

TOR FOR THE WATER SERVICES SECTOR LEADERSHIP GROUP

1. VISION OF THE WATER SERVICES SECTOR

All people living in South Africa have access to an adequate, safe and affordable supply of potable water, use water wisely and practice safe sanitation.

Water supply and sanitation services are provided by effective, efficient and sustainable institutions that are accountable and responsive to those whom they serve. Water Services reflect the cultural, gender and racial diversity of South Africa.

Water is used effectively, efficiently and sustainably in order to reduce poverty, improve human health and promote economic development. Water and wastewater are managed in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner.

(Strategic Framework for WS)

2. MISSION OF THE WATER SERVICES SECTOR LEADERSHIP GROUP

1. To guide the WS Sector to achieve its vision and contribute to the development goals and economic growth of the country.
2. To facilitate the building of a well informed and organised sector, in which every role player is enabled to effectively fulfil their role and functions
3. To promote sector collaboration and effective management and coordination of the water services business.

3. THE WS SECTOR LEADERSHIP GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

3.1 Responsibilities & Functions

1. To promote and build the water services sector, with a shared sense of identity, common ownership and joint decision-making.
2. To agree strategic priorities, monitor progress and report on collaboration in the sector.
3. To have oversight of and get feedback from collaborative initiatives and relevant programmes of sector partners.
4. To play an advocacy role, mobilise resources and facilitate coordination of funding for the sector.
5. To facilitate coordination and synergy within the sector
6. To make recommendation on policy to ensure alignment, coherence and institutional clarity - particularly in relation to local government and finance.
7. To engage with other sectors especially Local Government and contribute to strengthening developmental governance.
8. To support on-going information exchange and communications between sector role players and sharing of lessons, knowledge and ideas.

3.2 Membership

Chairs : DWAF & DPLG DDGs

- DWAF : WS, WRM, Regions
 - SALGA
 - DPLG + ISRDP
 - Municipal Infrastructure Task Team (MITT)
 - Municipal Infrastructure investment Unit (MIIU)
 - National Treasury
 - Department of Health
 - Department of Education
 - Department of Public Works
 - Water Research Commission (WRC)
 - National Community Water & Sanitation Training Institute (NCWSTI)
 - NGOs : SANGOCO + Mvula
 - Local Government & WS SETA
 - South African Association of Water Utilities (SAAWU)
 - National Water Advisory Council (to the Minister of DWAF)
 - Heads of collaborative programmes – Transfers, WSSP, Masibambane, CMIP etc
 - Sanitation / NSTT
 - Provincial WS Sector Forums
 - Organised Labour - SAMWU & IMATU
 - Independent Development Trust (IDT)
 - Development Bank of SA (DBSA)
 - Human Rights Commission (HRC)
 - National Development Agency (NDA)
 - Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC)
 - Private Sector : SABTACO, SAACE & SAICE
 - Donors : EU, DFID & Netherlands
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- **Recent invitees:**
 - Cities Network
 - Institute of Municipal Engineering of Southern Africa - IMESA
 - The Water Institute of South Africa - WISA
 - Institute of Municipal Financial Offices – IMFO
 - CSIR

Members must be mandated to represent their department/organisations and are expected to give feedback into their structures.

3.3 Structure

Sub-committees, Task Teams or the like can be set up as the need arises and as agreed by plenary or in the absence of a meeting by the Chairpersons.

Workshops and topic specific meetings can be called as necessary.

3.4 Meeting Schedule

Quarterly – including a Strategic Planning retreat at the end of the calendar year to set a strategic focus for the following year.

3.5 Support

Under Masibambane a small unit, comprising the Sector Collaboration Coordinator and an Admin person will support the functioning of the WSSLG. A budget has been allocated to provide professional fees for work undertaken at the bequest of the WSSLG – such as critical interventions, research, development of position papers and to support and ensure lesson learning etc.