particularly Target 4 entitled “Evaluation Framework for Water and Energy” aim at addressing that recommendation.

Target 4 reads as follow **“By 2015, establish a conceptual and analytical framework for evaluation and reporting of the energy impacts on water”**. It aims at widely agreed definitions for the terminologies commonly used (use, withdrawal, consumption, evaporation, waterfootprint, etc) as well as evaluating impacts of energy on water and to result in a framework.

While several academic and professional institutes have been working on researching the water impacts of energy and electricity production, a cooperation institutions and sectors on an international level has been absent. This presents scientists and policy-makers with numerous statements and often competing recommendations on water sensitive energy planning. This workshop aims to initiate the scientific dialogue between institutions working on water for energy research in order to prepare an Evaluation Framework and to establish a lasting dialogue.

This workshop gathered around 30 people, with about 25% attendees from the private sector, 50% from the research and scientific community and 25% from NGOs and international organisations such as the UN. On this occasion, the Platform for Solutions was presented, and participants were encouraged to upload solutions directly through the website. Furthermore, after the workshop, an e-mail was sent to all participants to encourage them to continue the collection of solutions...