


Sustainable Water
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Water is too precious to waste

**Transparency, accountability and rule of law in IWRM:
integrity in the water sector**

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Transparency, accountability and rule of law: Integrity...

The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably **integrity**. Without it, **no real success is possible**, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office.

Dwight Eisenhower

The Dublin principles of IWRM.

Principle 1

Fresh water is a **finite and vulnerable resource**, essential to sustain life, development and the environment.



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Principle 2

Water development and management should be based on a **participatory approach**, involving **users, planners and policy-makers at all levels**.



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Principle 3

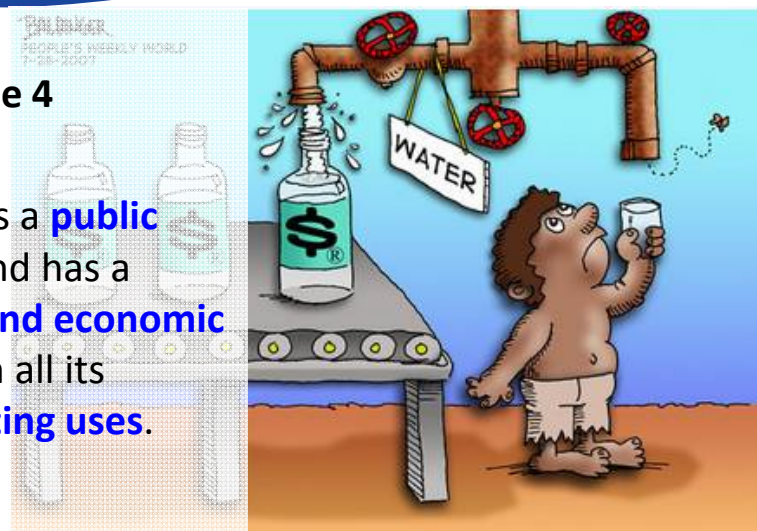
Women play a central part in the provision, management and safeguarding of water.



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Principle 4

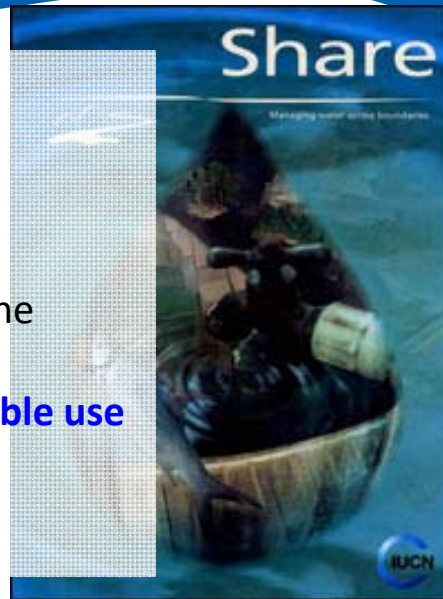
Water is a **public good** and has a **social and economic value** in all its **competing uses**.



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Principle 5

Integrated water resources management is based on the **equitable and efficient management and sustainable use** of water.



Key Concepts of IWRM

Multiple uses. Water is a resource for drinking and washing but is also necessary for livelihoods.

Holistic management. Both the supply of and the demand for water should be considered when creating management strategies.

Multiple perspectives. Water is an economic, social and environmental good.

Participatory approach. Local communities must help make decisions about their resources.

Women involvement. The role of women in collecting, distributing and managing water must be recognized.

Transparency

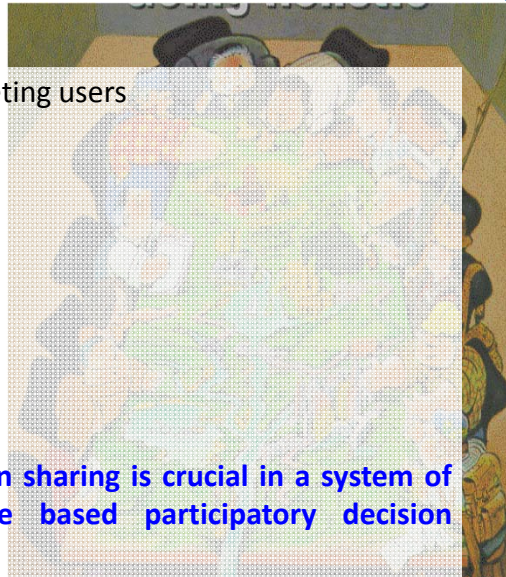
Transparency comprises all means of facilitating citizens' access to information and their understanding of decision-making mechanisms.



Transparency in IWRM

- Competing uses and competing users
- Equitable sharing
- Economic and social value
- Possible political agendas
- Management of resources

Transparency and information sharing is crucial in a system of information and knowledge based participatory decision making



Accountability

Accountability is about **being answerable for one's actions**. It requires the ability of citizens, civil society organisations and the private sector to **scrutinise leaders, public institutions** and governments and hold them **accountable for their actions**.

Accountability in IWRM

- Finite and vulnerable resource
- Public good
- Participatory planning
- Equitable sharing
- Efficient management and sustainable use
- Improved resources management
- Reduces corruption

Prevents private political agendas and ensures equity and proper management

Rule of law in IWRM

- Protection of a **vulnerable** resource and **a public good**
- Protection of **rights**
 - **ALL users**
 - **Women**
- Codification in legal text and support **participation** of ALL stakeholders in decision making
- Prevent, resolve and end conflicts

Ratification and promulgation of legislation to ensure good governance in water



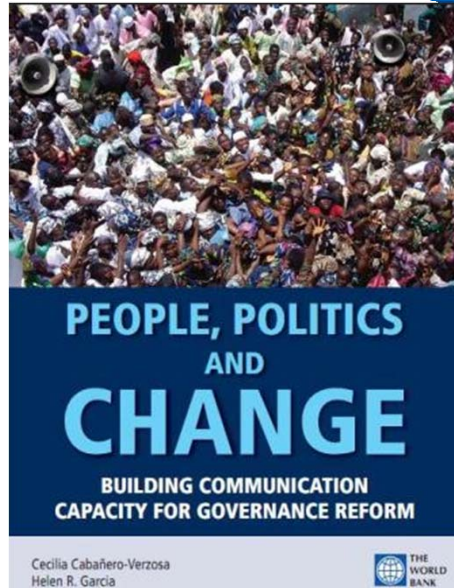
Political change in the PCs

- Grand change in the political landscape
- Transparency and accountability required of politicians
- Challenging the system and requesting **good governance**



GOOD GOVERNANCE

- Accountability
- Transparency
- Participation
- Integrity



Good Governance (World Bank)

Good governance is epitomized by predictable, open and enlightened policy-making, a bureaucracy imbued with a professional ethos acting in furtherance of the public good, the rule of law, transparent processes, and a strong civil society participating in public affairs.

Poor governance (on the other hand) is characterized by arbitrary policy making, unaccountable bureaucracies, unenforced or unjust legal systems, the abuse of executive power, a civil society unengaged in public life, and widespread corruption.

Good Governance Indicators

A. Accountability

Key indicator: Civil society access to redress and remedy.

B. Transparency

Key indicator: Enforceable and adequate rights and obligations relating to the access of information (including information related to IWRM).

C. Participation

Key indicator: Rights and obligations pertaining to stakeholder participation (including civil society organizations, and disadvantaged or underrepresented groups) in decision-making established and maintained?

D. IWRM Outputs

Key indicator: Water management conducted in the accordance with the principles of equity and sustainability.

Corruption

Without
Good Governance
and
Integrity
we have
Corruption



Why integrity in Water Management

Water is necessary for **human survival**. It is also a **foundation for development**. **Without water**, there can be **no economic growth, no industry, no hydropower, no agriculture and no cities**. Investing in **water governance** and infrastructure means investing **in jobs, agriculture and food security, education, gender empowerment and environmental equity, as well as reducing infant mortality, improving health** and a host of other factors commonly seen as pre-requisites of **progress**. (source WIN)

Corruption leads to...

- **Undrinkable, inaccessible, unaffordable and deadly water**
- **To people being thirsty and ill.**
- **Un-equal distribution of the resource with the poor suffering the most**
- **Damaged drinking supplies, sanitation, agriculture, energy and the environment**
- **Unjustified additional costs (20-30% more) of large water infrastructure projects**

Corruption leads to...

- Unpunished polluters
- Distorted policies and budgets for drinking water and sanitation, making it easy for waterborne diseases to spread.
- Bad service delivery and billing. Informal providers – often the only source of water delivery to the poor – can use extortion and bribery.
- An addition of 30-45% to the price of connection to a water network.

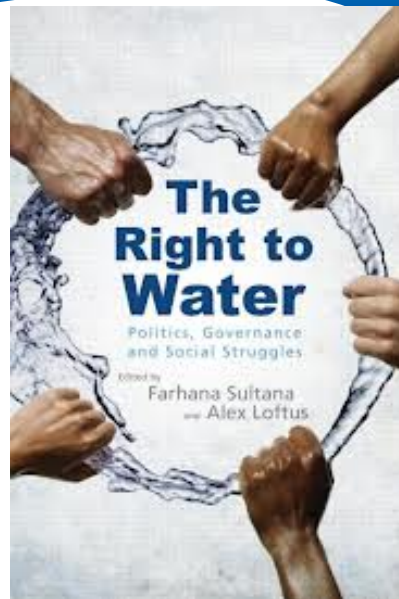
Tools for promoting integrity

- Codified access to information
- Codified participation
- Raise the voice of the citizen
- Participatory budgeting
- Public Expenditure Tracking
- Complaints offices

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IWRM needs IWRM

**Integrated Water
Resources
Management
needs
Integrity in Water
Resources
Management**



Sources

- GWP
- CAP NET
- Transparency international
- Water Integrity Network (WIN)
- Worldbank

