



WATER FOR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduction and Session Objectives



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Introduction and Background

- South Africa is a water scarce country: lacks large, fast flowing rivers and huge underground reservoirs, meagre and irregular rainfall is exacerbated by high levels of evaporation
- Our population and economy are growing, but our water resources aren't.
- Our limited water resources are negatively impacted on by pollution, from both diffuse and point sources continue to increase.
- Most catchments are fully or even over-allocated and aquatic ecosystems and users are suffering as a result.
- Climate change will exacerbate the challenges



Why WfSGD?

- ❖ We need economic growth and job creation
 - ❖ In the context of poverty and unemployment, we must enable our economy to grow and create jobs
 - ❖ need increased industrialisation and mining, intense agriculture (large and small), increased business development (large and small)
 - ❖ All jobs, be they in industry, in mining, in agriculture, in business, in tourism are dependent in some way on the use of water.
- ❖ **The growing economy that we need will, therefore, place even greater demands on our already stressed water resources (quality and quantity)**



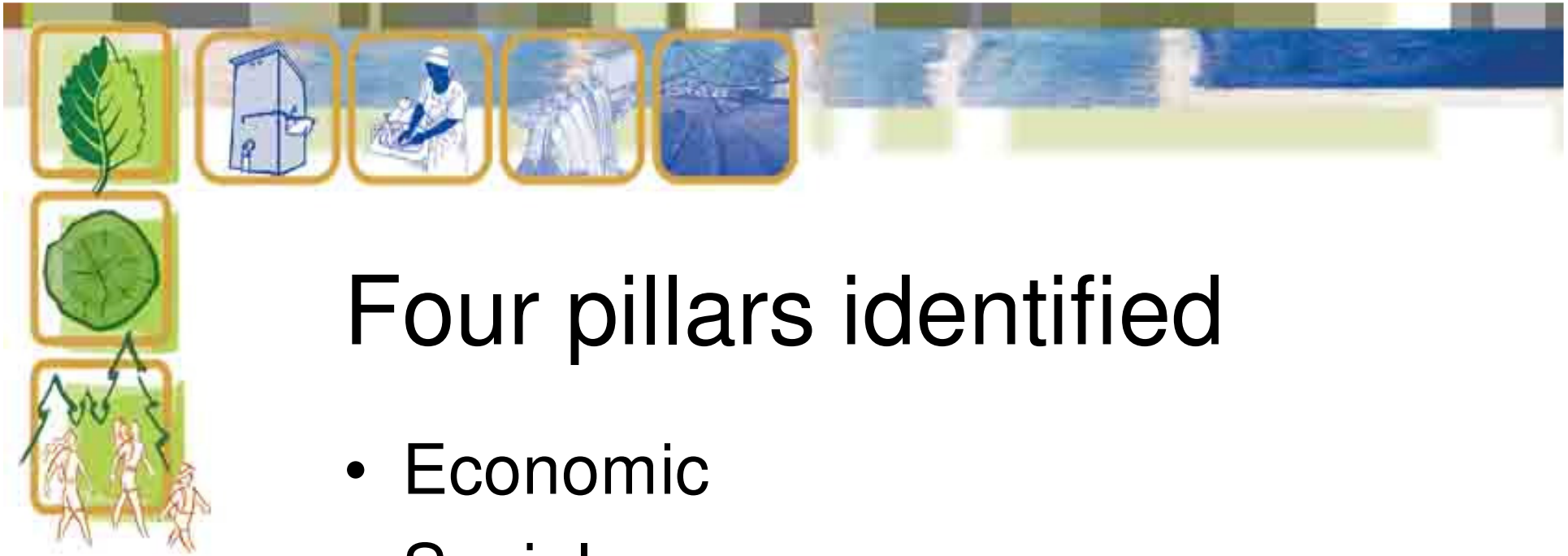
How does “WSfSGD” assist?

- Drives **integration of water management into broader economic and social development planning and implementation**
- New paradigm, aligning WS and WR not only in DWAF, but in the sector and more broadly
- Talks not only to the water sector, but outside the sector as well
- Pulls together existing initiatives, identifies gaps, creates unifying strategy for water and sanitation management in support of sustainable growth and development
- Recognises economic and social benefits of investment in water and sanitation



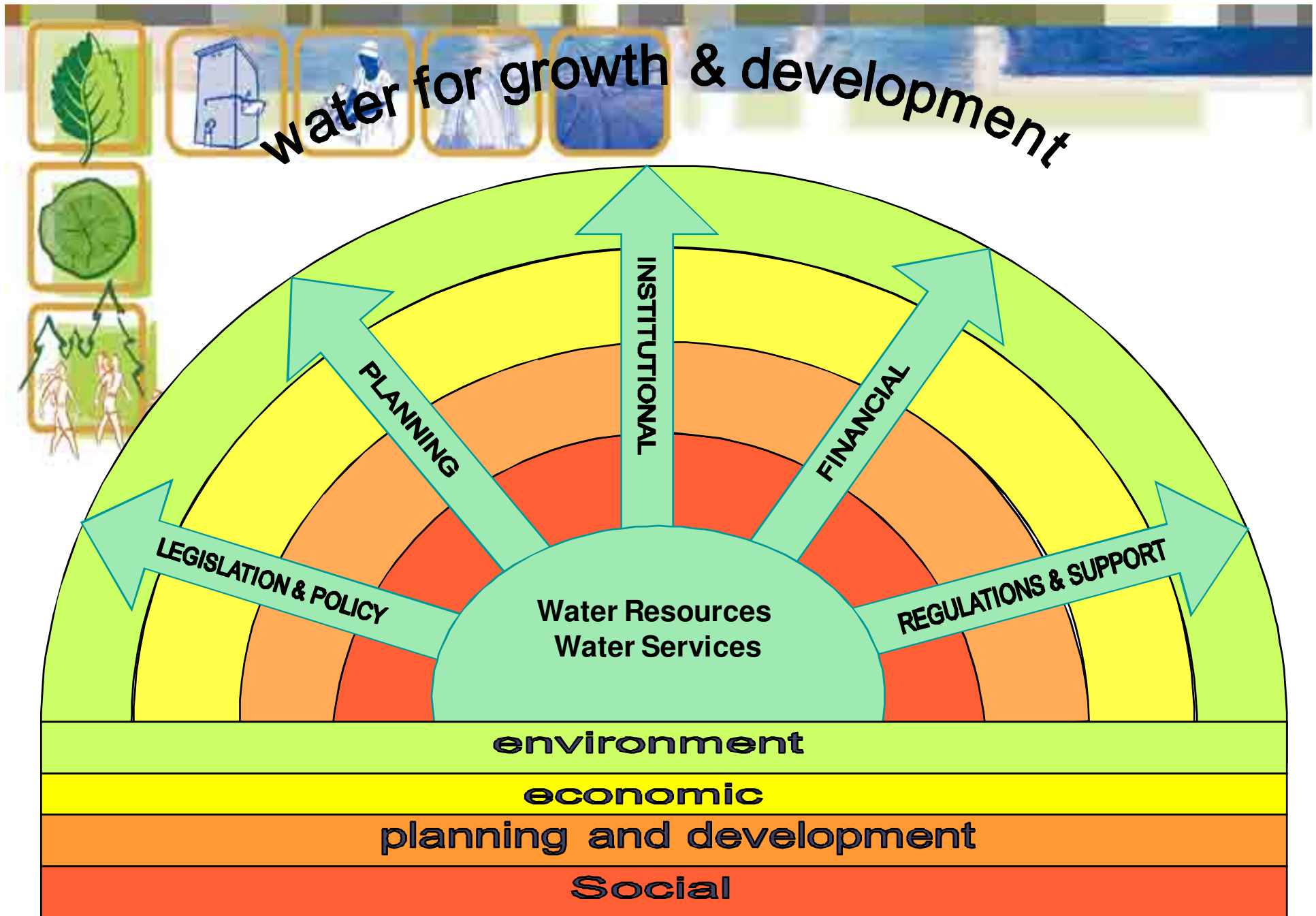
Consultative process

- Debate on what the challenges are and how to meet them
- Debate is as important as the final document
- Document on WfSGD to go to Cabinet Lekgotla in July
- Consultation to happen prior to July, and consultative engagement to continue after July for implementation



Four pillars identified

- Economic
- Social
- Environmental
- Planning and development



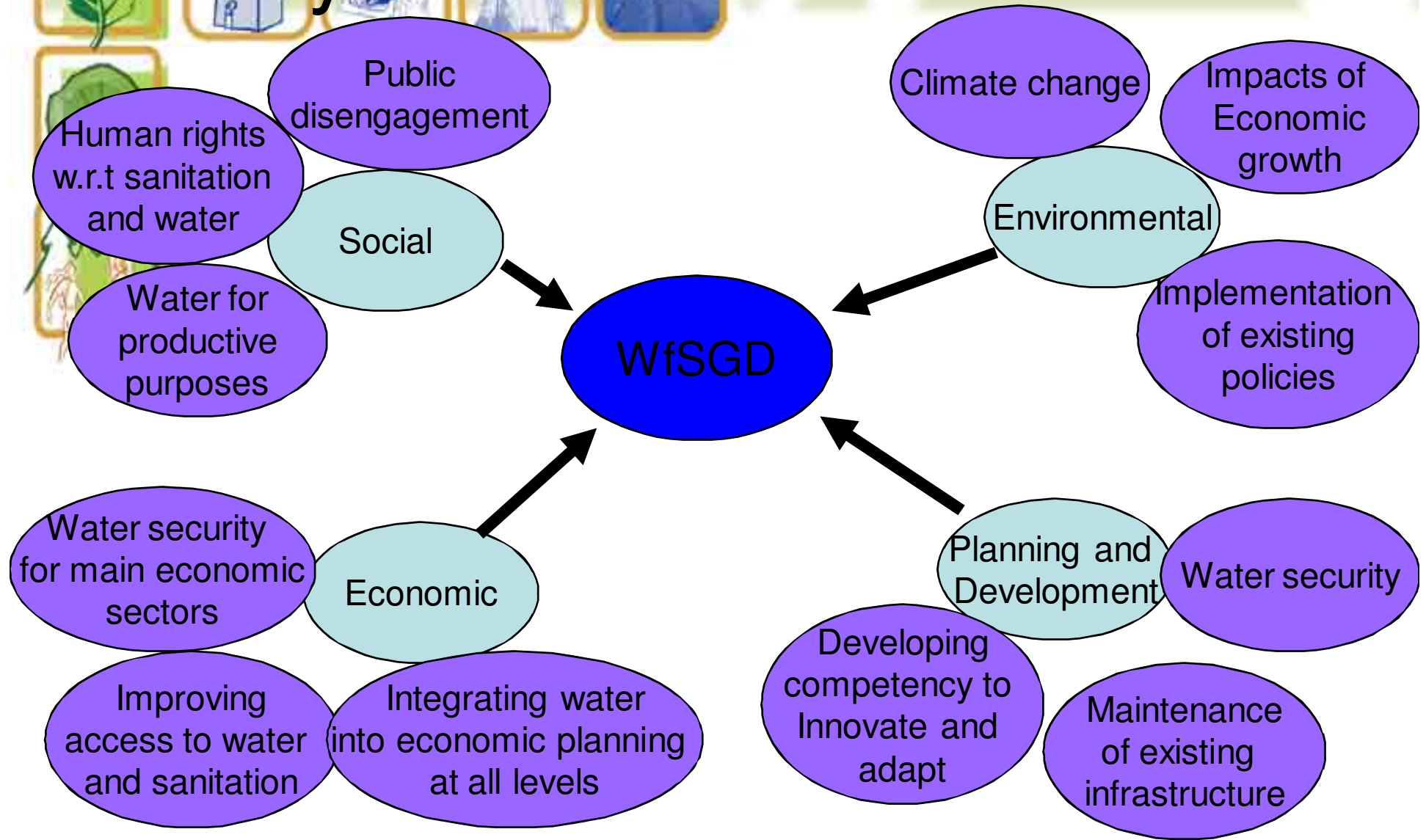
Alignment of functions across content areas within the umbrella of W4GD



Process to date

- Key issues relating to WfSGD have been identified for each of the three pillars
 - Key drivers
 - Possible solutions

Key issues identified so far

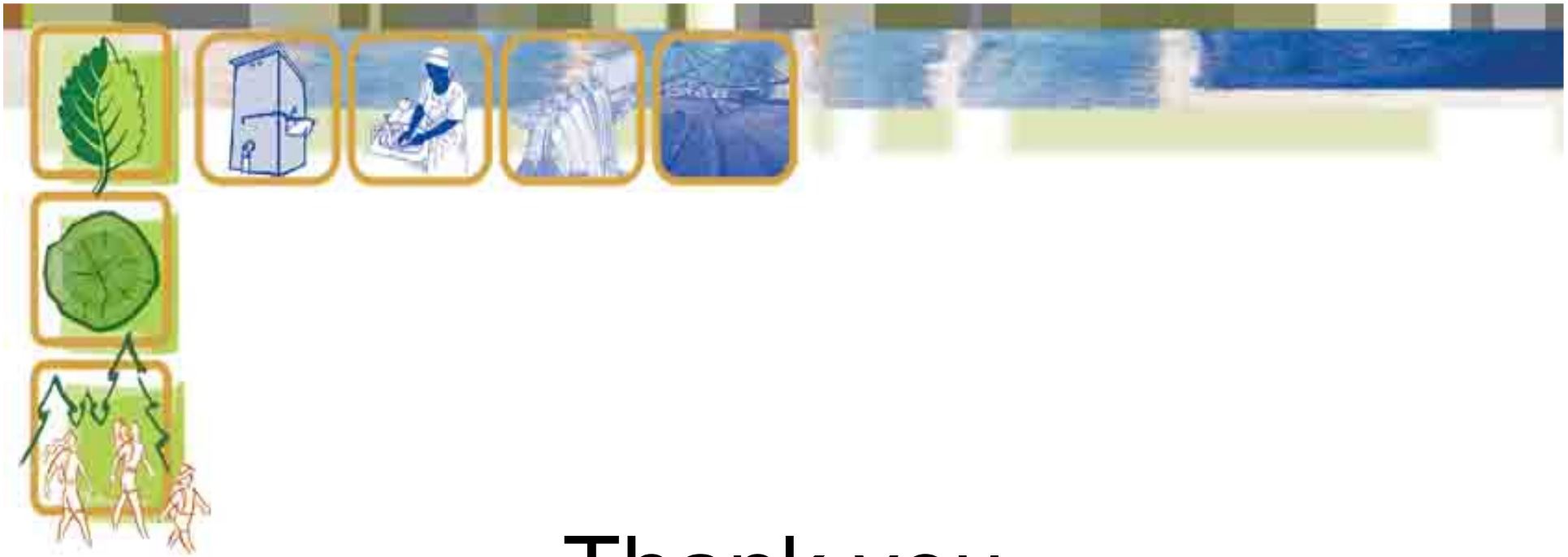




Purpose of session



- To get input into the strategy for Water for Sustainable Growth and Development
 - What are the **key** challenges, opportunities and actions in each of the four areas?
 - What are the **priorities** in terms of funding and programmes?
 - Is WfSGD speaking effectively to the political imperatives, macroeconomic, social and environmental challenges in the country?
 - Do we have the right level of investment in new infrastructure and maintenance of existing infrastructure?
 - How do we ensure credible information and analysis for informed decision making?
 - How can we achieve effective and integrated planning?
 - Do we have the correct balance between infrastructure investment and institutional development?
 - How should we do ‘business unusual’ to achieve water for sustainable growth and development?



Thank you