Water Integrity Mapping and Partnership for a Capacity Development Programme in Latin America



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A network approach for increased ownership and scaling up

The proposal is a joint presentation of LA-WETnet, country and regional capacity building networks which form part of LA-WETnet and specific member institutions at country level:

- ArgCap-Net: Argentinean capacity building network for IWRM
- **Cap-Net Brazil:** Brazilian capacity building network for IWRM
- **REDICA:** Network of engineering institutions in Central America
- **REMERH:** Mexican Network for Water Resources Management
- LA-WETnet member institutions in Peru, Colombia, Uruguay, and Venezuela

Countries included in the regional mapping

8 country cases: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Uruguay, Mexico, Peru, and Venezuela. Selection based in:

- i) demands from LA-WETnet members at country level
- ii) balanced representation and coverage at the regional level for all Latin America
- iii) subject relevance and ability for replication and leading a capacity development process

Benefits from a network approach

- Demands responsiveness
- Raises local ownership at country level and builds commitment for delivery and partnerships
- Economic efficiency (less spent on travel)
- Direct contribution into the strengthening of the participating networks

Objective of the Regional Mapping

To support a capacity development programme for water integrity in Latin America. A mapping and a brief assessment of processes related to strengthening integrity and accountability in water and actors will provide a systematic entry-point of where and how to work with these issues as well as identifying potential partners

Specific Objectives

- To develop a water integrity map for Latin America, focused in current initiatives and organisations working and promoting an improvement in accountability, integrity, and transparency in relation to water resources management in Latin America. The scope will consider aspects of both IWRM and water infrastructure development, identifying key elements, existing capacities, stakeholders, and training needs for water integrity in Latin America.
- To explore forming a partnership for water integrity in Latin America
- To elaborate a capacity development programme for water integrity in Latin America

A positive approach for capacity development

Instead of trying to identify corruption risks or assess corruption levels, the mapping is more about identifying opportunities to work with integrity including institutions, stakeholder groups/champions, policies, plans, etc.

Methodology

Regional workshop

Drafts

available

Final report and capacity development plan

Case selections

Preliminary findings: Entry Points (1)

Level	Status
Legal frameworks & Water Integrity	Relevant development in line with the path towards IWRM
	"Notion" of access to water and sanitation as human rights
	Recognition of international agreements against corruption
	Progress in anti-corruption offices and norms, though not too much specially on water
	The way ahead: How to implement these principles? More specific development in water issues.

Preliminary findings: Entry Points (2)

Level	Status
IWRM implementation & Water Integrity	Policies incorporate IWRM principles and IWRM plans are developed or underway. But
	Processes towards IWRM are not entirely participatory.
	Implementation lies a long way ahead.
	IWRM and WI are not explicitly connected.
	Opportunity: Large developments of RBO
	The way ahead: How to facilitate that principles are effectively implemented (participation)? Significant knowledge and skills gaps for water management (finance, information, coordination, reporting).

Main Stakeholder Groups

Sector	
Public	Water agencies, regulators, ombudsman, local governments, water utilities, anti-corruption offices
Civil society	Universities, knowledge centres, ONGs, water user associations, irrigators, water utilities, private sector, media
Multilateral	Interamerican Development Bank, World Bank, country level donors

Themes

Sector	
Public	Values, Water integrity, accountability, legal frameworks, water rights, institutional frameworks, procurement, use of indicators, sharing good practices
Civil society	Values, rights, procurement, participation, representation, legal frameworks, instruments for action, conflict management, dialogue, finance management
Multilateral	Values, institutional development, information sharing, procurement, accountability

Water Integrity: the way forward in Latin America

• Training manual adaptation

- Identify key entry points: IWRM and legal frameworks provide plenty of opportunities
- It is a matter of values, human, and institutional development
- Basis concepts of water integrity and accountability are still new. Large need for capacity development at various levels: Train the trainers and facilitators
- Apply a partnership approach, be open and inclusive
- Water integrity prize: recognise, achieve short-term impact and visibility
- Consider young democracies in the region which need to be strengthened



Thanks very much

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