



RECAP OF DAY 1

OUTCOMES & ACTIONS



KEY ISSUES TO NOTE

Government Priorities

- *The process of concluding the reconfiguration of the department will take some time and the sector must note the complexities involved*
- *Despite the new changes in government configuration, the sector must continue to strengthen efforts to accelerate service delivery and focus on key priorities given the context of economic meltdown*



KEY ISSUES TO NOTE (2)

• Financial performance

- *Information on Equitable Share remain elusive and DWA must take this matter up with National Treasury. Local government remains accountable to report on any government grant*
- *The sector must reassess and quantify whether enough resources (especially funding) are invested into water sector programmes to lead to the desired state of water services*
- *It is important DWA take the lead to oversee and monitor (and guide) local government including balanced infrastructure investment*



KEY ISSUES TO NOTE (3)

• Sector Programme Performance

- *With reduced budget the 2014 backlog targets may be in jeopardy, but this gives space to focus on sustainability*
- *Civil society must get more involved in assisting delivery institutions to find suitable technology solutions that fit community conditions (affordability, user-friendly, low maintenance, etc)*
- *The sector must give a consolidated report on progress against similar targets, eg school water & sanitation (DoE & DWA)*
- *There is a need for a high level analysis of progress reflecting on challenges and opportunities towards achieving targets and what the implications are*
- *The sector report must always align with the outcomes contained in the funding agreement*



KEY ISSUES TO NOTE (4)

• Issues from Provincial Sector Forums

- *The sector must develop measures to support LG to manage water demand and implement early warning systems*
- *The DWA must endeavour to engage with provincial governments to ensure alignment of its programmes to the provincial plans.*
- *National office must [through R/Offices] empower LG to decide on certain water resources aspects to support provincial initiatives*



ISSUES TO NOTE (5)

• LG Support Initiatives

- *The sector must be kept informed about possible opportunities for leveraging funding through DBSA*
- *The findings of the CGTA “State of Municipalities Report” must be assimilated into efforts to find lasting solutions to the current service delivery impediments*
- *A high-level strategic session must be organised between DWA, CGTA and NT to find ways of responding to specific problems related to the state and operation of WTW and WWTW facilities. This session must also deal with mechanisms for ensuring constant information exchange between the departments on proposed initiatives related to infrastructure asset management as a whole*
- *Responses to the current state of assets must not only address the symptoms through skilling, budgeting, refurbishing and external funding but also address the broader & more systematic challenges posed by the current system of local government*



KEY ACTIONS (1)

DWA senior management to address the concern regarding ES reporting with CGTA and NT, and specifically look at revising:

- Reporting arrangements*
- Allocation of funds across the different services– water, sanitation, electricity etc and functions – upgrading, operation, maintenance, etc*
- Conditions for water services*

• DWA M&E to integrate reports on school water and sanitation into one even though different funds are used

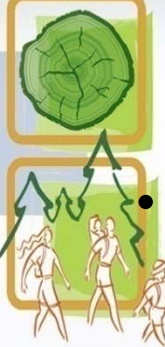


KEY ACTIONS (2)

- *The quarterly report must include the Siyenza Manje report*
- *Civil society must be supported to propose appropriate technology options especially in areas where communities are directly involved in post-construction operation and maintenance e.g. VIP toilets*
- *DWA DDG-Regions to lead a high-level analysis of sector progress as a reflection on the quarterly reports*
- *DWA and CGTA to meet and find ways of presenting joint positions to NT and later to Cabinet on appropriate strategy for dealing with infrastructure assets (esp WWTW & WTW) and the need for a special grant funding*

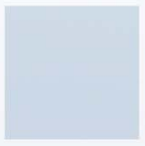


KEY ISSUES & ACTIONS FROM DEBATE ON SERVICE DELIVERY



- *User & civil society engagement in planning & decision making is crucial for workable solutions and sustainability as demonstrated by the Water Dialogue Initiative*

- *There is a need for more clarity on the roles and responsibilities (in regard to support interventions) of DWA & CGTA*
- *The WSP & WSA distinction is questioned as whether workable*
- *The sector needs to be ready to engage meaningfully with the LG turn-around strategy*
- *Cost recovery is a pre-requisite and should be starting point in terms of any turn-around strategy*
- *Need to consider not only basic services but appropriate levels of service to cater for service ladder and economic/food security needs*
- *Given lesson learning and knowledge sharing has been highlighted as effective, we should use WIN-SA for full advantage*



Any other?