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#### **Commission 1: Water Resource Management**



## **IDENTIFIED SUB-THEMES**

- Water Resource Management Introduction
- The Water Supply and Sanitation value chain
- Water balance & development of water resource projects
- Water use v/s GDP Contribution per sector
- Other key issues from experts' presentations





### **Background & Introduction**

- South Africa is a water scarce country under natural conditions.
- The country has a highly variable climate.
- Water resources are threatened under the changing climate and requires dynamic and integrated management decisions.
- Extreme events (floods and drought) threaten the security of water resources
- Resources which are surface water (rivers), groundwater, seawater, rainwater wastewater, should be optimally harnessed to improve resilience.
- Resource management in the context of climate change, should mitigate the risks posed.



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## **Background & Introduction**

- South Africa is approaching the full utilisation of its freshwater resources, with most of the remaining potential in the rivers already committed to be developed.
- Increasing demands beyond the potential of the local freshwater resources highlights the importance of water resources management through integrated planning, development, and operation.
- Under national (centralised) and local (decentralised) conditions.
- Resilience can be strengthened through robust strategies to match demand and availability, and by extending the utility of the existing water resources.
- These strategies guide spatial and sectoral development planning to determine the most appropriate parameters and locations for large future developments and further beneficial allocations.
- SOURCE TO TAP TO SOURCE MANAGEMENT APPROACH





# **Background & Introduction**

- DWS has in place:
  - Water and Sanitation Master Plan
  - Groundwater strategy
  - Climate change and adaptation strategy
  - Water resource monitoring optimization strategy
  - Water quality monitoring optimization strategy
  - Capacity building strategy
- Data and information is required to enable us to model, project and plan





### WATER USE vs. GDP CONTRIBUTION PER SECTOR



Key message

Water use in the municipal space contributes relatively more to GDP, even though the amount of water used is lower





### **RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS**

Subtheme	Issues raised	Recommended actions	By whom	Target
Strategies, Systems and Technology	<ul> <li>Reprioritize the development of full resource strategy</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Development of the National Water Resource Strategy</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>Water economical analysis to ensure sustainable management and costing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Catchment Management Strategies</li> </ul>	<ul><li>DWS</li><li>DALRRD</li></ul>	2022/23 18 to 24 months
	• Determine use and balance with the economic contribution	<ul> <li>Linking different sector strategies and develop implementation plan at localized level</li> </ul>		

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	<ul> <li>Groundwater resource management is failing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Establish a groundwater unit to implement National Groundwater Strategy (6 months)</li> </ul>	<ul><li>DWS</li><li>DWS</li></ul>	
Groundwater	<ul> <li>Missing institutions for implementation CMAs</li> <li>Lack of skills at all levels to manage groundwater</li> <li>Random and unregulated drilling of boreholes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Develop skills and capacity to manage groundwater at local level (on-going)</li> <li>Regulation for drilling of boreholes (18 months)</li> <li>Upscale groundwater recharge (water banking in wet season to add to water storage) - ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul><li>DWS</li><li>DWS</li><li>WRC</li></ul>	2022/23 to 2023/24
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Issues raised	Recommended actions	By whom	Target (2022/23)			
			Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
Extreme rainfall events are projected for the eastern parts of southern Africa	Preparedness, early warning systems (EWS) and tools for management of floods implemented	DWS, SAWS, DFFE & Disaster Management (District Level) COGTA	Developed concept note on EWS and requisite tools	Engage partners (define roles and establish partnership s).	Set up a memorandu m of understandi ng (MoU) among partners	A draft MoU completed
Southern Africa likely to become warmer and drier (west to east)	Adaptation and mitigation action	DWS SAWS DFFE Research Institutions	Research scenario projections	Developed mitigation options, as adaptation is limited	Engage key role players on appropriate steps	Implement identified measures to mitigate heat waves and drought
	Review of the Climate Change Response Strategy for Water and Sanitation	DWS Water sector	Inception report completed	Literature review completed	Draft& final report	Implementati on plan
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Rainwater Harvesting	<ul> <li>What is the contribution of RWH in the water mix</li> <li>Is the potential for RWH being utilized efficiently in the water mix</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>An assessment of the potential of RWH for urban settings and industry. (18 months)</li> <li>By laws at district level for RWH (1 year)</li> <li>Guidelines and standards for the design, operation and maintenance of RWH systems and quality (18 months)</li> <li>Financial incentives for RWH implementation (1 year)</li> <li>Systematic management of Knowledge and information relating to RWH.(on-going)</li> <li>Improve social perceptions, attitudes and practices through Education and awareness .(on-going)</li> <li>Monitoring and evaluation of RWH(on-going)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>DWS</li> <li>WRC</li> <li>Research at Wits</li> <li>DDM</li> <li>DALRRD</li> </ul>	2022/23 to 2024/25

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	<ul> <li>Get balance between resources and requirements to address deficit</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Legislate final limited V&amp;V registration period policy (1 year)</li> <li>Implement compulsory licensing (3 -5 years)</li> </ul>	<ul><li>DWS</li><li>DWS</li></ul>	2022/23 2023/24
Water Mix and Resource Planning	<ul> <li>Most schemes are in deficit and need augmentation</li> <li>Current Socio-Economic risk</li> <li>R126 billion required to fund schemes (dams / transfer schemes etc.)</li> <li>Delayed schemes (at least 10) putting water security at risk</li> <li>Continuous planning process</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fast track the delayed schemes (Immediately)</li> <li>Source the required funding (Immediate)</li> <li>Pricing Strategy finalization (Immediate)</li> <li>Collaborate more between government and private partnerships (PPP) (Immediate)</li> </ul>	<ul><li>DWS</li><li>DBSA</li><li>NT</li></ul>	2022 to 2032

<b>Integrated</b> Agriculture support	<ul> <li>There are national strategies and plans in place in DWS and DALRRD</li> <li>Slow pace of implementation</li> <li>Economic analysis and input</li> </ul>	Agro-meteorological advisory to be shared beyond DALRRD stakeholders Shared irrigation maps with the sectors (WRC report) Revise water allocation (from Ha to Volumetric) to demand managed (Cautious approach) Comprehensive DALRRD Developmental Programmes	<ul> <li>DWS</li> <li>DALRRD</li> <li>DFFE</li> </ul>	2022/23 (on- going)
& Transformation	<ul> <li>Slow pace of Transformation to access the allocated water</li> <li>Plans in place</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Integrated Plans for transformation</li> <li>HDI farmer support at Provincial and District Level (integrated land, water, funding, skills package)</li> </ul>	<ul><li>DWS</li><li>DALRRD</li><li>DM</li></ul>	2022/23

# **DWS & DALRRD Actions**

- **Agro-meteorological advisory**
- Pricing Strategy (partnership between DWS and DAFF)
- DALRRD Maps available and to be used in DWS
- Cautious approach to water allocation from Ha to Volume
- Comprehensive DALRRD Deelopmental Programme (Land, Water, Skills and Funding)
- Promote Water Use Efficiency (WC/ WDM)
- **Collaborate on Public Private Partnerships (PPP)**



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# **Groundwater Actions**

- Training on groundwater schemes
- Implementation plan of the NGS, identify gaps (build capacity at local level)
- **Development of Groundwater to implement the National Groundwater Strategy**
- Partnerships with all sectors regarding groundwater
- Data and information, policy reform regulate drilling activities. Issue of randomly drilling boreholes. Drilling regulations.
- University students to invite for recon SSC meetings
- GW infrastructure during drought not used as an asset by the municipalities
- Enhanced recharge (localized guidelines) climate change adaptation







## **Climate Change Actions**

Update the water and sanitation climate change strategy (linked to DFFE)

Integrate climate change into Reconciliation and planning studies

Flash flood guidance tool: Early warning systems

Review and update design standards to account for climate change risk (operating rules)

Future groundwater recharge and banking for adaptation strategy

Prioritise vulnerable communities (risk and vulnerability)

Invest in ecological infrastructure (catchments strategies): alien veg, wetland etc.





## **Rainwater Harvesting Actions**

An assessment of the potential of RWH for urban settings and industry.

**Develop RWH by-laws and financial incentives** 

Systematic management of Knowledge and information relating to RWH

Creation of guidelines and standards for the design, operation and maintenance of RWH systems

Setting of water quality guidelines for RWH for various uses

Change social perceptions, attitudes and practices of potential/prospective users of RWH through education and awareness campaigns

Monitoring and evaluation of RWH





# **Planning Actions**

- Develop and implement a Policy for a final 1-year V&V registration (12 months)
- Water Allocation Plans & Compulsory licensing (3 to 5 years)
- Integrated Plans for transformation and HDI farmers (DWS, DALRRD, DFFE, National Treasury, DM) Link properties change database to WARMS
- Source R126 billion to fund planned and new water resource development systems over 10 years
- Finalise pricing strategy to improve cost recovery

Water Conservation/Water Demand Management

**Reduce leaks and losses** 





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- Agricultural contribution to GDP is more
- DAFF- DALRD
- More interaction of using the existing maps
- Integrated plan exist, at national level. Inputs are to be made. But require implementation at local level.







# AFASA

- Responsible implementors should have partnerships with the farmers association such as AFASA
- Concentrate on the action, accountability, monitoring of action
- How will the money be raised and accounted for??



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