



Training Programme: Integrity and Accountability in Water







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Integrity and accountability are critical to good governance of water resources and services. Our collaborative capacity building programme and instructional materials provides tools and training for improved integrity and accountability in water governance.

Why water integrity

Increased water integrity is directly linked to development and poverty reduction. Unethical practices reduce economic growth, discourage investment, violate human dignity, increase health risks and rob poor people of their livelihoods and their access to water. Such practices may drain as much as 30 percent off the water sector every year. This translates into USD 48 billion over the next decade if counted against the estimated USD 11.3 billion that is needed each year in additional investment to achieve the MDGs on water and sanitation (Global Corruption Report 2008).



Building capacities

Good water governance is important to advance poverty reduction and achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. The entry-point to promote sustainable development of water is to support effective water governance. One important area is to promote and support water governance reform and integrated water resources management strategies (IWRM) at local, national and regional levels as well as developing the cross-practice area of enhanced integrity and accountability.

Capacity building of the staff of various government entities responsible for water management at national as well as local level are crucial. The target group includes regulators, water managers, capacity builders and decision-makers within government, NGO and private sector communities

Our approach

The cross-cutting and multi-disciplinary programme aims to inspire change through increased knowledge and awareness on integrity, accountability, and anti-corruption in the water sector.



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In particular, the programme pursues the goal of building capacity on participants to recognise vulnerable areas and provide tools to increase transparency and accountability.

The programme is based on teaching modules based on participatory and interactive learning. The training manual is complemented with facilitated discussions, group work, and experience sharing. After completing the training programme, the participants will have:

- a) A conceptual grounding in integrity, accountability and anti-corruption in managing water resources and services.
 This includes drivers and impacts on water as well as on poverty reduction and sustainable development;
- An overview of tools and methodologies to promote improved integrity and accountability in water regarding their applicability in various contexts;
- c) Examples of good practices in the promotion of integrity, accountability and anti-corruption in water.

Training package

The programme will be tailored to fit the specific conditions of any region or country in need of training, and will be run upon request as a demand driven programme. The programme package is composed of seven different modules which can be delivered independently or in combination:

- Module 1: Definitions and concepts
- Module 2: Impacts of and drivers for integrity, transparency and accountability
- Module 3: Applicability to water resources management and development
- Module 4: Institutions, laws, and instruments
- Module 5: Integrity and accountability in water
- Module 6: Importance of access to and type of information
- Module 7: Tools and methodologies to ensure integrity, transparency, and accountability

Specific parts of modules can also be used as components of other training programmes on IWRM depending on their relevance.



About

The Capacity Building programme is run by the UNDP Water Governance Facility at SIWI together with Cap-Net and Water-Net. The first pilot training was hosted and organised by the University of Western Cape and the African Centre for Water Research with the Water Integrity Network and other collaborative partners to the programme.

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