Challenges / Retos

Collaboration / perspectiva de administrative / mantenimiento / cuencas por falta de arreglos

Lack of water management plans / falta de implementación / falta de consultas / falta de participación, especialmente en el nivel político

Restructuring of silos in the infrastructure / falta de coordinación entre diferentes sectores

Challenges related to water access / falta de acceso al agua, especialmente en centros de trabajo

Lack of political will / falta de políticas nacionales haciendo operativas estas / falta de financiamiento / falta de recursos humanos

Human resources / falta de infraestructura y cobertura de todos los territorios

Invisibility of non-water actors / falta de visibilidad de actores no relacionados con el agua

Challenges / Retos en la implementación / falta de seguimiento y monitoreo / falta de compromiso / falta de liderazgo político

Raise the attention of top policy makers / hacerlas operativas / hacerlas trabajar / hacerlas avanzar

Engaging with authorities / diálogo con autoridades / diálogo con sectores diferentes

Solutions / Soluciones

Innovative approaches / abordaje innovador / diálogo con actores / diálogo con diferentes actores

Integrate the different political instruments / integración de distintos instrumentos políticos

Expand interaction between sectors / expandir interacción entre sectores

Integrate the different water management levels / integrar diferentes niveles de gestión del agua

Solutions / Soluciones para la GIRH efectiva

Expand the dialogue of water security / expandir diálogo de seguridad del agua / diálogo de los patrones en el sistema de agua

Raising awareness / aumento de la conciencia / diálogo de los patrones en el sistema de agua

IWRM process not happening/not monitored or not priority for other stakeholders / proceso IWRM no estando en el radar / no tener prioridad para otros stakeholders

Engaging in Covid recovery / engender en recuperación de Covid

Water and development / agua y desarrollo / agua y seguridad alimentaria

Cross-cutting issues / temas transversales / temas de agua transversales / temas de gestión del agua transversales

Increase financing / incrementar financiamiento / financiamiento para el sistema de agua / financiamiento para el agua

Raise awareness / aumento de la conciencia / partido de la gestión del agua / semana de la gestión del agua
Designing an effective IWRM Action Plan

Challenges

- Lack of collaboration/ No sustained platform
- Silos in the water sector (regulators, other stakeholders)
- IWRM implementation/financing
- Maintaining collaboration esp among regulators
- Various national administrative/governance arrangements (e.g. in Brazil)
- Commitment/Ow...
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Challenges

- Policy and institutional fragmentation leading to conflicting priorities
- Getting the government to prioritise water as an objective
- Getting the attention of the top policy makers (governance level)
- Difficulties of engaging with private sector (they see it as CSR)
- The enforcement is not happening/not monitored or policed
- Getting the baseline data (consistent data)
- Financial and human resources
- Especially with transboundary
- Turf protection
- Political direction and priority changes

Solutions

- Unity and persistence
- Support of the development partners
- Having a coordinator to avoid the silos that exist in water and create more collaboration!
- Tying IWRM and good water management in with Covid-19 recovery
- Using CRS to implement IWRM
- Having a good network
- Capacity building of local water utilities for getting financial resources from government and private banks
Designing an effective IWRM Action Plan

**Challenges**

- **Top-Down approach on Action Plans**
- **Lack of political will**
- **Financing**
  - Cross-cutting issue that is not coordinated
  - Lack of knowledge on IWRM
  - Data not accessible beyond concerned authorities
- **Lack of coordination at various levels of governance**
- **IWRM is not a priority for the govt**
- **Limited multi-stakeholder participation and multi-sectoral action plans**
- **‘integrated’ is not clear**
- **it seems like nothing is being done**

**Solutions**

- Developing an open programme with clear indicators
- Engaging with focal points
- One entity with STRONG legal mandate to work with IWRM
- Central data repository
- Educate and raise awareness on IWRM
- Provide funding or direct towards funding from IWRM for Water Security Programme

**Represented countries and organisations:**
- STP water dept
- Malaysia - CWP
- RC for GWP Caribbean
- RC GWP SAS

**Facilitator:** Valentin

**Miro artist:** Laura

**Rapporteur:** Fany
1. What are the main challenges when planning for and implementing an IWRM Action Plan?
2. And how could these challenges be overcome for your country?

**Challenges**

- Stakeholder participation, making sure that every relevant stakeholder is invited around the table
- Impossibility to meet in this context of Covid -> excluding some stakeholders from the discussions
- Challenge regarding the river basin power for the implementation
- IWRM process not fully implemented in Vietnam so far; how do we ensure the implementation previously decided
- Strong need for data sharing for stakeholders
- Raise financial resources
- Local governments have now other goals because of Covid; priorities are shifting

**Solutions**

- Important to connect the SDG 6 to the other SDG
- Interest in adopting a holistic approach
- Engaging in Covid discussions to emphasise the importance of water and SDG6
- Improve data sharing mechanisms (open source)
- As well, sectors are interconnected
- Improve communication between stakeholders as soon as Covid allows
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Diseño de un Plan de Acción para la GIRH efectivo

Facilitator: Damián
Miro artist: Mario
Rapporteur: Andrea Fiól

Challenges / Retos

- falta de perspectiva de género en políticas de agua
- mayor relación entre Gobierno y sector privado. Refuerzo legal
- Falta de inclusión de actores y de coordinación entre ministerios
- incapacidad para aplicar GIRH más allá de la ley. Coordinación entre sociedad civil, academia, agricultura...
- Falta de operatividad de los comités de cuencas por falta de financiamiento
- Nuevos vínculos entre agua, suelo, infraestructura verde
- acceso limitado a agua y saneamiento en centros de trabajo (falta de garantía de acceso por parte de patrones/gobiernos)

Solutions / Soluciones

- involucrar ministerios de trabajo y ratificar convenios ILO
- promover la implementación de GIRH a nivel municipal
- actualizar ley general de aguas, políticas nacionales de recursos hídricos y ordenanzas municipales para hacerlas operativas
- fortalecer redes de monitoreo
- recursos para las alcaldías
- alianzas para el seguimiento y monitoreo
- políticas acompañadas de planes de acción

Curso sobre diseño de planes de acción: Gobernanza, marco legal, relaciones a nivel municipal, departamental y estatal, coordinación entre sectores

José Luis Portillo - MARN Guatemala
Andrea Fiól - MARN Guatemala
Carlos Carrión - Nicaragua
Ana - Nicaragua
**Designing an effective IWRM Action Plan**

**Facilitator:** Carlos

**Rapporteur:**

**Challenges / Retos**

- Plans are framed mostly by actors related to water and do not involve other actors.
  - Often plans do not include the financing of infrastructure and management => difficult to prioritise given competing initiatives.
- Management structure very diverse in the states of federal countries.
- Human resources in implementation processes, cannot cover all territory.
- Multi-sectoral competition => invisibility of non-generating taxes sectors. Water has agriculture and others.

**Solutions / Soluciones**

- Monitoring scheme with indicators and targets for follow-up.
  - SDG 6.5.1 questionnaire is positive as one of the tools, but specific indicators for each plan needed.
- Identify the types of resources that can be targeted for financing of plans.
  - Sustainability => how to ensure that plans are adopted as long-term political instruments? Esp. with changes of authorities.
- Systemic changes needed => take into account the different elements and prioritise financing (understand money flows).

**Integrate the different stakeholders in designing financing**

GWP can promote dissemination of plans, support stakeholder participation, facilitate relationships between different institutions in countries, integration with water management plans.
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Diseño de un Plan de Acción para la GIRH efectivo

Challenges / Retos

- Lack of awareness in general in society
- Lack of political will: need for political but avoid “politicization” of challenges on water resource management
- Challenges on the conservation of the resource itself. Engaging/communicating with stakeholders in conservation efforts.
- Brasil - Engaging all/different stakeholders in the process
- Panama - Financial support at the national level, specially in the COVID19 context where resources are funneled towards health-focused initiatives
- Guatemala - Lack existing water-specific laws and there are no clearly established authorities to manage water resources and distribution

Solutions / Soluciones

- Capacity building at different levels (not only formative) through different approaches to engage different stakeholders as well.
- Disseminate information and raise awareness on the importance and impact of IWRM
- Innovative financing schemes to advance IWRM.
- Align private investments to public needs of water use and distribution
- Interaction with different funds linked to service providers and focused on specific outcomes
- Expand conversation on water supply/distribution outside of the bubble of public policy

All countries - lack of data availability and quality on water resource management

Engaging all/different stakeholders in the process

- Expand interaction with the private sector and other actors (productive/agriculture) in the conversation.