



World Water Actions



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The question we were asked:

The Hague: Vision for 2025
Framework for Action

What real progress are we making?

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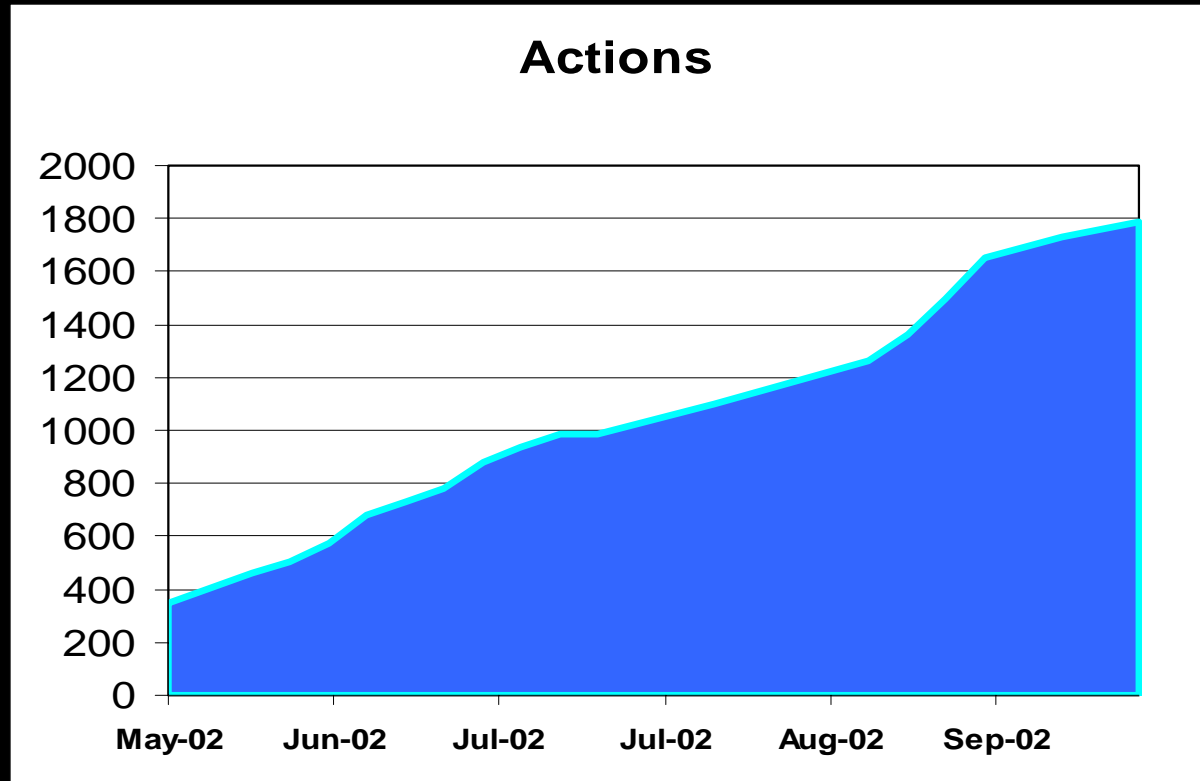
Present situation

What needs to be done

- What is being done

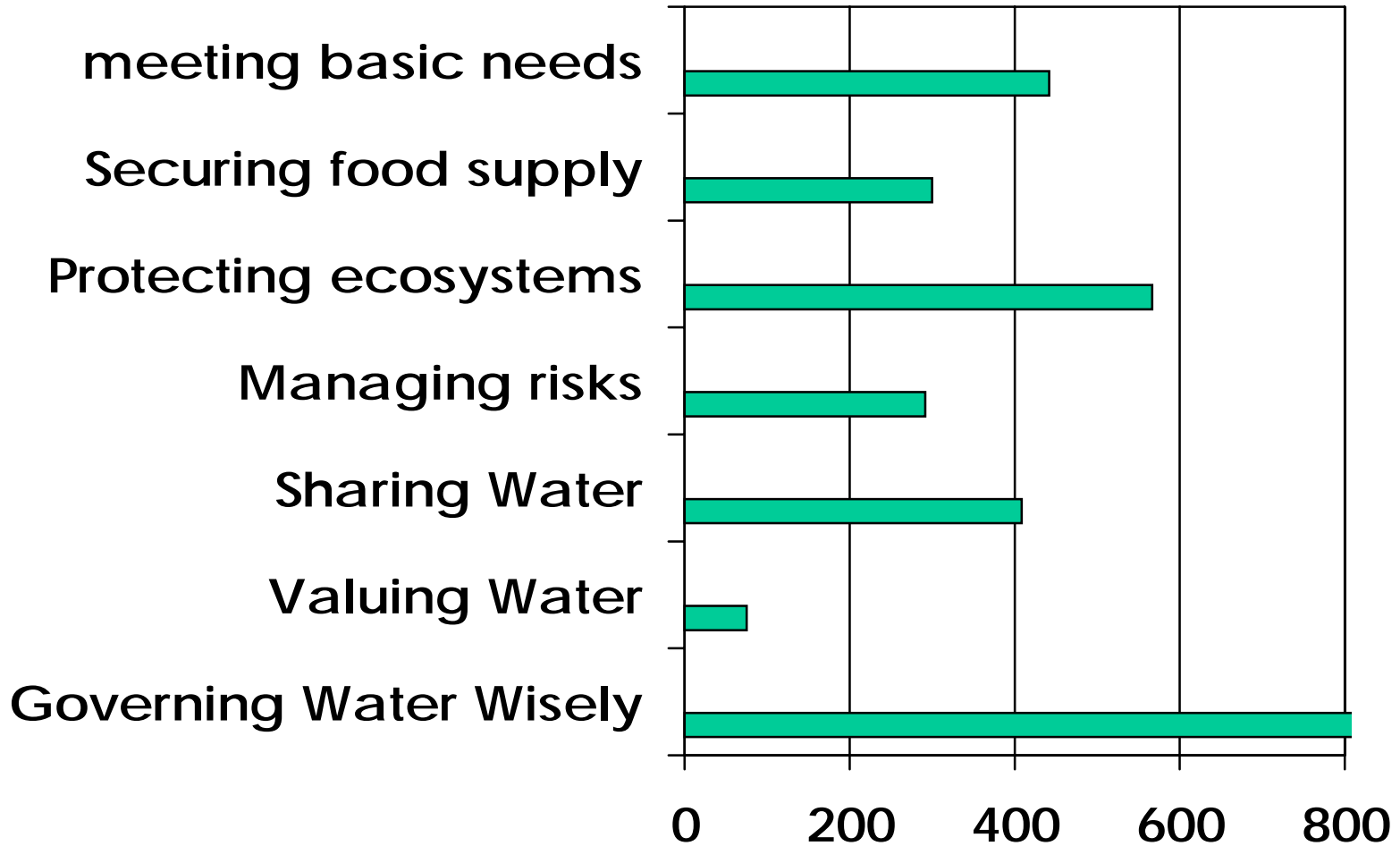
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Action Database



- ✓ Actions are of different level of importance
- ✓ Regional representation is uneven
- ✓ A sample large enough to be meaningful

Action Database



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The study

- *makes a link between The Hague, Johannesburg and Kyoto*
- *shows that movement is underway...but that the process should accelerate*
- *Third draft issued end of October, is the last opportunity for feedback before WWF3.*
- *Fourth draft: end of December. Final product is issued after WWF3.*

What needs to be done

- *No need to repeat what is frequently said*
- *References to World Water Development Report*
- *References to Johannesburg*
- *Complements*

What is being done

The specificity of the report

Reflect what we see in Actions; for example:

- *Water is somewhat higher on the political agenda*
- *Lot of reforms in governance: laws, institutions...*
- *Lot of success stories in local initiatives*
- *Finance still an issue – not much is happening*

What remains to be done

*WATER IS CENTRAL TO DEVELOPMENT
AND TO ALL WEHAB SECTORS:*

A few examples

- Governance: need for enforcement of laws, decentralization and participation*
- Water deserves more than 1% of GDP*
- Concerted management takes times and resources - so start asap*



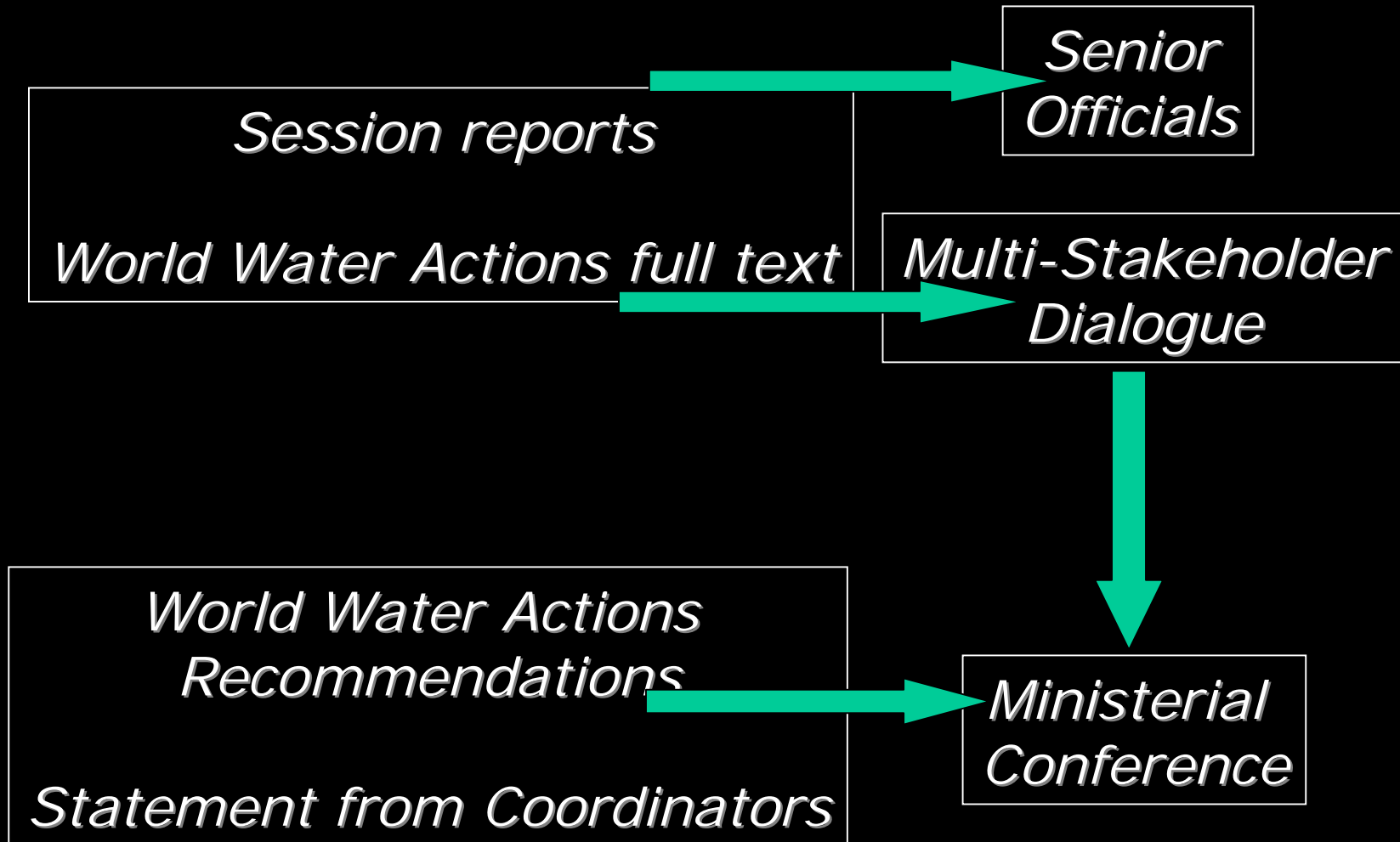
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How can you contribute?

- *Point missing actions*
- *React to third draft*
- *Suggest recommendations or commitments*

Inputs to Ministerial Conference



National River Basin Organizations

What is being done (1)

A strong institutional movement underway:

- *creation of national water policy coordination bodies;*
- *adoption of new laws calling for management at basin level and RBO's;*
- *creation of new river basin organizations in various forms;*



National River Basin Organizations

What is being done (2)

2. Actions by RBO's:

- *multi-purpose planning;*
- *ways to implement and improve user participation;*
- *tools and methods for basin management;*
- *still questions about finance;*
- *some economic tools for sharing water upstream-downstream are implemented*

National River Basin Organizations

What remains to be done

- *resources needed for neutral bodies brokering cooperation around water issues;*
- *to go from participation to equitable decision-making;*
- *More awareness of different values of water;*
- *capacity building for the water managers and the users*
- *involve the industrial sector much more;*
- *improve financing / implementation of economic tools;*



Transboundary River Basin Organizations

What is being done (1)

- *many different types of ongoing transboundary cooperation efforts around water bodies;*
- *scientific cooperation and data sharing are often the first steps;*
- *establishment of strong cooperation takes time;*



Transboundary River Basin Organizations

What is being done (2)

- *Interesting drivers for international cooperation:*
 - *sharing benefits;*
 - *protecting transboundary ecosystems.*



Transboundary River Basin Organizations

What remains to be done (1)

- *provide resources to neutral bodies to broker international cooperation;*
- *while ensuring national ownership of actions;*
- *the easy and useful first steps:*
 - *stimulate joint awareness and capacity building;*
 - *stimulate scientific cooperation and data exchange;*

Transboundary River Basin Organizations

What remains to be done (2)

- *involve more non-state actors from the different countries;*
- *develop ability to conflict resolution;*
- *promote examples of sharing benefits.*

