



DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS



WATER SECTOR LEADERSHIP GROUP MEETING

DATE: 18-19 NOVEMBER 2009

VENUE: THE HERTFORD HOTEL, LANSERIA, JHB

AGENDA

DAY ONE: 18 NOVEMBER 2009

CHAIRPERSONS:

Ms N Ngele: Acting Director General, Department of Water Affairs

Mr J Mettler: Senior Manager, South Africa Local Government Association

**THEME: POSITIONING WATER AT THE CENTRE OF PLANNING AND
DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA**

CONTEXT

The Minister of Planning in the Presidency has recently published a Green Paper on National Strategic Planning. This Green Paper lays a basis for the development of a national framework on integrated planning and the establishment of a National Planning Commission. The initiative is informed by the recognition that fragmentation and poor coordination have harmed the implementation of government policies and programmes in the past fifteen years. The Green Paper recognises the importance of improving sector planning to inform a national strategic plan, whilst establishing overarching national socio-economic imperatives that will guide the development of sector plans within various spheres of government and broadly define the development agenda of the country.

Water, as a natural finite resource, is recognised in the Green Paper as one of the key resources that will directly influence national strategic planning. It will therefore require constant monitoring by the National Planning Commission to ensure that availability issues are factored into the national plan. While water availability is considered an issue of concern, it is equally important to ensure that water resource provision and development address vital socio-economic development programmes. This calls for a mutual influence between the national strategic planning and water sector planning.

The Water Sector Leadership Group, representing a collective of sector institutions and experts, must position itself to ensure that the White Paper on National Strategic Planning addresses some of the concerns identified in the sector regarding the integration of sectoral and spatial planning and ensuring that, from a natural resource perspective, water availability issues are considered in development planning across sectors and government spheres. The WSLG meeting offers an opportunity for the sector to debate how it positions itself to begin to influence national planning, in the light of the launching of the Green Paper. Amongst others, the WSLG must consider whether a consolidated sector-wide input should be developed to respond to the Green Paper guided by the Framework on Water for Growth and Development.

OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

1. To discuss the Green Paper on National Strategic Planning with specific consideration of implications to water sector planning and develop possible mechanisms of ensuring that the water sector claims a central role in influencing national strategic planning
2. To identify planning tools, frameworks and platforms for key water use sectors (agriculture, local government, environment, forestry, energy and mining) and how water is factored into their sector plans
3. To discuss water sector planning tools and consider whether these need refinement to align with the proposed national planning framework and tools used in water use sectors
4. To agree on a framework for mainstreaming water management and planning in inter-sectoral planning

08:30 – 09:00	REGISTRATION & TEA
09:00 – 9:30	1. OPENING SESSION <i>1.1. Welcome Remarks & Introduction: Chairperson</i> <i>1.2. Introductions & Record of Attendance</i> <i>1.3. Agreement on Objectives & Expected Outcomes</i>
09:30 – 11:30 09:30 – 10:15 10:15 – 11:00	2. SETTING THE SCENE <i>2.1 Scenario planning in context of the South African water sector: Emerging Issues, Risks and Opportunities</i> Mr Clem Sunter <i>2.2 The Green Paper on National Strategic Planning: Key principles and the envisaged input of water planning to the National Strategic Plan</i> The Presidency (Planning): Mr Hassen Mohamed
11:00 – 11:30	TEA BREAK
11:30 – 12:45 12:45 – 13:00	3. IDENTIFYING COMMON PRIORITIES AND INFLUENCING INTEGRATED PLANNING AND ALIGNMENT ACROSS KEY WATER USE SECTORS <i>3.1. Department of Human Settlements: Ms Rashnee Parhanse</i> <i>3.2. Department of Environmental Affairs: Mr Victor Tharage</i> <i>3.3. Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries: Ms Mary-Jean Gabriel</i> <i>3.4. Department of Mineral Resources & Energy: Mr Joe Raphela</i> <i>3.5. Department of Trade & Industries: Ms Tsholofelo Motaung</i> <i>Briefing of Commissions: Mr J Mettler</i>
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH

14:00– 16:00	<p>4. GROUP DISCUSSIONS</p> <p>Three Commissions will discuss the different perspectives of improving water sector planning to ensure meaningful contribution into the national strategic plan. Each commission will receive a presentation from an expert to stimulate focused discussion and generation of ideas. The experts may come from sector institutions such as WRC, CSIR, WISA, DBSA and Institutions of Higher Learning.</p> <p>a) Green Paper on National Strategic Planning</p> <p>Facilitator: Mr Junior Potloane Presentation: Refer to presentation 2.3</p> <p><i>What are the key implications of the Green Paper on water sector planning? How should the water sector position itself to influence planning on national level? Is there a need to have representation in the Commission? How should the sector feed key strategic water resource planning issues into the work of the commission?</i></p> <p>b) Water Sector Planning Framework, Platforms and Tools</p> <p>Facilitator: Ms Ndileka Mohapi Presentation: Refer to presentation 2.1</p> <p><i>Are current water sector planning tools effective and result-driven? Is there a need to review the planning tools to address the emerging national planning framework? Is the National Water Resources Strategy framework the most suitable tool for feeding the status of water into national planning and influencing inter-sectoral planning? What mechanisms need to improve coordinated planning for all water-use sectors? What national indicators should be guide planning and implementation to measure sector performance?</i></p> <p>c) Engaging the LG Turn-Around Strategy: Powers and Functions; Inter-sphere Coordination; Monitoring, Regulation and Support role of National Departments</p> <p>Facilitator: Ms Nomonde Mnukwa / Ms Louise Colvin Presenter: Ms Jenny Evans</p> <p><i>The findings of a nation-wide audit of municipalities have been published. The findings lament the state of basic municipal services such as water and sanitation in some municipalities and raise alarm bells about capacity of some municipalities to perform the water services functions. What is the water sector position on local government turn-around strategy? What key interventions are required in the short-, medium and long-term?</i></p>
16:00 – 16:15	TEA BREAK
16:15 - 16:45	<p>5. GROUP FEEDBACK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Key issues for the sector to note and further deliberation</i> • <i>Key proposals for effective responses to the call for integrated sectoral and national planning</i>
16:45 – 17:15	6. ADOPTION OF KEY RESOLUTIONS
17:15 – 17:30	7. ADJOURNMENT



WATER SECTOR LEADERSHIP GROUP MEETING

**DAY TWO: 19 NOVEMBER 2009
FORMAL BUSINESS OF THE WSLG**

AGENDA

CHAIRPERSONS:

- Ms Thandeka Mbassa: DDG: Regions, DWA
- Mr Johan Mettler: Senior Manager, South Africa Local Government Association

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

- 1) To reflect on outputs and resolutions of the preceding day and adopt key actions
- 2) To receive feedback from WSLG EXCO on functioning of the WSLG Strategic Task Teams and progress on strategic issues to date
- 3) To receive brief updates on various sector initiatives and topical issues and make inputs and recommendations where appropriate

08:30 – 09:00	REGISTRATION & TEA
09:00 – 09:30	1. OPENING SESSION <i>1.1. Welcome Remarks</i> <i>1.2. Attendance and Apologies</i> <i>1.3. Approval of Agenda</i> <i>1.4. Summary of Outcomes of Day One</i>
09:30 – 09:45	2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (JUNE 2009) <i>2.1. Correction and Adoption</i> <i>2.2. Status of Actions and Other Matters Arising</i> <i>(See attached report)</i>
09:45 – 11:00	3. REPORT BACK FROM WSLG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE <i>3.1. Overview on Framework on National Collaborative Structures & WSLG Strategic Task Teams and brief status on functioning of STTs</i> Ms Ndala Duma <i>3.2. Information and Knowledge Management</i> <i>3.2.1. Importance and proposals for sector coordination and improvement:</i> Mr Wandile Nomqophu <i>3.2.2. WIN-SA Sustainability Proposal:</i> WIN SAC Representative <i>3.2.3. Towards a National Water Sector R&D Strategy</i> Mr MP Nephumbada <i>Discussion, Comments, Clarity-seeking Questions</i>
11:00-11:15	TEA BREAK (Handing out of WSLG Evaluation Forms)

11:15 – 12:00	<p>4. TOPICAL ISSUES ON SECTOR INITIATIVES (5 minutes each) <i>These issues must be of a strategic nature for noting, discussion and adoption by sector partners by sector stakeholders & partners</i></p> <p>4.1. <i>Sector Strategy on HIV & AIDS Mainstreaming:</i> Ms A Manus</p> <p>4.2. <i>Sector Programme Performance - Report from Masibambane Coordinating Committee</i> Ms P Makhanya</p> <p>4.3. <i>Summary of Key Outcomes of the Provincial Water Indabas</i> Ms T Mbassa</p> <p>Discussions</p>
12:00 – 12:30	<p>5. BRIEF REPORTS FROM THE STRATEGIC TASK TEAMS</p> <p>5.1. <i>Water Security:</i> Mr Martin Ginster</p> <p>5.2. <i>Institutional Realignment and Regulation:</i> Ms Thoko Sigwaza</p> <p>5.3. <i>Skills Development:</i> Ms Portia Makhanya</p> <p>5.4. <i>Sanitation:</i> Ms Tabita Napakade</p> <p>5.5. <i>Sector Finance and Asset Management:</i> Mr Nigel Lowe</p>
12:30 – 12:45	<p>6. UPDATE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: SECTOR EVENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Feedback on Stockholm Water Week</i> • <i>WISA Biennial Conference</i> • <i>National Water Week: March 2010</i> • <i>Roundtable at CED: Water, a looming crisis!</i> • <i>Other announcements</i>
12:45 – 13:00	<p>7. CLOSING SESSION</p> <p>7.1. <i>Next WSLG – July 2010</i></p> <p>7.2. <i>Closure</i></p>
13:00	<p>LUNCH AND DEPARTURE</p>