

# **Water for Growth and Development Session Report Back**

**Convened by DWAF and GWP**

**IWRM International conference  
Cape Town, South Africa**

# Session focused on:

## 1. Water for Africa's Development (PAWD)

- Pan African ,Macro scale
- Regional Scale
- National scale
- Sub-national, Micro scale

## 2. Water for Growth and Development, focused on RSA

1. National Scale
2. Provincial/Regional scale
3. Sub-National, Micro scale

# **Water for Africa's Development (PAWD)**

- **Experiences from facilitating IWRM planning in 12 countries in Africa were shared**
- **Some experiences tested the validity of IWRM Theory and fundamental assumption**

## **Pan African level**

- IWRM embed within the Pan African Water Vision.
- IWRM underpins several Pan-African initiatives aimed at promoting sustainable growth: NEPAD (STAP), AMCOW (AWF), AU, ECA, etc

## **Sub-regional level**

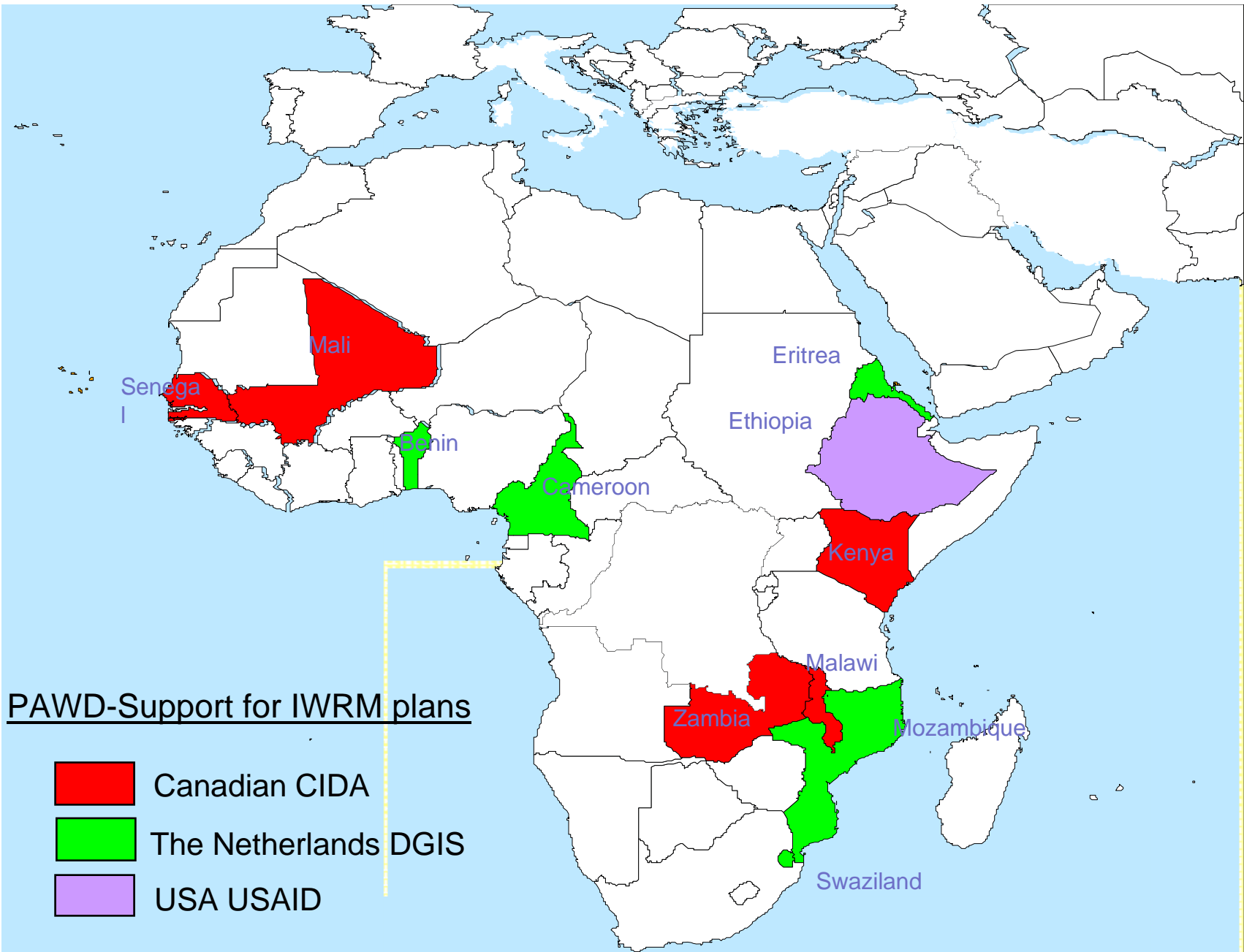
- ECOWAS, SADC have IWRM programmes, adopted by Heads of state and Water Ministers and implementation underway
- Central Africa, CICOS decided to take an IWRM approach to the use of the Congo Basin, rather than just Navigation
- Eastern Africa, NBI underway

# FROM TALKING TO ACTING

- **Within the Pan –African context and at sub-regional level, it is no longer a question of whether IWRM should be adopted or not or whether it is a small *'i'* or Capital I and or if the I should be removed and remain.**
- **It is about Development and considering social equity, economic efficiency and environmental sustainability**
- **NEPAD STAP programme emphasises infrastructure development for not only water, SADC programme is IWRM for Development**
- **AMCOW has similar Vision**

## National level

- Several countries in Africa have embedded IWRM in their laws, policies, strategies etc .
- Several countries realising that IWRM is not about having beautiful rivers, lawns and trees and bringing everything under one Ministry  
*(misconception on Integration)*
- IWRM for Development-IWRM Plans linked to NDP,



PAWD-Support for IWRM plans

- Canadian CIDA
- The Netherlands DGIS
- USA USAID

*12 countries, 4 sub-regions*

# Reality Check!

- Who leads the IWRM Planning at National Level?
- How do you integrate with on-going initiatives that have different planning cycles, goals, TORs
- How to ensure participation by wide stakeholders and who is a stakeholder, and transaction costs of stakeholder participation
- How do you balance participation from water ministry and other line ministries? Water ministry tends to dominate the process
- How do you balance participation by Govt and civil society?
- *Sometimes civil society does not trust govt and vice-versa and govt may use its power to disregard civil society and civil society may use its “voice” and threaten not to legitimize the process*
- How to integrate IWRM in the National Development framework?
- How do you balance sector and stakeholder interests
- IWRM calls for reform, how do you deal with issues of Job insecurity and resulting resistance
- How to ensure sustained political support and stakeholders?
- Hydrological and administrative boundaries, conflict
- Fundraising for implementation, how do you raise the money?

# Some lessons

1. Water Ministry can lead, but not necessarily the best to lead
2. Define entry points where there is convergence with on-going processes in goals/process and build from there,
3. Multi-sectoral approach is essential that caters for participation by key stakeholders in various sub-committees. Involve key stakeholders in process. Don't just inform!
4. Clear TORs required from start that ensures for neutral participation and ensure balanced participation
6. Involve Ministry of Finance/National Economic planning from start-key sector for financing and integration
7. Conflicts will inevitably be there...have mechanisms in place
8. Hydrological/administrative boundaries should not override purpose of catchment approach—administrative feasibility makes more sense
9. Involve key and potential financiers, donors, media from start. Set up fundraising committees, Awareness raising and give them a role
10. Involvement of political leaders is critical from the on-set. This should be at levels of govt. State clear agenda from start

Minister of water Malawi







**Deputy Cabinet Secretary ( Office of the President)  
at PSs Workshop- all sectors present**

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From **PS** in Women and Children's Ministry to **PS** in Ministry of Water—with IWRM awareness



**Traditional ruler in Malawi**



# This is not all !

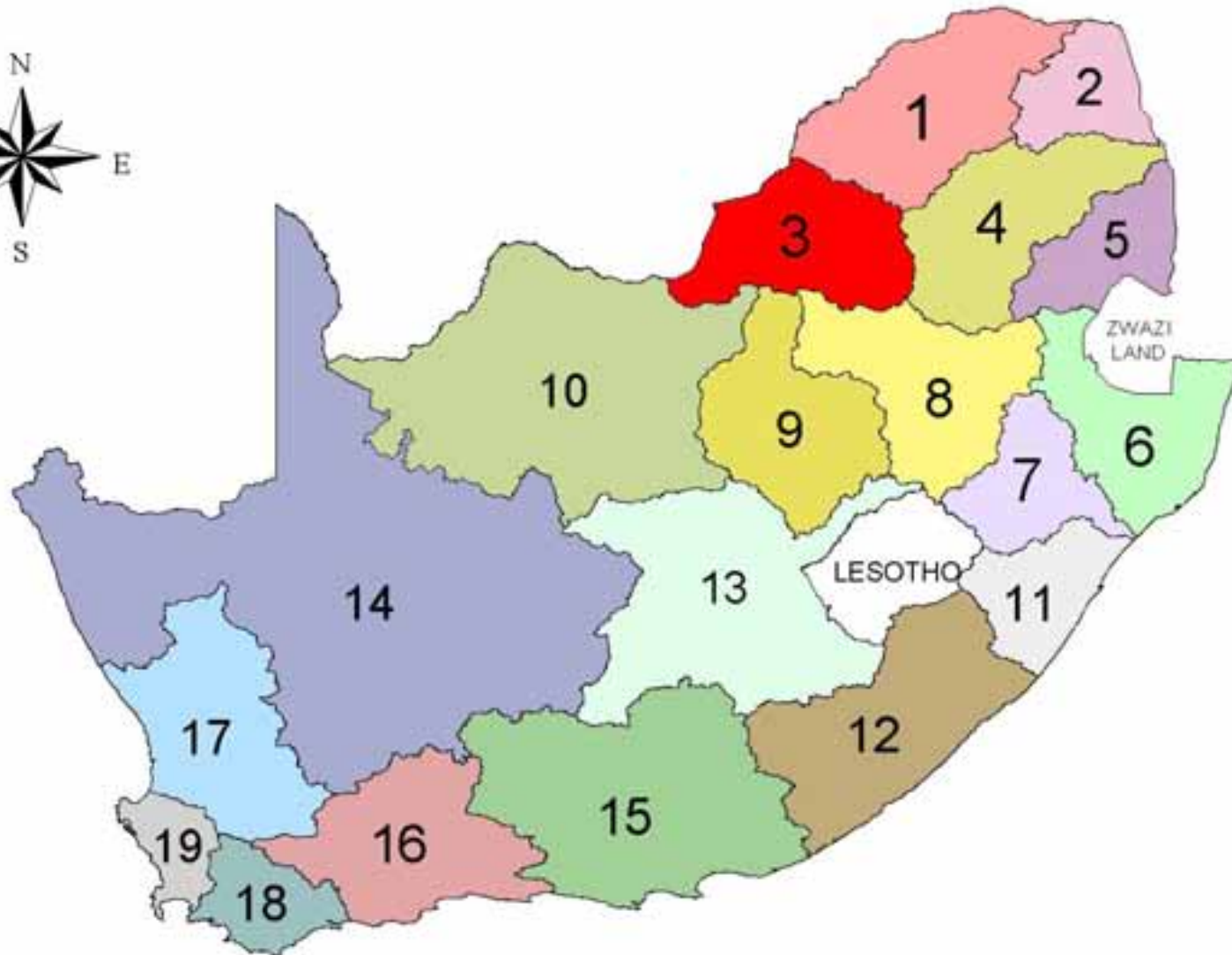
- For Civil society:-GOVERNMENT is the owner & the leader of the process. Let Govt be Govt no matter how much you do
- Stakeholder participation needs to be sustained
  - *Aim for incremental progress. Low hanging fruits, demonstrate value while pursuing long term strategic goals*
  - **LOCAL & CONCRETE ACTIONS**
- Aim for General consensus, not total agreement
- Be patient! Everything takes longer than thought
- Capacity building essential through out process
- Gender mainstreaming required from start, not easy, but necessary.
- Build capacity; institutional and human capacity-this takes time
- IWRM planning is TOUGH, not easy to agree on strategies, especially among sectors
- Financing the plan depends on relevance.Plan needs to be focused
- To get attention deserved, IWRM planning should be linked to a HIGH LEVEL national AGENDA or CRISIS!, Drought, Floods, Energy , climate change
- IWRM to work needs a high level government “Decree”, Regulation or law-binding sectors to collaborate
- Engage other sectors and demonstrate value of IWRM in their work



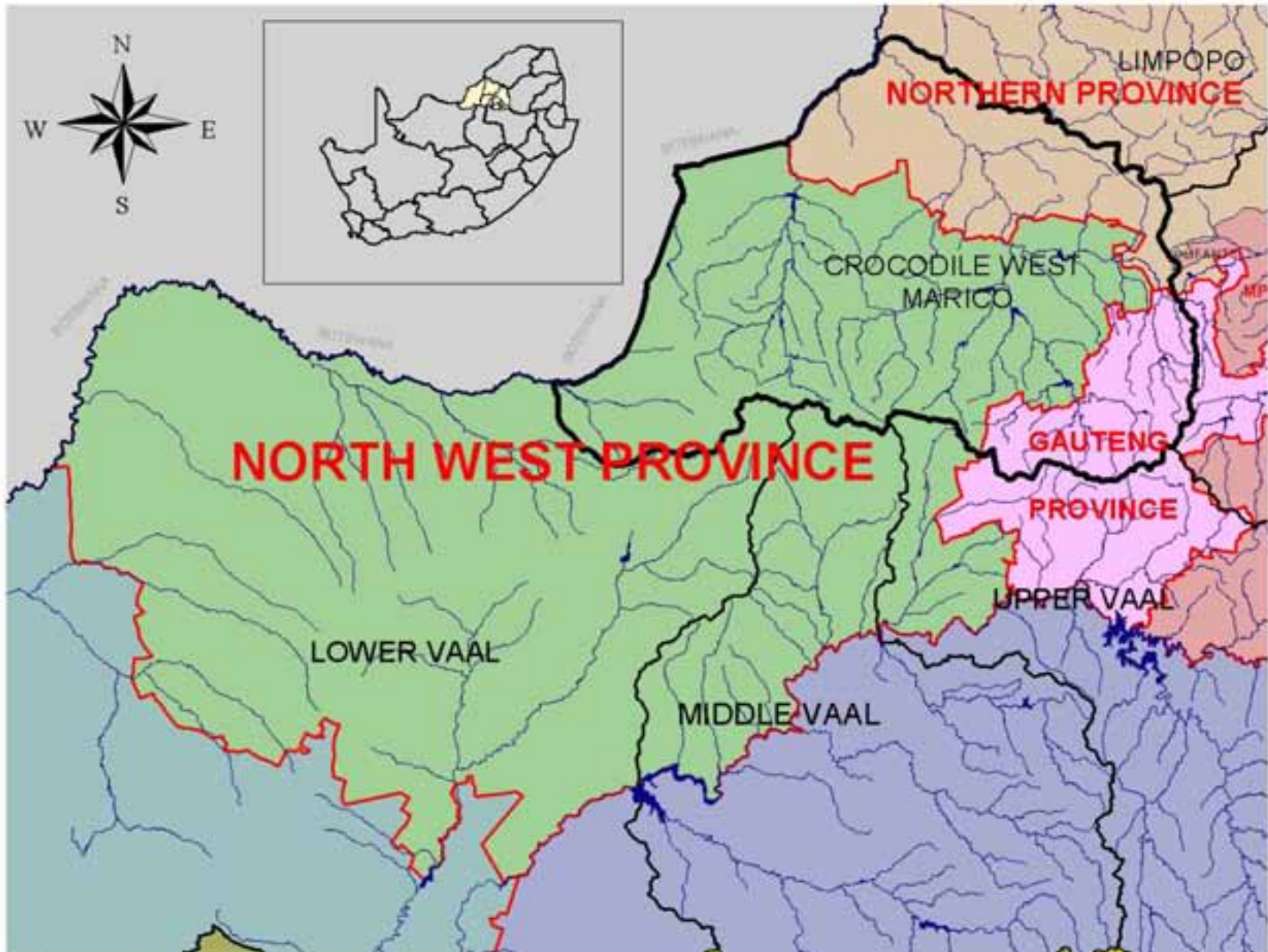
# PS-Ministry of Finance & PS Ministry of water at IWRM planning workshop



# WATER MANAGEMENT AREAS



# NORTH WEST WITH WMA





# The Plan



# Communication & branding of IWRM

- **Water for the MDGs**
- **Water, the lubricant of life and development**
- ***Water for Growth and Development***

***Often, politicians can not be pronounced IWRM clearly***

# Water For Growth and Development (WFGD)

## *What is WFGD?*

- **Abandon IWRM go for WFGD!**
- **No, its the same thing as IWRM!**

*“is It old wine in a new bottle?”*

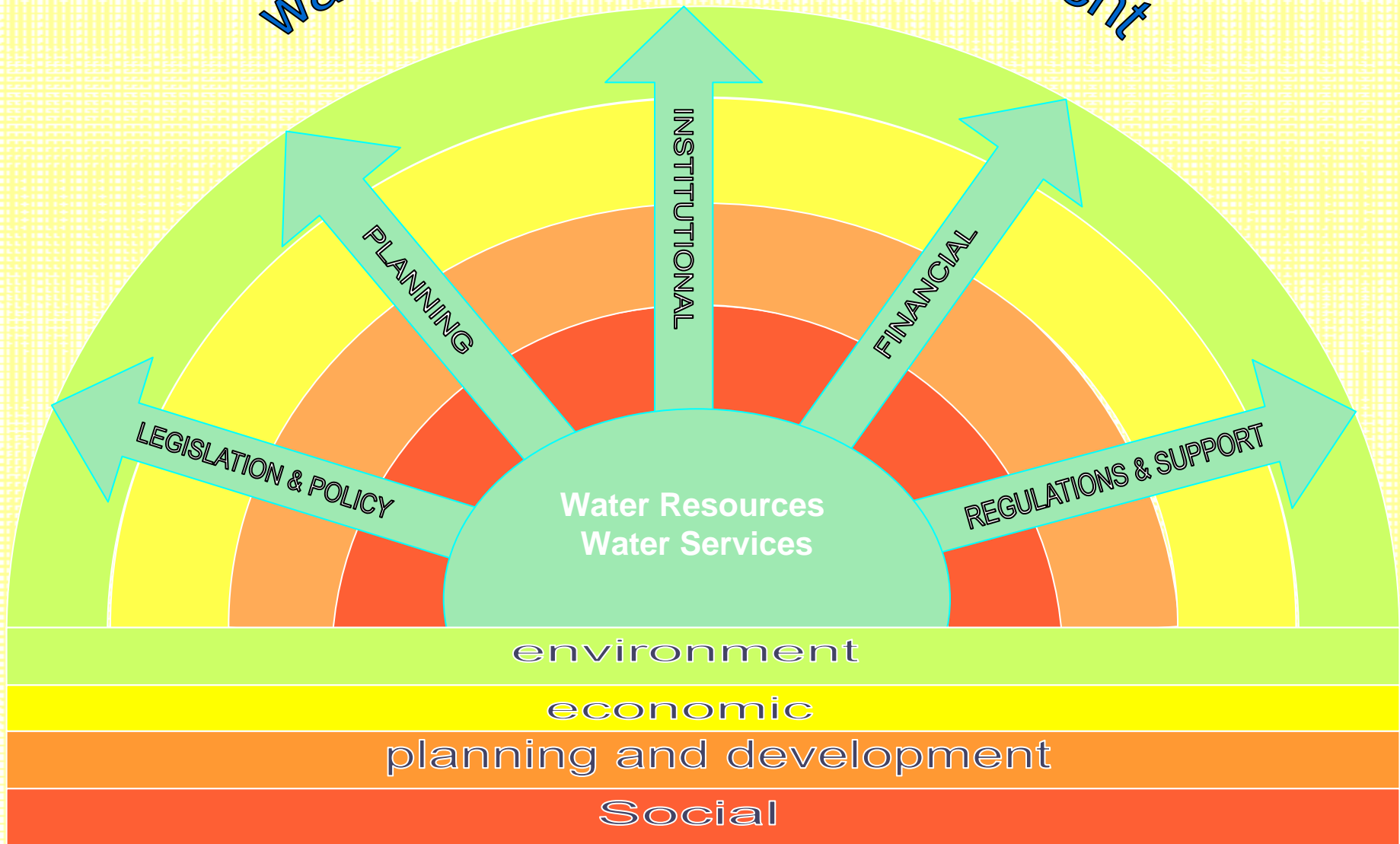
**Here we go again-semantics;**

***iWRM or Iwrn, no remove the I***

***WFGD is a branding of IWRM and it puts IWRM into context, which is brilliant?***

**IWRM underpins WFGD  
With an emphasis on Development**

# water for growth & development



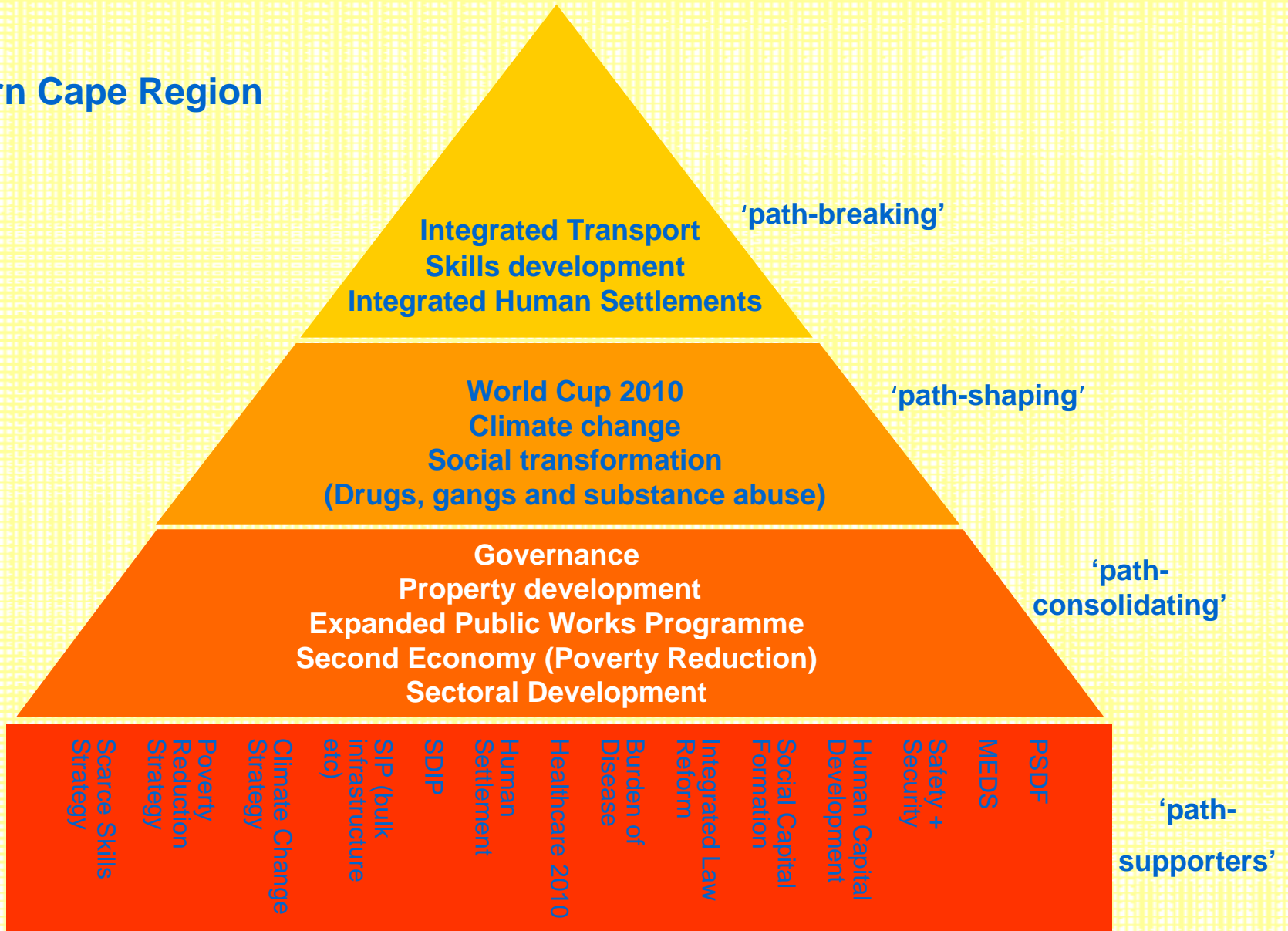
Alignment of functions across content areas within the umbrella of W4GD

# Alignment of plans with WFGD- Western Cape

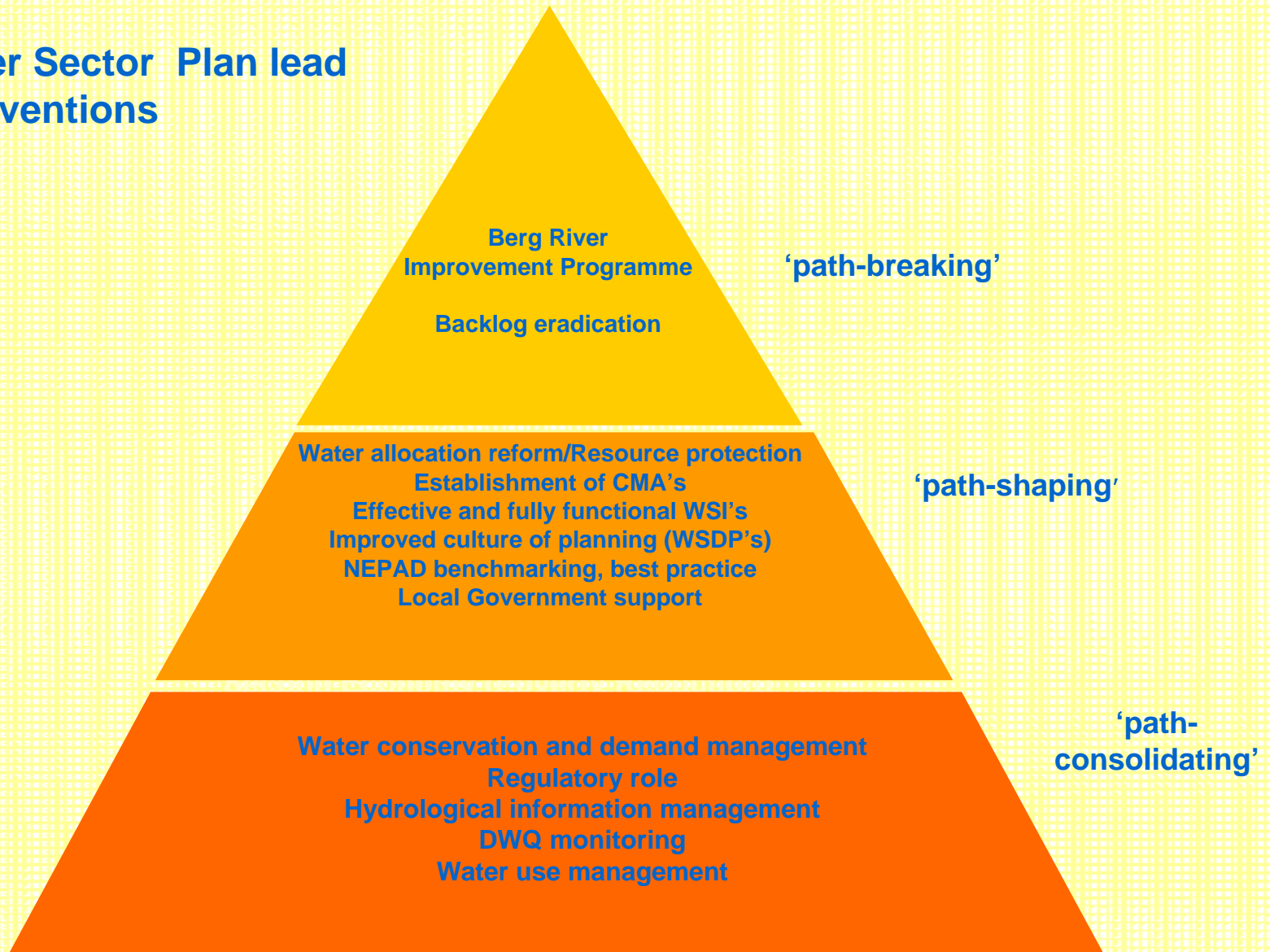
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- Demonstrates alignment btw. National Department's and the iKapa GDS
- Alignment between District, Local, Provincial and National with the iKapa GDS
- Strategic cohesion on water between National, Provincial and Local government
- Transversal planning in line with the iKapa GDS process
- Adoption of IWRM principles in our approach

# Western Cape Region



# Water Sector Plan lead interventions



# Issues & Challenges

1. Institutional uncertainty & lassitude
2. Getting lost in the detail, too much analysis
3. Striving for perfection
4. Capacity is an issue, son is financing
5. Integrated & Coordinated Planning not whole scale integration
6. We can debate, but lets have the “Just Do It ...” mindset also and learn as we go



# Moving on....

- **micro+micro+micro= Macro** (*E.Ghuzha, Zimbabwe*)
- **IWRM Works!!** (*S. Mthk mhukulu, Swaziland*)
- **W4GD..lets just do it. We have no time to talk**  
*Kalinga. DWAF, RSA*
- **Lets avoid too much analysis and lassitude,**  
*Ashwin Seetal, RSA*

# Concept of IWRM and Shared Vision

*“Is wishful thinking and mere dreaming, but if we stop dreaming, we will become cynics and lethargic and the world will certainly degrade while we watch”*

Professor Pieter Van der Zaag: UNESCO-IHE