

SWPN Steering Committee Meeting and Forum

February 11, 2014, 12:00 – 13:00

Water Research Commission, Pretoria South Africa

Opening and welcome

The meeting chairs welcomed the Steering Committee members and thanked the Water Research Commission (WRC) for hosting the meeting. It was noted that the work done by the SWPN was starting to deliver results. It is rare for a partnership of this nature to make such an impact in such a short period of time.

Strategy session outcomes and implications for 2014 work plan

A brief presentation was provided on the outcomes of the strategy session held in November 2013 and their implications for the 2014 work plan. Four cross-cutting work packages were proposed:

- Catchment-level action in a stressed catchment, combining the activities of all the working groups.
- Water-use efficiency in agriculture and industry. The possibility of a No-Drop system for all the sectors should be explored.
- Transboundary water.
- Policy development support across all three working groups.

This was followed by a discussion of the 2014 work plan. The following comments and suggestions were made:

- The SWPN and the No Drop team will meet with the **WRC water foot-printing project** to discuss a combined intervention and possible catchment locations.
- A **communications plan** for the SWPN is urgently required.
- **Water offsetting** will be added to the list of projects under “combined interventions”. It is important that offsetting is distinguished as an intervention from a much broader concept of incentives for the private sector to invest in public water management. It was suggested that an offsetting framework be designed that includes issues of equity and access. A meeting has been set up with the Deputy Director-General of Regulation at the Department of Water Affairs (DWA) to discuss water offsetting. The SWPN co-chairs will also discuss how to proceed on the matter.
- **Water allocation reform** should be approached and managed carefully.

SWPN finances

Expenditure report 2013

- Total income received for the year: 3.3 million South African rands.
- Projected expenditure for the year matched total income.
- A contingency amount of 65,000 South African rands for unforeseen project expenditure was not used.

- Phase 1 of the No Drop project and the Mine Water project were completed. Phase 2 of the No Drop project is under way. Extensions on the No Drop and Mine Water projects were partly funded by temporarily reallocating funds from the Vaalharts project, which had just started in 2013.

Funding situation and budget 2014

- Three income scenarios: 5 million South African rands, 5.5 million South African rands, or 6 million South African rands. Total income will be determined by contributions made by local private sector partners.
- A total of €200,000 has already been secured from GIZ, of which €180,000 has been received. The 2030 Water Resources Group has committed \$150,000, but a proposal is still to be developed.

As the SWPN's budget and activities increase it is important to consider increasing the secretariat's capacity. This issue will be discussed further.

Private sector partners were urged to speak to their principles about funding. The secretariat will also send out a formal request for funding.

A contribution (not a membership fee) of 150,000 South African rands should be considered the norm. Although SABMiller has made a substantial initial investment, further contributions will not be of the same value and the SWPN's financial sustainability will come from contributions from multiple partners.

Conclusion and next steps

It was noted that the DWA remains committed to the SWPN and a request for financial support has been submitted to the Minister of Water Affairs. The meeting closed with a reaffirmation of the SWPN's work, which is achieving results quickly and efficiently through its partnerships.

No.	Action	Responsible	Due date
1.	Explore links between WRC water foot-print project and No Drop	Secretariat and No Drop project team	No Drop phase 2 project inception
2.	Feedback on water offsetting discussions	Secretariat and co-chairs	Next Steering Committee meeting
3.	Proposal for funding to the 2030 Water Resources Group	Secretariat	March 31, 2014
4.	Members to prioritize speaking to their principles about SWPN funding	All Steering Committee members	March 31, 2014
5.	Funding request letters to be sent to members	SWPN	February 2014

Appendix 1: Participant list

Name	Organization
Andre Fourie	SABMiller
Solly Mabuda	DWA
Andre Kruger	Absa
Ritva Muhlbauer	Anglo American
Antonino Manus	City of Johannesburg
Lourens Lotter	City of Tshwane
Mandy Reddy	DWA
Paul Herbst	DWA
Meera Ormea	Eskom
Nicole Kranz	GIZ
Lynette Chen	NEPAD Business Foundation
Sanjeev Raghubir	Nestlé
Muzi Chonco	SABMiller
William Moraka	SALGA
Bob Kleynjan	Sasol
Dhesigen Naidoo	WRC
Michelle Proude	SWPN
Nick Tandi	SWPN
Absent with apologies:	
Marius Keet	DWA
Trevor Balzer	DWA
Nandha Govender	Eskom
Ravi Pillay	Nestlé
Mike Muller	National Planning Commission
Alex Mung	World Economic Forum