



SDG 6.5.1 Stakeholder Consultation Report [RWANDA]

[15th to 16th June 2023]

ANNEX 3: Optional Stakeholder Consultation Report template

Executive Summary

Within the framework of monitoring the progress made in achieving the SDG6.5.1 target, the government of Rwanda through the Rwanda Water Resources Board has requested financial assistance from the Global Water Partnership Organization for data collection and convening key stakeholders to assess the progress made as of 2023.

It is within this framework that a two-day workshop was organized from the 15th to 16th June 2023 at La Palisse Nyamata Hotel, Bugesera district, Eastern Province.

The workshop brought together technical experts from various water related institutions, the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, Water and Sanitation Cooperation, Rwanda Agriculture and Animal Resources Development Board, as well as the National Institute of Statistics and was officially opened by the Deputy Director General of the Rwanda Water Resources Board. The workshop was attended also by the Chairperson of the Water Partnership-Rwanda, who is also the current chairperson of the Global Water Partnership Eastern Africa. The participants' list is attached as annex1.

During the two-day workshop, participants discussed on the various sub-indicators under the SDG6.5.1 related to the degree of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) Implementation in Rwanda and were able to provide updated figures for all the sub-indicators under the themes of enabling environment, institutions and participation, management instruments as well as financing. The overall score was found to be 68 % and this from 66% which was the overall score in 2020.

1. Conclusions from facilitated discussions on Section 1: 'Enabling Environment'

The overall observation from the participants was that the country has made very good progress in terms the policy & legal framework for promoting IWRM as well as the institutional framework at National level. However, it was observed that there still a big gap in terms of IWRM financing and the institutional framework at sub-national level.

a. What are the main challenges to progress in the country?

The main challenge to the country's progress is the financial capacity to implement developed policies and plans.

b. How can the main challenges be addressed?

To address the main challenge, there is a need for enough budget allocation to implement developed strategic plans.

c. At the question level or in general, what is the perceived rate of progress, and what is the likelihood of reaching High or Very high implementation by 2030? Is there a need for national (interim) target setting (which may be taken up in more detail in Stage 2 of the SDG 6 IWRM Support Programme)?

The enabling environment section rate has a good progress from a score of 70% in 2020 to 74% in 2023. The interim target setting is needed to support proper progress tracking and addressing the highlighted challenge on time.

d. What are the major points stakeholders do not agree on and why?

There is no point stakeholders do not agree on. All points are clear and stakeholders have a common understanding.

2. **Conclusions from facilitated discussions on Section 2: 'Institutions and Participation'**

The proper IWRM practice requires the involvement of various sectors, which involve regular consultation workshops. This requires financial capacity which is sometimes not available as needed. To address this issue, the Government and other partners should ensure regular consultations with all involved actors in the planning and implementation of water-related projects.

For sub-national authorities for leading IWRM implementation, the team found that there are no authorities for leading IWRM at sub-National level in Rwandan context.

3. **Conclusions from facilitated discussions on Section 3: 'Management Instruments'**

Sustainable and efficient water use management and Pollution control are not fully achieved as planned. It was recommended by the team to fast-track the planned strategies and put in place robust mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation.

Management instruments to reduce impacts of water-related disasters and Aquifer management instruments are lagging compared to other water resources management interventions. The team recommended upscaling the flood Early Warning Systems and keeping the implementation of downstream-to-upstream flood mitigation measures. On the aquifer management, it was recommended to develop recharge assessment models and expansion of hydrogeological monitoring and assessment, groundwater exploration, and abstraction guidelines.

4. Conclusions from facilitated discussions on Section 4: 'Financing'

The budget allocated for implementation of water resources management interventions is not sufficient. The team recommended to carry out resources mobilisation to increase budget for implementation; engage dialogue with private sector and partners to invest in water resources management.

5. Next steps

It was found that the main challenge is the insufficient budget allocated to IWRM interventions. This requires financial capacity which is sometimes not available as needed. To address this issue, the Government should ensure the engagement of development partners, civil society, and the private sector for fundraising and enhancing capacity in IWRM implementation.

6. Annexes

Annex 1: List of participants

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Annex 2: Agenda

Time	Item	Responsible
Day One		
08h45-09h00	Arrival and registration	All
09h00-09h10	Welcome Remark	Chairperson/GWP-Rwanda
09h10-09h20	Welcome Remark	DDG/RWB
09h20-10h30	Introduction to the reporting process by the Facilitator and formation of Groups	Facilitator
10h30-11h00	Coffee/Tea break	All
11h00-13h00	Groups discussions on the Enabling Environment	All
13h00-14h00	Lunch	All
14h00-15h00	Plenary discussions by all Groups on the Enabling Environment	Facilitator
15h00-17h00	Groups discussions on Institutions and Participation	All
17h00	End of Day one	All
Day Two		
08h45-09h00	Arrival and registration	All
09h00-11h00	Groups discussions on Management Instruments	All
11h00-11h30	Coffee/Tea break	All
11h30-13h00	Plenary discussions on "Institutions & Participation" and "Management Instruments"	Facilitator
13h00-14h00	Lunch	All
14h00-16h00	Groups discussions on Financing	All
16h00-17h00	Plenary discussions by all Groups on Financing	Facilitator
17h00	Closing Remarks	-Chairperson/GWP-Rwanda -DDG/RWB

Annex 3: Facilitator's Comments

The reporting process on the SDG 6.5.1 went very well and participants were able to provide extensive inputs and these included mostly focal points from government institutions and professional organisations. For the future, it would be better to engage also representatives from the private sector as well sub-national institutions in order to capture more diverse opinions.

Annex 4: Photos of participants in the workshop

