



Government Priorities and Implications for the Water Sector



Nature of the changes

- Two New Departments
- Renaming of Departments
- The department has a Deputy Minister
- Transfer of:
 - Forestry from DWAF to Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries
 - Sanitation from DWAF to Human Settlements (previously Housing)
 - Environment from DEAT to Water and Environmental Affairs (to be created)



Legal implications (2)

- Alignment of departments is more complex and will take some months
- Protocol aligning departments to Ministries is being drafted by the DPSA
- Transfer of functions at departmental level
 - Creation and abolition of departments by proclamation
 - Transfer of functions by DPSA determination



Current reporting lines

- **DEAT**

- DG responsible for budget: Ms. Nosipho Ngcaba
- Functions: Environment
 - Executive Authority (EA): Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs

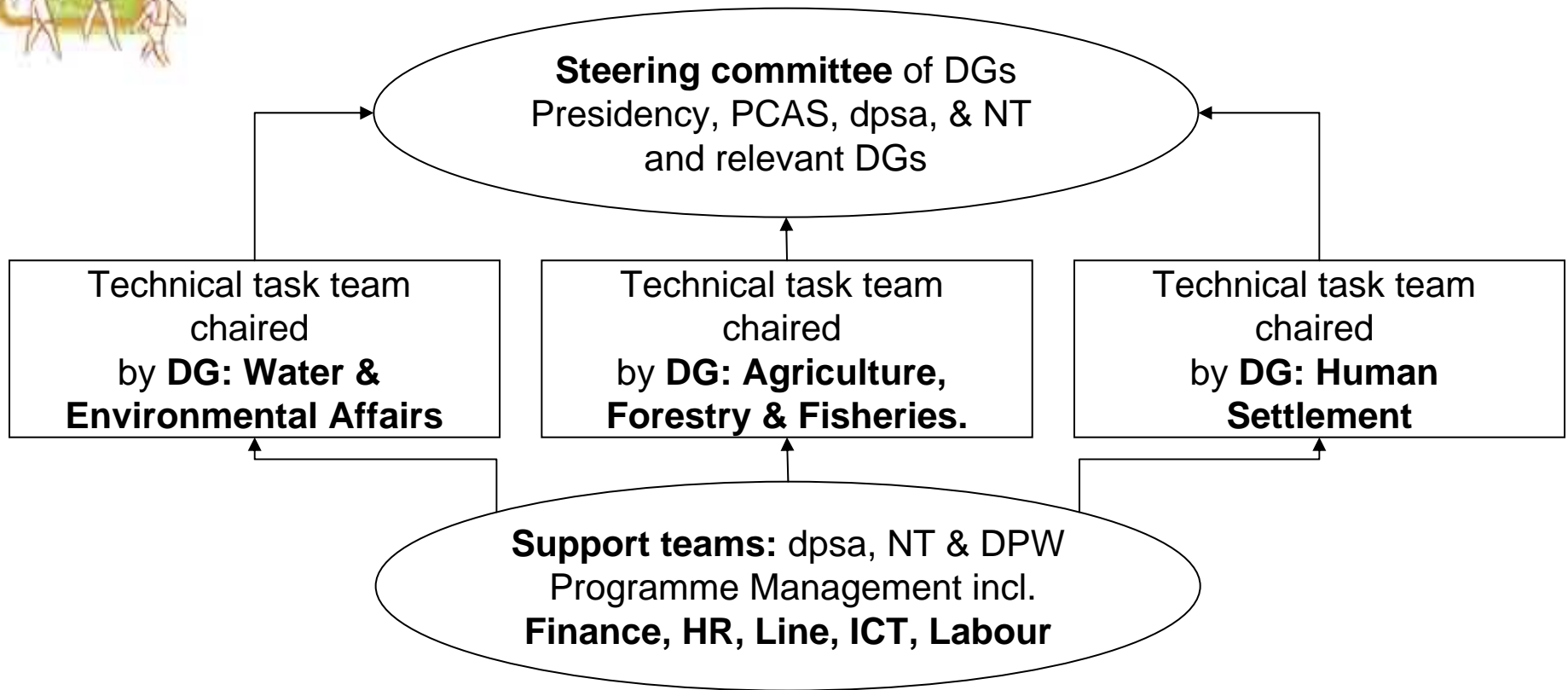
- **DWAF**

- DG responsible for budget
- Functions: Forestry
 - EA: Minister of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries



Managing the process

Establish task team led by DGs of recipient departments with support from: dpsa, National Treasury (NT) & Public Works (DPW)





Transfer of functions and splitting

- Conduct an analysis of the functional content of the Department
- Ring-fence staff: analyse the establishment
- Ring-fence finances
- Ring-fence ICT systems
- Organisational structure
- Finalise proposal and consult the Departmental Bargaining Chamber
- Legal creation of Department & transfer of functions



Transfer of budgets

- The DG of the existing department is the Accounting Officer for a Budget Vote.
- Adjustment estimates (September) an opportune time to effect changes
- New budget votes and their concomitant programmes can only be defined with effect from 1 April 2010.




Priorities of Government and Implications for the Sector



- Access to basic services
- Water to support economic development- the need to move to a multi-sectoral approach towards management of water
- Rural Development Land Reform
- Job Creation



Challenges Facing the Water Sector

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- Institutional Arrangements-challenges facing the current system of Local Government.
 - Restructuring of Departments
 - Policy and Legislation Review-
 - The current economic environment
 - Donor Funding and Cash-Flows
 - Ineffective Collaboration at National level



Moving ahead



- Effectively manage change and contribute to shaping framework within which service delivery takes place
- Fast-track service delivery
- Focus on Priorities in context of economic climate



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