

TRAINING OF TRAINERS (ToT) COURSE ON ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS FOR IWRM

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Preamble

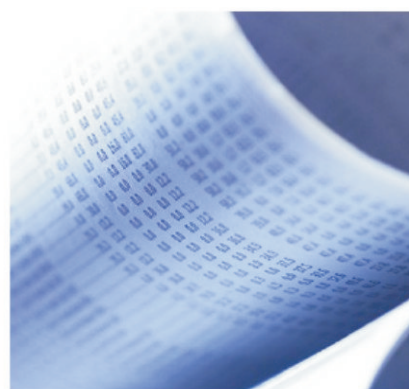
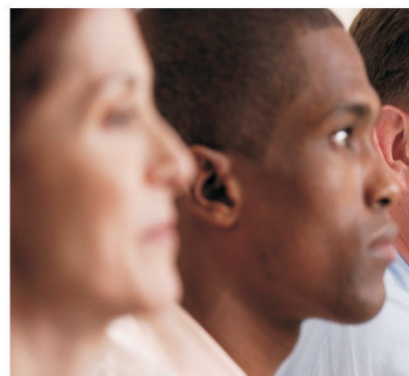
Water is essential for life, development, health, and poverty alleviation. We live in a time where the world faces huge needs and challenges' to ensure better access to safe water and sanitation service to billions.

This has been properly addressed in the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and many other global, regional, and local level resolutions. Nobody doubts the needs for improved efficiency in the water sector, and the direct positive consequences that better water resources management and better access to water and sanitation will bring to major development requirements.

Within this context, economic instruments are driving and problem-solving tools to enable the arrangements, mechanisms and investments which are a (necessary but not sufficient) condition to ensure that more people have access to water and sanitation and vital ecosystems are protected. Economic instruments have several purposes – e.g. as tools for providing incentives to increase or decrease water usage; to bring more equity in water benefits; to recover costs; to allocate costs to those who receive the benefits. If not properly applied then the consequences may be water wastage, inequitable access; uncontrolled pollution and unsustainable institutions.

Finance for water is important in the first place to support water sector reforms and implement IWRM plans. Alongside this is the associated development of water for economic growth. Financial investment has to go hand in hand with economic tools to ensure the investment is timely and appropriate and sustainable.

In an environment where poor people lack access to water and sanitation, but generally pay more for unsafe water (and lack of hygiene), economic instruments have to be explored, analysed and perfected for their application and recognition at local levels. Economic instruments become an enabling environment which also considers participation, equity principles, and social responsibility.



Economic instruments include a full range of direct and indirect economic incentives (and disincentives) to improve efficiency. Examples include water-pricing systems, water markets, taxes, tariffs, subsidies, amongst others (GWP, Technical Brief #4; GWP TAC paper 2). All must be examined and understood, before any positioning is taken. Implementing decisions should come from knowledgeable, empowered, participating stakeholders. For their successful application, effective administration, monitoring and enforced capacities must be in place.

Evidently, economic and financial instruments play an important role in IWRM and hence a dire need to capacitate water managers with these tools in order to effectively apply IWRM principles in managing water. It is within this framework that Cap-Net, WaterNet, and NUL are organizing a Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop in economic and financial instruments for IWRM. This course complements a module on 'planning economics' offered under the module of 'water analysis and planning' under the 'Water Resources Management' specialisation of the WaterNet's Masters programme in IWRM. It is expected that workshop participants –representing capacity building networks and other organizations- will be committed to multiply and share learning in these subjects in their own environments. Completing the workshop, a training package will be available to support and facilitate this process.

Course Objective

Building capacity in the use of economic and financial instruments in IWRM among water researchers, trainers, policy makers and practitioners in the Southern African region

Expected outcome

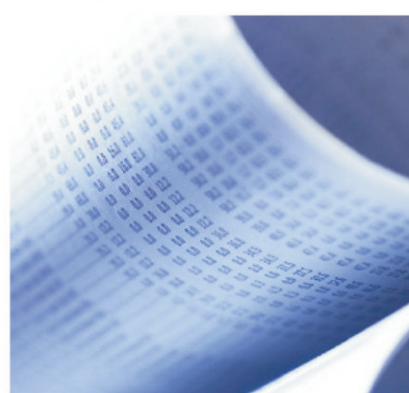
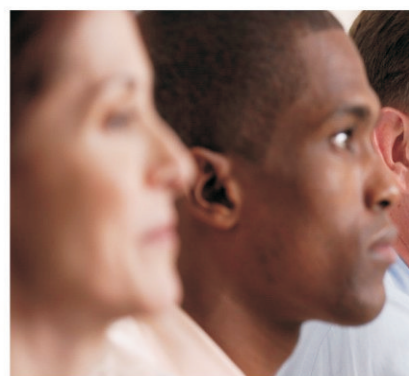
The expected outcome is that water managers are able to manage water effectively, recover costs, where appropriate, and administer charges and subsidies effectively with a view to finance water investments and promote economic growth and social development, through increased access to and efficient use of water.

Target group

The workshop will mainly target participants with capacity building responsibilities in order to ensure replication and scaling-up of programmes and impacts. It will in particular target participants with knowledge and experience in capacity building and research in the broad field of economic instruments and their application. In this context, participants are expected to come from multidisciplinary backgrounds. Participants will be experienced trainers (with experience in some aspects of economics and financial issues around water management) in a position in capacity building that allows them to take this training forward at the local or regional level. A balance will be maintained between trainers, policy makers and practitioners. The workshop is aimed for 25, participants, with gender and geographic balance.

Methods

The workshop will use adult learning tools, focusing on participants sharing their own experiences, and guided by the introduction of new conceptual approaches and tools. There will be a combination of short lectures, practical exercises, group work and discussion. Forty percent (40%) of the workshop time will be allocated to theory/concepts and tools, another forty percent (40%) to group discussions and exercises, and ten percent (10%) to case studies. Since the course is aimed at participants with prior economics background, presentations on concepts and tools will only distil key points, whose application will be illustrated by presentation of case-studies. Group discussions will



be aimed at allowing participants the opportunity to further share experiences in the discussed concepts and tools. The course will be supported by training materials developed by WaterNet (www.waternetonline.org) GWP-SA (www.gwpsa.org) and Cap-Net (www.cap-net.org), as well as those generated by facilitators and course participants. Participants will be encouraged (and expected) to bring in experiences with the application of economic and/or financing instruments for water resources management. Each module will be supported by specific cases to be brought in by the capacity building networks. Each participant will be given a cd containing all the material used/covered during the course.

Venue and Organisation

The course will be coordinated by the Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension, the National University of Lesotho (NUL), which is a member of WaterNet. NUL will be represented by Dr M. Matete. The venue will be Cap-Net's premises in Pretoria. The course is part of Cap-Net global programme of actions, of which WaterNet is an affiliated regional network. Coordination and content development of the course will be the responsibility of an organising team (OT) composed of WaterNet, NUL, GWP-SA and Cap-Net.

The duration of the course will be five days and it will take place from the 27th of August to the 1st of September, 2007.

Facilitation

Facilitators will be drawn from the region and outside to have good cross-fertilisation of expertise.

Afterwards

Participants will be expected to return to their regions and networks with the training materials, knowledge and support to develop regional training for local authorities, CBOs, NGOs, researchers, consultants, etc., involved in water resources management and specifically interested in economic instruments. These follow up trainings by participating networks and organizations will be planned during the workshop.

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