

Draft Terms of Reference for the WSLG Strategic Task Team on the National Water Resource Strategy v2

Overall purpose

To assist the Department of Water Affairs with the development and implementation of the 2009 to 2013 National Water Resource Strategy

Objectives

- 1 To advise DWAF on the optimum process to be undertaken to develop the new NWRS so as to optimise stakeholder participation and hence the quality of the final outputs.
- 2 To assist with the strategic review of the content of the existing NWRS and hence to identify areas for improvement and/or enhancement
- 3 To agree the broad content of the new NWRS.
- 4 To assist with implementation of the NWRS by ensuring that the NWRS becomes more of an ongoing process, rather than merely a document.

Membership

The proposed membership is as follows:

- DWAF P and R
- DWAF Operations
- SALGA
- DPLG
- SAAWU
- Chamber of Mines
- BUSA
- Mr. Neil Mcleod
- Mr. Bill Rowlston
- Mr. Mike Muller
- WRC
- CSIR
- Eskom?
- WISA
- Department of Agriculture
- Agri SA
- NAFU

The STT will elect its own chairperson.

The STT will also have the authority to co-opt members on an ad hoc basis when needed.

If a quorum is considered to be necessary it will consist of ??????????????????.

Frequency of Meetings

As and when needed.

Linkages

There are a number of other STTs which are either already in place or in the process of being established. In view of the systemic nature of much of the subject matter, it will be important in some cases to establish open lines of communication with other STTs. This will primarily be facilitated by the WSLG Exco, which will seek to play a coordinating and aligning role. If considered necessary, bilaterals can be arranged. The other STTs are as follows:

- Asset management
- Water conservation and demand management
- Regulation
- Financing the sector
- Institutional reform/review
- Water for Growth and Development
- Skills development
- Rethinking the sanitation paradigm (being addressed by the National Sanitation Task Team)

In the case of this particular STT, it is considered that some degree of linkage will be required with all of the other STTs.

It will also be very important for this STT to take cognizance of the deliberations of the 2008 Municipal Indaba, with specific reference to the recommendations in the workplan.

Agendas

Once this STT has been convened and the terms of reference confirmed, then a workplan will be developed which will give effect to the objectives set out in the terms of reference. The agenda will thereafter focus on implementation of items identified in the workplan.

Secretariat

Secretariat for the STT will be provided by DWAF Sector Collaboration.