

Review of the Agenda for the MCC/WSSCC: Questionnaire Responses

Summary

1. **Interviewed:** William Moraka, Louis Snyders, Tseliso Ntili, Lucky Leseane, Cindy Damons, Charles Reeve, Abri Vermeulen, Nino Manus, Barbara Schreiner + brainstorming with Sector Collaboration Unit (Thoko Sigwaza, Tabitha Napakade, Buhle Mkhize, Louise Colvin)
Unable to schedule interviews with Thandeka Mbassa, Kalinga Pelpola & Nomxolisi Matyana.
2. With regard to the MCC, as it stands, the following challenges have been identified:

Some challenges	
1.	Agendas very long
2.	Too many presentations
3.	Involvement of decision makers
4.	Lack of quality/strategic discussion
5.	Group is too big for quality discussion
6.	Matters Arising taking too long
7.	Repetition with other fora
8.	Linkages with provincial structures
9.	Incorporation of water resources matters
10.	Interaction with other sectors

Would you like to add to, or delete, any of these?

- Dominated by DWAF (x3)
- Not action orientated enough (x2)
- Purpose not clear to people (x2)
- Too many consultants
- Agenda doesn't match objectives
- Ops WS dominated
- Better WSSLG link needed
- Link to ASGISA / NSDF
- Too much detail

3. The following principles have been proposed to guide the process:

Sector Forum Review: Proposed Principles to Guide the Process	
11.	Review is good and probably life preserving!
12.	The review should be holistic in nature
13.	The sector fora should now address the full water cycle
14.	There should be a stronger linkage with provinces
15.	It should have a strategic imperative (structure follows strategy)
16.	The key fora should involve decision makers
17.	It needs to integrate and link with other sectors

18. Enhanced effectiveness should result

Would you like to add to, or delete, any of these?

Focus on deliverables / targets

Alignment with WSSLG

MCC is not a strategic group

Redesign reports – Standard formats

Needs better management

Decision makers may not be necessary

Focus on key issues, not everything

Link to ASGISA / NSDF

4. What do you think should be the core objective/purpose of the WSSLG (no more than three bullets)?

Policy (x4)

Strategy (x3)

Alignment (x2)

Decision making (x2)

Provide Leadership

Ensure implementation

See SFWS – sets out ToR

Ensure political interventions

Meets too infrequently to make critical decisions

Not sure, same as MCC

Monitoring role – ensure action

Analysis of national imperatives

Information exchange

5. What do you think should be the core objective/purpose of the MCC/WSSCC (no more than three bullets)?

Progress reporting (x5)

Strategic issues (x2)

Service delivery (x2)

Identify strategic things to address (x2)

Problem solving (x2)

Coordination (x2)

Not educational

WS / WR integration

Financial management

Align processes

Economic Growth

Align processes to meet targets

Clearly define roles and responsibilities

Follow up on WSSLG actions

Lesson learning

Quality check

6. How do you think water resources can best be addressed in the MCC agenda?

Start with interface issues (x2)

Should be issues related to service delivery only

Maybe a sub-committee?

Emphasize importance of WR

Focus on CMAs, licensing, water allocation, reserve determinations, planning

Be strategic

Streamlined reporting – focus on KPIs

Focus on WAR, water quality and quantity, water compensation, river health, stressed catchments

7. How do you think Water for Growth and Development can best be addressed in the agenda?

Should influence whole agenda – key mandate

Discussion around higher levels of supply

Holistic approach via IDPs

Bring in other partners

More of a WSSLG issue!

Get people thinking differently

Business as usual

Development of hubs / nodes

Focus on specific projects

Water quality, stressed catchments

Streamlined agenda

8. What do you think is the best way to foster better linkages with provincial structures?

Should be stronger linkages with provincial DLGs (x2)

Escalation process – demand driven (x2)

Escalate to “EXCO team”

Provinces present issues

Link to SALGA Structures

ID key topics

Guidance up and down

Share lessons and challenges

Focus on item of interest

More strategic

Link to DG & MEC in provinces

Attendance of provincial people

9. Which of the following potential agenda items are key and why?

- Progress reports from the provinces

Yes (x4)

Yes, written only – consolidated (x4)

Yes, NB delivery and sustainability

Yes, needs to be rethought

- Reports on cross cutting issues

Yes (x3)

Yes (written only) (x2)

No (incorporated in province reports) (x2)

No

Use indicators

- Progress reports from sector partners (DPLG, SALGA, civil society, etc.)

Yes (x6)

Need guidelines

Yes, written only

Depends on content

- Strategic/topical issues

Yes (x6)

Rather WSSLG

10. Are there any other agenda items that you would like to see?

Targets – political mandate (x2)

PWSPs

IWRM

Donor funding

More on P & R

More action orientated

11. How do you think the quality (more effective, more strategic, etc.) of discussion at the MCC can be improved?

Get documents well beforehand (x4)

Topical issues (x3)

Consistent Chair (Strong) (x3)

More high level people - Too many junior DWAF (x2)

Good facilitation – need conclusions (x2)

Consistent membership

Dedicated secretariat

Too many people

Use smaller groups

Not a problem

People prep for meeting

Make decisions, action emphasis

Control agenda

12. Do you think we should be moving towards a more formal “IGR Forum” type of approach?

No, MIN MECS play political role (x2)

No (x2)

Yes (x2)

Maybe, but be wary (x2)

Yes, works well in other sectors

Move towards it over time

13. How can we reduce the number of presentations?

Decide what is strategic (critical / topical) (x6)

Written reports before (x3)

Have themes (x2)

Consolidate reports (x2)

Very strict agenda (x2)

Shorter presentations

Change culture

14. How can one try and ensure that more senior people (decision makers) attend?

Should be driven by DGs (x2)

Identify people you need

No sanctions for non-attendance!

Relevant issues / agenda

Must be value add

Outside DWAF – lobby

Make it decision making

Strategic focus

Make shorter and more efficient

Don't need them

15. What do you think should be the core objective/purpose of the MBC (the old Masibambane Steering Committee) with which there has been duplication)?

Respondents did not know MBC referred to the MSC therefore very limited responses.

Donor requirements are met

Exco concept – small, deals with issues between meetings, agendas, high level budget oversight, key decision makers