



***Strategic overview
of the Water Sector priorities
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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.



Government's Challenges!

- **Poverty alleviation**
- **Provision of Basic Services to all**
- **Stimulating economic growth**
- **Transforming the state and its institutions**
- **Developing institutional and human capacity and skills**
- **Vulnerability to water shocks**



Apex Priorities

- Acceleration of economic growth and development
- Speeding up infrastructure development to achieve social & economic goals
- Enhancing impact of govt programmes through strengthening education and training
- Strengthening of the machinery of government to ensure it has capacity to respond govt development imperatives
- Improve focus on country's systems of international relations



Key challenges within the sector...

- **Climate change**
- **Water scarcity and importance of WC/DM**
- **Increased demand for water due to increased standards of living**
- **Redressing past inequities and demands for higher levels of service**
- **Pollution linked to economic growth**
- **Decreasing raw water quality**
- **Failure of ageing and poorly maintained infrastructure**



Key Sector Challenges

- Institutional oversight and effective management and alignment with broader objectives of government
- Eradication of WS backlogs and meeting of delivery targets
- Support to World cup 2010 preparations
- Pollution control and environmental management
- Drinking water quality management
- Promotion of sustainability in implementation and monitoring of WS, WRM programmes
- Water For Growth and Development



Key issues raised by the Minister

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- Review of the Legislative framework to further address water allocation, use and management
 - Meeting the water and sanitation delivery targets
 - Regulation response to non-compliance effluent & DWQ standards
 - Infrastructure development and Operation & Maintenance
 - Drinking water quality management
 - Pollution control and monitoring
 - Skills development – social, technical, WR & economics
 - Appropriate technology e.g sanitation options, efficient irrigation, manufacturing & industrial methods
 - Improve Programme & Financial Management
 - Strengthen M&E
 - Support NEPAD & SADC and emerging democracies
 - Gender mainstreaming
 - Strengthening partnerships and collaboration




Present context



- Adoption of the **business unusual approach**
- Strong, proactive, decisive & accountable **leadership**
- No generic plan but **Action orientated interventions** that speak to key government priorities
- Better focus and application of DWAF's **regulatory mandate**



Priorities according to DWAF BP

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- PRIORITY No. 1: GOVERNANCE, ORGANISATION AND TRANSFORMATION
 - PRIORITY No. 2: WATER SERVICES .
 - PRIORITY No. 3: WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
 - PRIORITY No. 4: FORESTRY
 - PRIORITY No. 5: INFRASTRUCTURE PROVISION AND MANAGEMENT
 - PRIORITY No. 6: IMPROVE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PROCESSES AND SYSTEMS
 - PRIORITY No. 7: ORGANISATIONAL SYSTEMS AND FUNCTIONING
 - PRIORITY No. 8: INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION AND RELATIONS



DWAF's PRIORITY PROGRAMMES



- ✓ **2008 Water Targets**
- ✓ **2008 Sanitation Targets**
- ✓ **Bulk Infrastructure**
- ✓ **Water Sector Support (DW, MSP's MER)**
- ✓ **Water Allocation Reform**
- ✓ **Regulatory Compliance Monitoring & Enforcement**
- ✓ **Waste Discharge Charge System**
- ✓ **Water Use Efficiency Management**
- ✓ **Resource Quality Management**
- ✓ **2010 World Cup**
- ✓ **Sector Collaboration & IGR**
- ✓ **Water for Growth and Development**



Opportunities for Change

- Risk, adaptive, but also proactive management
- Investing in people & development of skills
- Infrastructure and Asset management
- Political support and commitment from national & provincial government
- Strong Institutions i.e. waterboards, research & private sector capacity
- Integrated planning & collaboration
- Donor Funding and increased resources from Treasury



Strategic considerations for the sector

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- Reflect on current opportunities and challenges and review approaches
 - Water for growth
 - Regulatory driven interventions
 - Consolidate gains made and build on good practice and achievements
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 - Propose adjustments where warranted and have courage to move in a way that delivers on goals
 - Water resource planning & allocation for different uses
 - Review the WSLG in terms of composition and focus
 - Broaden the vision of the water sector to tackle challenges ahead even beyond the SA context
 - Achievement of MDG's by whole of Africa
 - Stress the importance of strengthening alignment across government and private sector
 - Strengthen the regulatory capacity of DWAF



Key time frames



- Institutional regulatory model – Dec 2008
- Review of the WLSG – Nov 2008
- 2010 support plan - Ready
- Sector response to Climate change



**Thank
You!**