



# **Water Sector Leadership Group Exco**

**Progress report to  
November 2008 WSLG**

# Structure of presentation

1. Recap
2. Overview of progress
3. Terms of reference of the Exco
4. Proposed Strategic Task Teams (STTs)
5. Review of the terms of reference of the WSLG
6. Recommendations

# Background

- 🌐 July 2008 WSLG agreed:
  - WSLG not as effective as it could be, needs review
  - WSLG Exco should be established
  - A number of Task Teams should be established to address strategic issues
  - Establishment of these “Strategic Task Teams” was delegated to the new Exco

## Overall Structure of the WSLG



# Progress

- WSLG Exco has met twice: 10<sup>th</sup> September and 17<sup>th</sup> October
- Attendance was good but can still be improved
- Discussion focused on:
  - Terms of reference of the Exco
  - Subject matter for the STTs
  - Terms of reference of the WSLG



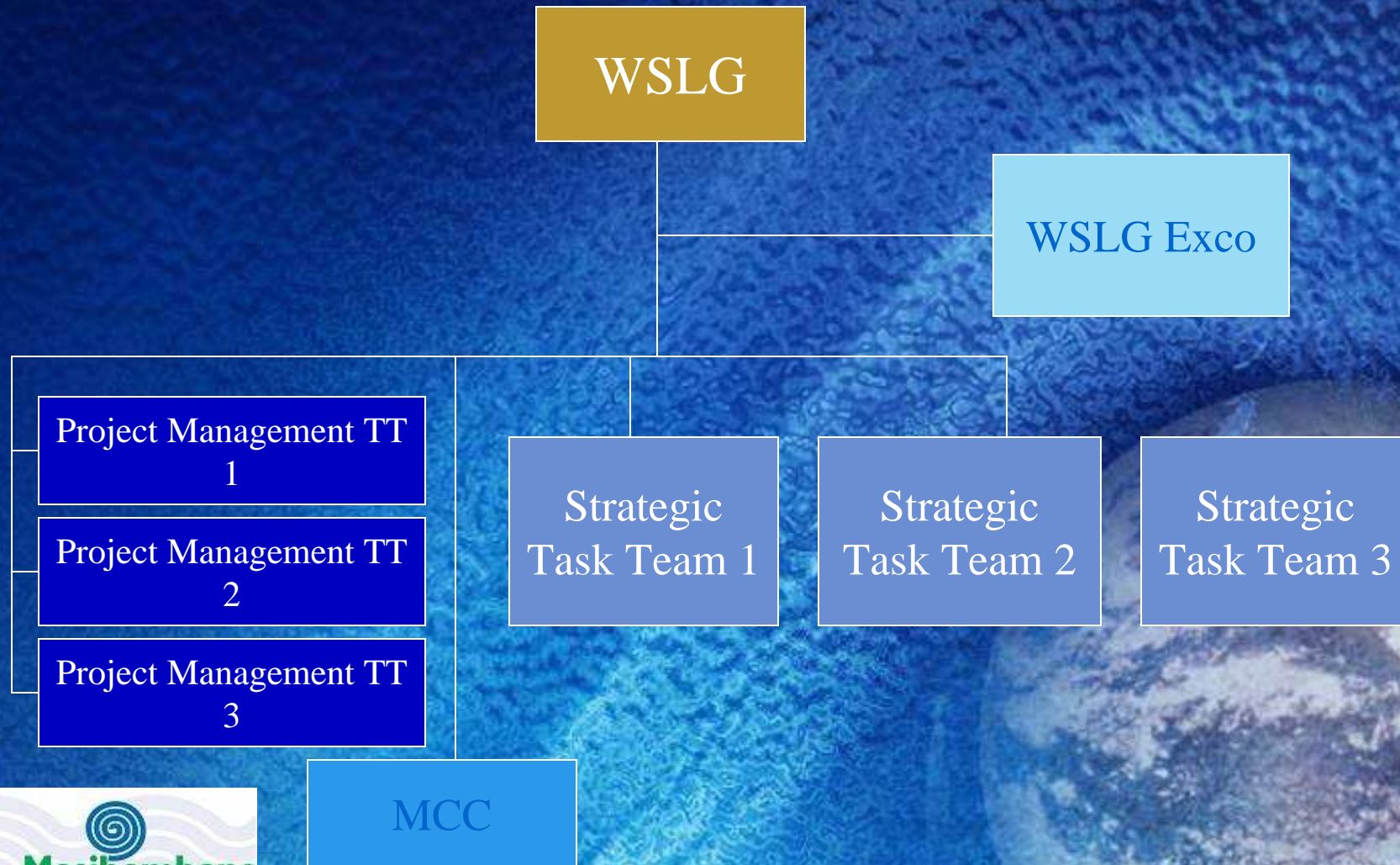
# **Terms of Reference of the WSLG Exco**

# High level TOR

## WSLG Exco

1. Agendas for WSLG meetings
2. Provide strategic leadership inputs to WSLG meetings
3. Coordination and alignment of Task Teams

# Overall Structure of the WSLG



# Project management Task Teams

## Existing/Functional?

- WIN-SA/Knowledge management
- HIV/AIDS mainstreaming
- NSTT
- Skills Development?
- Gender mainstreaming

# Attendance

## WSLG Exco

- ④ DWAF: DDG Regions
- + Senior representatives of:
  - ④ DPLG
  - ④ SALGA
  - ④ European Union
  - ④ Civil Society
  - ④ DWAF: water resources
  - ④ BUSA
  - ④ **Agri SA and NAFU ????????**
  - ④ Chamber of Mines
  - ④ DWAF P and R
  - ④ WRC
  - ④ Eskom
  - ④ **Forestry???**



# Frequency of Meetings

## WSLG Exco

- 🌀 Quarterly
- 🌀 Cycle scheduled so as to meet a month before WSLG meetings

# Agendas

## WSLG Exco

- 🌀 WSLG agenda and preparations
- 🌀 Items emerging from the Task Teams (when needed)
- 🌀 Other urgent matters (when needed)



# **Establishment of Strategic Task Teams**

# Criteria for Establishing a Strategic Task Team

- ④ An issue, challenge etc. of strategic importance
- ④ An aspect where a collaborative effort is needed to ensure success: consultation and/or implementation
- ④ Its national in scope

# Purpose of STTs

- ④ To deliberate on matters of national and strategic importance to the sector that require a significant collaborative effort
- ④ To develop plans, actions, strategies and approaches to give effect to the strategic issue, for submission to the WSLG
- ④ To maintain, wherever possible, a strong and practical implementation orientation
- ④ In general STTs are not standing committees and will have short time durations
- ④ Monitoring of implementation???

# Potential Sources for Strategic Issues

1. ASGISA IMC Response document
2. Objectives of Masibambane 3
3. DWAF KFAs
4. WfGD Pillars
5. ++++++

# Subject areas identified by Exco

1. Skills development
2. Institutional reform/realignment
3. Resource protection
4. Water conservation and demand management
5. Regulation
6. Financing of the sector
7. The National Water Resource Strategy
8. Infrastructure and asset management



# Subject areas identified by Exco

- ④ Discussions held with DWAF champions and draft terms of reference were developed for 6 of these STTs
- ④ There is an existing structure addressing asset management focussing on municipal assets and it has been agreed that its ToR should be expanded to include the sector as a whole
- ④ There is an existing structure addressing WS regulation but a smaller, more strategic group is sought with a number of specialists involved
- ④ Exco considered that 8 STTs was too many and various combinations have thus been under discussion

# Subject areas (also addressed by Municipal Indaba)

1. Skills development
2. Institutional reform/realignment
3. Resource protection
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Sanitation????

# Additional (new) strategic issues that emerged from yesterday's WSLG discussions

1. Addressing the needs of the poor
  - Targeting the second economy
  - Quo vadis Free Basic Services?
  - Targeting the rural areas (ex TBVC states)
  - Backlogs
  - Water Allocation Reform
  - Local solutions for better results
2. Climate change
3. Appropriate technology and innovation

# Possible combinations to reduce STT numbers

1. Skills development
2. Institutional reform/realignment
3. Financing of the sector
4. Resource protection and regulation
5. Infrastructure and asset management and Water conservation and demand management
6. The National Water Resource Strategy
7. Climate change
8. Addressing the needs of the poor and rethinking the sanitation paradigm

# Possible combinations to reduce STT numbers: initial convenors

1. Skills development: ????????
2. Institutional reform/realignment and financing of the sector: Vusi Kubeka
3. Resource protection and Regulation: Thoko Sigwaza and Harrison Pienaar
4. Infrastructure and asset management and water conservation and demand management: Nino Manus and Paul Herbst
5. The National Water Resource Strategy: Chris Swiegers
6. Climate change: Harrison Pienaar
7. Addressing the needs of the poor: ????????



DWAF Sector Collaboration to provide secretariat



# **Review of the WSLG Terms of Reference**

# Key triggers

- ④ Integration of water resources and water services
- ④ Ensuring appropriate representation across the water sector
- ④ Ensuring focused discussions and delegating other issues to EXCO & STTs
- ④ Ensuring alignment with existing structures

# Proposed TOR

- Representation: All key government depts (see attached doc), CMAs, SAAWU, organised business, organised civil society, SALGA, provincial forums, and water sector institutions outside government
- Delegation at senior level: DG, DDGs, CEOs, Chairpersons, Chief Directors, senior managers

# Key issues

- There is a need to align the restructured WSLG with existing structures such as MCC & NSTT.
- There is a need to ensure a cohesive feed between WSLG and high-level initiatives and structures such as Summits, Indabas, joint MINMEC etc

# Recommendations

1. The terms of reference of the WSLG Exco are approved
2. The STTs as outlined are established
3. The revised terms of reference of the WSLG are approved
4. In terms of the broader review of national collaborative structures:
  - Approve the review of sector collaboration broadly to ensure coherence and alignment between WSLG operations and other existing initiatives and structures



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# Proposed membership of STT addressing regulation

- DWA P and R
- SALGA
- DPLG
- NERSA
- Prof Eberhard: UCT
- Dr. El Lize Mohammedu: African Forum for Utility Regulators
- SAAWU: Umgeni Water and Rand Water
- Chamber of Mines
- Nedlac
- BUSA
- Neil Mcleod
- Jay Bhagwan
- Jenny Evans: DWA
- Richard Holden: TCTA
- Civil society: Ms. Hameeda Deedat and Ms. Leila Smith
- Selected consultants

