

GOVERNANCE IN WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT: Progress in South Africa

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THE SOUTH AFRICAN WATER LAW

The new National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) sets out the framework for the management of water resources in South Africa.

– GUIDING PRINCIPLES

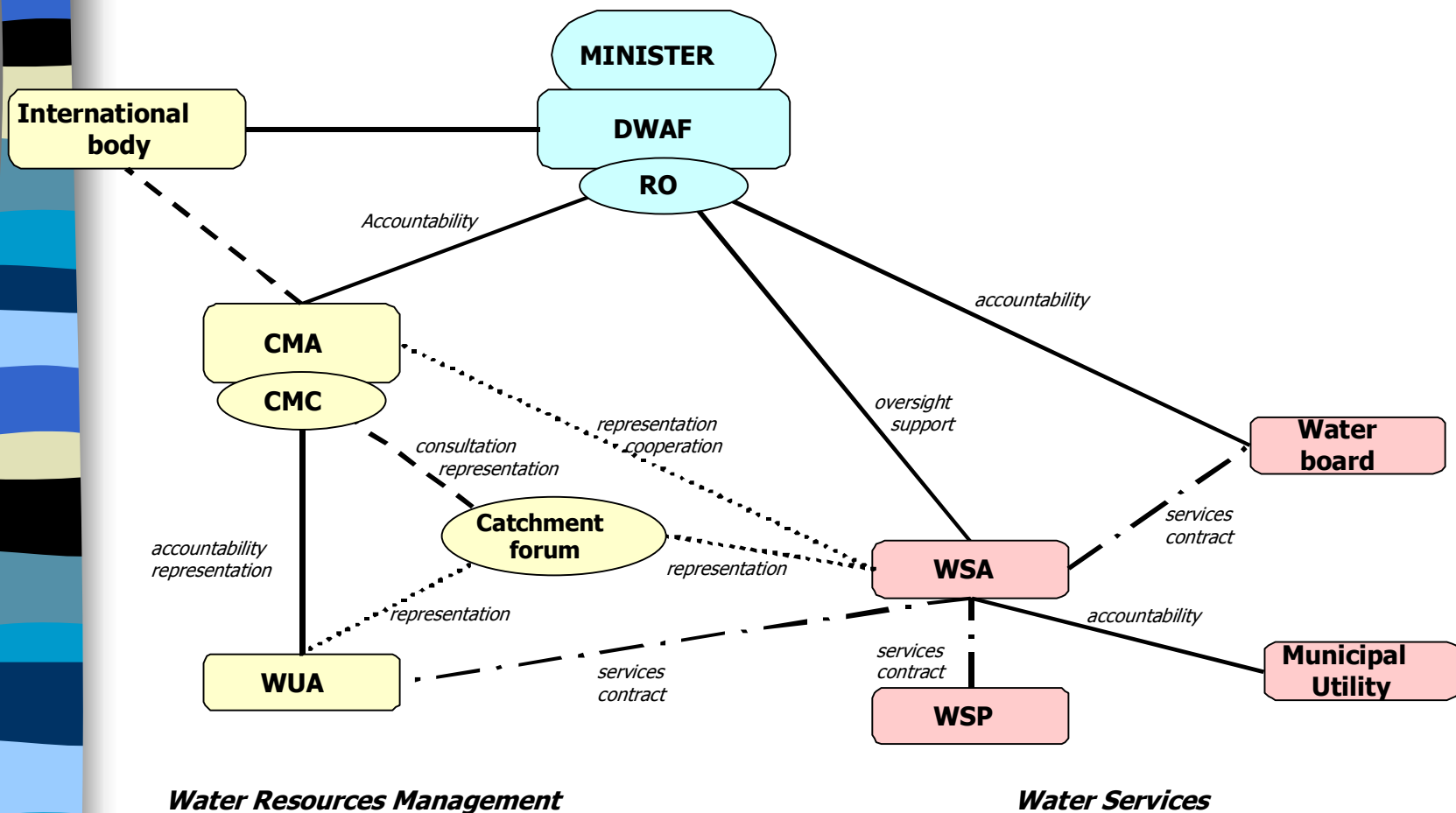
- equity, efficiency, sustainability and representivity.

– THE PURPOSE

- meeting the basic human needs of present and future generations,
- promoting equitable access to water and benefits,
- redressing the results of past racial and gender discrimination,
- facilitating social and economic development.

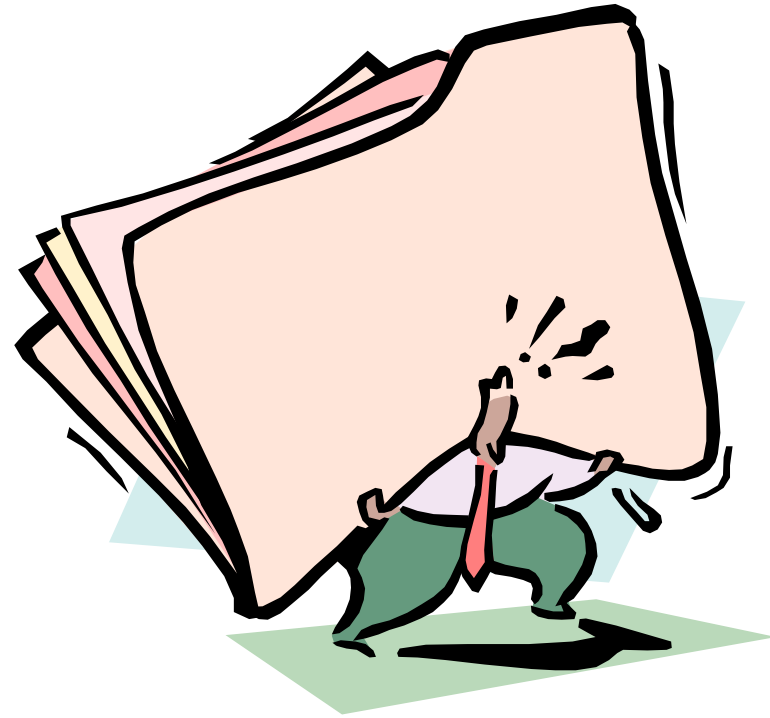


THE HIERARCHY OF WATER MANAGEMENT INSTITUTIONS



LESSONS

- Demand and supply



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- Policies, regulations, guidelines. Policies, regulations, guidelines. Policies, regulations, guidelines. Policies, regulations, guidelines. Policies, regulations, guidelines.....



LESSONS

- IWRM isolated from water services.



POLICY IMPLEMENTATION CHALLENGES

- Levelling the playing fields.
- Achieving representivity.
- Identifying the lowest appropriate levels.
- Operationalising cooperative government.
- Institutionalising interdependencies between WMI and local government.
- NGOs role in advocating IWRM principles.
- Mind shift to the common social good.



THE END

