

SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES OF THE MUNICIPAL INDABA

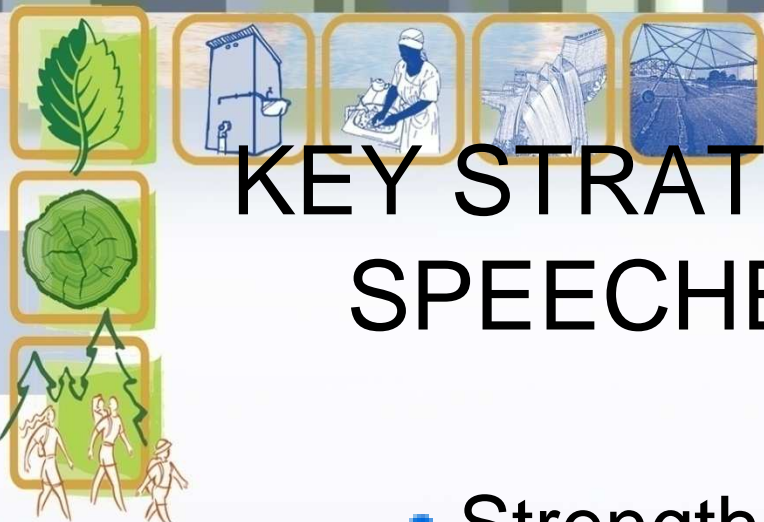


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Municipal Indaba Outcomes

- **Objectives:**
 - Sensitise Municipalities on DWAF's position on Local Government Support and Regulatory Role
 - Identify challenges faced by Municipalities and agree on solutions by three spheres of Government
- **Focus Areas**
 - Regulatory Functions and Systems
 - Skills
 - Financing
 - Asset Management
 - Integrated Water Resources Reconciliation Strategy
 - Sanitation Access
 - Sharing International and local experiences on Water for Growth and Development
- **Two Key Outcomes :**
 - Declaration
 - Programme Of Action



KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES FROM SPEECHES AND PLENARY



- Strengthen intergovernmental working relationships
- Improve sector regulation
- Increase efforts to meet the MDGs
- Address skills shortages
- Improve compliance on water quality throughout the value chain – resource, drinking & disposal



KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES FROM SPEECHES AND PLENARY (2)



- Improve management of existing infrastructure
- Invest in capital infrastructure to create jobs and to facilitate economic development
- Strengthen support mechanisms to local government



KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES FROM SPEECHES AND PLENARY (3)

- Local government support. Address
 - Migration and population growth
 - Policy development and implementation
 - Information on existing infrastructure
 - Deterioration of existing infrastructure
 - Institutional arrangements
 - Financing
- International experience
 - Integrated development (infrastructure to go hand-in-hand with public education, enterprise development, etc)
 - Address new issues: access by the elderly & vulnerable, rural people, & factors outside control of the water sector)





KEY RESOLUTIONS (1)

Planning and delivery of sanitation

- Utilise appropriate technology differentiated to the locality's demographic and topographical circumstances – rural, urban and peri-urban and also consider water availability, impact of the technology on water resources and after-care requirements
- Institutionalise health and hygiene education within municipalities



KEY RESOLUTIONS (2)

Regulation function and system

- The model for the South African Regulator must be investigated and finalised ASAP
- The role of provinces in regulation must be amplified.
- Civil Society can assist in education, awareness raising and whistle-blowing
- Priorities for regulation must be determined on a risk assessment basis
- Local regulation by WSA's must be further developed



KEY RESOLUTIONS (3)



Financing municipal infrastructure

- Ensure a time-bound plan for sustainable financing of capital investments, operational and maintenance costs of water and sanitation
- Commit ourselves to create separate budget line for sanitation, 'smart' investments to water sector and establishing trust funds to facilitate the financing of MDG-related actions.
- Recognise asymmetry across municipalities and respond to different and special funding needs;
- Appropriate and Separate funds for O&M and service delivery;
- Create incentive for private sector participation, access to local capital markets and water and sanitation financing instruments.



KEY RESOLUTIONS (4)

Skills development

Creating communities of practices including centres of excellence (shared services centre)

- Support municipalities to develop quality Workplace Skills Plans, which are aligned with the IDPs
- explore Inter-municipal twinning and intergovernmental secondments.
- Conduct robust campaigns to educate communities on the scarce skills that constrain development and access to career opportunities.
- 2025 VISION HRD strategy
- Recruitment and selection practices to be revisited



KEY RESOLUTIONS (5)



Infrastructure asset management

- Establish political ownership at municipal level
 - Provincial ownership and drive (commitment, partnerships and programme)
 - Proactive development and life-cycle planning – business planning
 - Institutional and financial planning and management (internal and external providers)
 - Put dedicated IAM resources (Champions)
 - Provide practical IAM information systems and tools
 - Implement support programmes (e.g. DBSA, IMESA, WISA)
 - Use existing resources (knowledgeable people)



KEY RESOLUTIONS (6)

Water resources reconciliation strategy



Exchange of information – use existing structures

Support systems for water resource planning needs to be strengthened at municipal level – IDPs and WSDPs

- Deal with capacity constraints – establish a range of partnerships
- Promote behavioural change - use of economic instruments (pricing water correctly)
- Full-scale implementation of WCDM
- Water allocation to highly beneficial uses
- Roll-out pilot programmes such as rainwater harvesting to full-scale implementation
- Explore groundwater use/conjunctive use/water re-use
- Ensure legislation is harmonised



KEY OUTCOMES

- A declaration has been signed by the Deputy President, Ministers (DWAF&DPLG) and SALGA committing to Indaba resolutions
- A detailed Action Plan has been developed with responsibilities and time frame



UPDATE ON PROGRESS

- Action plan has been reworked and has been submitted to Senior Management for adoption
- Proposals (taking the action plan forward)
 - A small task team to be established to oversee implementation of actions
 - Team to report to DGs (DWAF&DPLG) & SALGA CEO



ACCESSING DETAILED INFO

- All presentations are available on the DWAF website
(events/municipal indaba)
- Final report has been drafted and will be distributed



ACTION

*It's the **action**, not the fruit of the action, that's important. You have to do the right thing. It may not be in your power, may not be in your time, that there will be any fruit. But that does not mean you stop doing the right thing. You may never know what results come from your action. But if you do nothing, there will be no result.*

(Mahatma Gandhi)

THANK YOU