



# WATER FOR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT : A STRATEGIC OVERVIEW

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# What is DWAF's Vision?

**DWAF's vision for South Africa is for water, which is a scarce resource, to be optimally used for sustainable economic development, social and environmental needs.**



## PURPOSE OF STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR WfGD



- To set out how DWAF and the Water Sector intend to ensure water is optimally used to support sustainable economic growth and development
- To manage risks
- To highlight opportunities to do things better and/or differently
- To recommend key actions to be taken to meet opportunities and address challenges
- To address social, economic and environmental value of water
- To turn obstacles into opportunities for change

*How do we optimize that one drop of water*



# Nature of the Document

- To ensure water security to support economic growth and development in the country
- To enable DWAF to lead the sector and sharpen the vision of the water sector to tackle challenges ahead : climate change and food security
- Reflect on current opportunities and challenges
- Consolidate gains made and propose adjustments where warranted
- To strengthen alignment and collaboration across government spheres and the private sector
- Recommend a structured , systematic approach to current shortcomings and work towards realizing the vision.



# The role of the sector

- **Water is crucial for social, economic and environmental growth and sustainability. Water vs society, politics, economy**
- **Urgently address Skills required to drive and lead the water sector-**
- **Ensure effective institutions**
- **Review the composition of the WSLG, and revise terms of reference**
- **Strengthen partnerships with key organizations in the sector**



# APPROACH

- Develop a programme to address Immediate (CRISES) challenges have been presented to IMC for consideration.
- Put mechanisms in place to revise the National Water Resources Strategy and ensuring alignment and linkages with the WfGD strategy framework
- Economic issues and action plans being developed by the economic pillar team
- Social pillar team is developing issues , roles and responsibilities and implementation time frames
- Environmental pillar team is developing action plans roles and responsibilities and implementation time frames .
- Spatial development and planning is developing recommendations, actions plans , time frames



## WHERE ARE WE ?

- National Water Forum in March 2008
- Consultations with CSOs :8,18 and 23 April. 29 May 08
- Water Services Authority Managers Forum :10 April 08
- Water Sector , mining, agriculture, Business SA, and local government



## WHERE ARE WE ?

- Expert Group briefing on 15 May 08
- MCC briefing on 15 May 08
- Consultation at WISA Conference on 21 May 08
- Presentations/discussion at Clusters and IMC
- Regional Offices presentations in Kzn,NW,FS,MPU and Gauteng



# MILESTONES

- 23 June : IMC presentation
- June : DWAF workshop
- July : Policy Board
- July/August :  
Economic/Social/Environment Clusters
- August/Sept : IMC
- Sept./October :  
Economic/Social/Environmental Clusters



# MILESTONES

- October : submission to DG
- November : WSLG
  - November 26-28 : FOSAD presentation
- December : Submit to Minister
- January 2009 : Cabinet Lekgotla



# CONCLUSION

- Strategic Framework on Water for Growth and Development provides us an opportunity to broaden the vision of the water sector to tackle challenges ahead and effectively correct current shortcomings while working towards realization of our vision.