



7th World Water Forum 2015

April 12-17, 2015, Daegu & Gyeongbuk, Rep. of Korea

[Thematic Process] Session Proposal Form

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All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory

1. Session

Reference theme*

(Multiple selection is possible, in case of the joint session with other themes)

- 4.1. Economics and Financing for Innovative Investments
- 4.2. Effective Governance : Enhanced Political Decisions, Stakeholder Participation and Technical Information
- 4.3. Cooperation for Reducing Conflict and Improving Transboundary Water Management
- 4.4. Water Cultures, Justice and Equity
- 4.5. Enhancing Education and Capacity Building

Session type*	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Issue Session (Session Group)
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Joint Session with different processes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political Process (please specify: _____)
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Session title* (please kindly use media-friendly language) **Stakeholder engagement for Effective Water Governance : Checklist and success stories**

Session description* (180 words, please kindly use media-friendly language)

Stakeholder engagement is a *governance* instrument that can help efficiency, sustainability, transparency and equity in water management. It helps prevent conflicts, manage trade-offs, foster shared benefits, raise awareness and lead to more effective and inclusive decision-making. The various World Water Fora provided opportunities for highlighting the importance of stakeholder engagement when designing and implementing water policy and projects. At the 6th WWF, the topic of **stakeholder engagement** resulted in a good governance “target” framed as follows: “By 2015, 50% countries will have adopted consultation, participation and co-ordination mechanisms allowing stakeholders at local, regional, national and international levels to effectively contribute to decision-making in a coherent, holistic and integrated way”.

Despite these international pledges and commitments, there is still a long way to go for successful participatory approaches and inclusive stakeholder engagement, as several gaps persist on the ground. Despite the plethora of good practices across countries to engage stakeholders at different levels, there is a lack of proper analysis and policy tools to scale-up success stories for bench-learning (i.e. learning through evidenced-based examination), and enhance their replicability.

On the road to Daegu, the session group will prepare a **background report** with qualitative and quantitative evidence on the contribution of stakeholder engagement to effective water governance and will set-up an **online platform** to showcase success stories and on-the-ground experiences worldwide in setting-up engagement processes in water-related decision-making processes.

With the objective to pave the way for implementing and monitoring action-oriented stakeholder engagement in the water sector, the session will adopt a lively approach with open discussions on the **ways forwards to scale-up success stories** and innovative tools for inclusive decision-making on water.

The session will also provide for a consultative platform to discuss across wide range of stakeholders – within and outside the water sector - the development of a tentative **Checklist for Action** to guide decision-makers in taking the necessary policy steps towards more impactful stakeholder engagement in support of better water governance.

Session Duration*	<input type="checkbox"/> 90min <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 120min			
Session schedule in detail (Insert as many items as you wish)	Order	Estimated lead time (min)	Description of items/presentations	Confirmed speakers
	1	25'	Introduction <i>[key issues, principles and tentative Checklist on stakeholder engagement]</i>	tbc
	2	20'	1st round table discussion <i>[Participants will be invited to brainstorm on practical measures and indicators to support the</i>	Moderators for each table (tbc)



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			<i>implementation of the principles on stakeholder engagement]</i>	
	3	20'	2nd round table discussion <i>[Participants will be invited to switch to another table to discuss a different principle, building on the propositions from the previous discussions]</i>	Moderators for each table (tbc)
	4	20'	Success stories <i>[6 discussants will be invited to present their success story on stakeholder engagement at one of the table and answer questions from the table's participants]</i>	tbc
	5	15'	Report back <i>[The moderators or designated participants will share the key messages for each table]</i>	tbc
	6	10'	Conclusion	

Session objectives and outputs* (please kindly use media-friendly language)

The objectives of the session will be to build consensus on a tentative **Checklist for Action** to guide decision-makers towards result-oriented stakeholder engagement. The session will also be the opportunity to showcase **success stories** on stakeholder engagement in water-related decision-making processes, while highlighting their replicable potential.

Session Contribution* (How this session can contribute to the implementation roadmap)

The conclusion of the session will feed directly into the development of **OECD Principles on Water Governance** – intended as a standard for governments to follow-up when designing water policy – which include a building block for effective, fit-for-purpose and outcomes-oriented stakeholder engagement.

Targeted audience in your session*

Government/Local government International Organization Public Corporation Academia, Research Institute
 Industry (Enterprises, etc.) CSO (Civil Society Organizations, NGO) Others (regulators, donors, agricultural actors, river basin organisations, parliamentarians, media, trade unions)

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