

PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF WSLG MEETINGS & OUTLINE OF AGENDA FOR JUNE 18 & 19 WSLG MEETING

RATIONALE

This proposal was drawn up in the recognition that agenda setting should not happen on an ad-hoc last minute basis, but be guided by and focused on WSLG providing leadership towards the incremental realisation of sector strategic objectives. It was further recognised that the structure of WSLG meeting is instrumental for:

1. Enabling the WSLG to fulfil its role (providing strategic guidance and oversight);
2. Encouraging participation and commitment of the range of sector stakeholders
3. Promoting alignment within the sector and between other sectors as relevant to water
4. Assist in informed decision making (of the member departments & organisations)
5. Providing a platform for raising and discussing critical strategic issues impacting on the sector

This will require early agreement on the agenda (and not last minute changes), good preparations in advance, quality documentation, participation of the appropriate people, consistency of attendance of those delegated and input of the relevant expertise as determined by the agenda.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The over-riding longer term objective of the WSLG should be to ensure the sector is able to deliver in accordance with sector policies and strategies within the overarching framework of Water for Growth & Development.

PROPOSED MEETING STRUCTURE

DAY ONE

WSLG Business

- Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting
- Report from EXCO – to include Matters Arising (per Action table), as EXCO is responsible for facilitating and coordinating follow up.

Strategic Sector Matters

Presentations and discussions on strategic priorities of the sector, as determined by

June Meeting: ‘Committing to meet the WFGD Targets’

It is understood the aim is to identify targets for WFGD at the Summit with stakeholders

to be held at the end of March. It is therefore suggested that key targets are selected for discussion and sector partners are asked to present on their role and contribution towards meeting these WFGD targets. Rather than focus on each sector player and their role broadly in WFGD, the agenda will be structured around the targets on which there is strategic input from relevant players. The aim is to build common understanding of what needs to be done and clarity on what each of the key partners is committing to doing, for a more coordinated and coherent approach to ensuring the these targets are met.

The agenda can only be drawn up following the Summit. If target are not forthcoming an alternative 'theme' of *"Mainstreaming water as central to planning to promote Economic Growth & Development in SA"* is proposed. This will include what sector partners are planning and how they will mainstream water in their processes and for WSLG to look at where planning decisions are made and how best to inform and engage with these, looking at both national and provincial levels.

This part of the agenda can be structured to include presentations, leads into topics, panel responses by sector members, plenary & group discussions.

DAY TWO

1. **Reflection** on output and implications of preceding day – strengthening collaboration and alignment.
2. **Strategic Overview & Insight of Sector** – WSLG to receive strategic analysis of sector performance from MCC meeting and STTS (and possibly DWAF but focus on partners). The aim is to be kept abreast of strategic progress and critical developments and ensure WSLG has some means in which to play its oversight role. It is also to encourage accountability to the sector.
3. **Topical / Burning Issues** - providing a platform for sector partners to raise pertinent matters. These can include merely providing a sounding board for input and viewpoints, dealing with media fanned public perceptions, crises or important challenges, sharing events and developments for information, etc. Topics can be given in beforehand or at the meeting and must be of a strategic nature.
4. **Wrap Up** – by the DG or chairperson if different and giving direction and ideas for the next WSLG meeting.