Water for Food and Ecosystem. Outcomes & Follow-up at FAO

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Background

Ecosystems & Agric. The largest water consumers

Conventional view of WFE

Water

Food

Ecosystem

Opposition
Progressive view of WFE

Water

Food & Ecosystem

Mutual dependence
**Actions**

1. FAO-NETH Conference on Water for Food & Ecosystems: Make it Happen
   
   *(31st January–4 February, 2005)*

- Africa pre-Conference in Addis Ababa
  *(4-6 November 2004)*

- E-forum *(December 2004)*

- Regional Workshops
Framework

3 main themes

1. Fostering implementation: know-how for actions
2. A new economy for water for food & ecosystems
3. An enabling environment

Attendance

- 26 Ministers
- more than 600 participants from 140 Countries
Outcome recommendations

1. Harmonize data, exchange information, use local knowledge, launch awareness campaigns, etc.

2. Use new and existing, participatory, water valuation methods and adopt economic mechanisms such as payment for environmental services and water charges, accounting for equity and right-based approaches to ensure basic access of resources to the poor.

3. Harmonize legislation and sectoral policies.
2. Follow-up to the Conference

- Link WFE activities to FAO Programmes
- Establishment of a strategic Partnership and Networking to enforce the Programme
- Develop a mid-term Action Plan that includes initiatives at both local & global level
FAO is working at:

...in terms of Programme

- knowledge products addressing Technical WFE Guidelines, Policy advisory papers, Application tools
- Resource mobilization & Project formulation at Country level

...in terms of Partnership

- IWMI
- WUR
- IUCN
- UNECE
- Ramsar Convention
...in terms of **Local Actions**

- Project on “Creation and Strengthening of WUAs and catchment Committee for IWRM in Mkoji” Tanzania. Link to theme 3 of WFE (2005-2007)

...in terms of **Global Actions**

- Clearing-house mechanism
- Guidelines on sustainable agric-wetlands Interactions
- Water valuation & economic instruments for sustainable WFE
- Code of conduct on water-related PES
What next

- Further strengthening of the Partnership
- More projects at Country level
  - Support to IWRM implementation along the Niger River Basin. Mali. Link to theme 1 & 3.
  - Water valuation & economic Instruments. Vietnam
- Completing on-going global initiatives
Closing Remarks

Trends and focus of FAO and his Partnership:

- Building the bridges across the sectoral divides of WFE
- Extending the knowledge domain of integrated management of WFE
- Supporting the application of WFE at local level through stakeholder mobilization and CB (relevant role of NGOs, civil society, etc.)
- Assisting Governments in policy integration and harmonization of legislation across sectors (inter-ministerial initiatives)
Thank you

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