

IWRM 12 April, Intervention by Norway

Madam Chair,

The implementation of the IWRM target requires more and better coordinated support from donors and strengthened efforts from the international organisations working with developing countries on plans.

Norway have provided such support and will continue to do so.

We would also underline that the international organisations working in this field, both UN agencies and others, need to cooperate to make sure that their activities are as co-ordinated and effective as possible. We were encouraged to hear the word "cooperation" mentioned frequently in the interventions yesterday morning by UN agencies.

I would just like to add two comments on the substance and process of IWRM:

First, IWRM plans have to be developed according to each country's circumstances and priorities. As always – no size fits all. The essence of the process is to take a coherent approach to the development, management and use of water resources – across sectors.

My second point is the need to actively include all relevant stakeholders. This ensures buy-in and ownership. To us this also represents good governance.

The IPM summary (and matrix) mentions that women should be included in consultations on IWRM plans. We support this. In the policy options document we would like to see a general line referring to "- broad inclusion of all stakeholders".

Thank you,
Madam Chair