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I associate myself with G77 comments. No doubt about the importance of Water in general and IWRM in particular, I refer to several points in that context:

1. Traditional knowledge and practices particularly in rural areas are good examples of IWRM which have worked out for many centuries in protecting the environment while using water resources. These knowledge and practices should be supported and enhanced particularly in rural areas;
2. I emphasize participatio of all stakeholders including local and national authorities, CBOs, NGOs, academics, women, and ... in IWRM;
3. IWRM at community level should be exerted in the framework of IWRM at national level. There is a need for coordination among the internal mechanisms;
4. I agree with decentralization approach. However, it should be done within the national general policies and strategies;
5. IWRM at local and national levels should be in priority. If it does not happen, extending IWRM to wider levels is out of question.
6. There is a need for setting policies, strategies and stablishing monitoring systems and coordinating mechanisms. To that end, the efforts of the governments, particularly in developing countries, should be supported by mobilization of resources, providing expertise, transfer of appropriate and environmentally sound technologies, enhgancement of capacity building;
7. IWRM should be based on national policies and priorities;
8. Unexpected events adversely affecting water resources, such as natural disastors should be taken into account;
9. Last but not least, I can not fail to express the role of Ramsar Convention on conservation and wise use of wetlands as a major source of sweetwater.

Regards