IWA support to WOP

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Overview

- History of IWA involvement
- IWA approach and guiding principles
- Examples of how IWA can help
- Next steps
IWA and its involvement

- Our history:
  - IWSA – 1947; IAWQ – 1965; IWA – 1999

- UNSGAB members aware of potential IWA role

IWA approach & guiding principles

- Not seek to duplicate work of others, but complement
- Support, facilitate – not institutionalize
- Maximize diversity of experience and perspectives
- Focus on process learning & international experience exchange
- Alignment of initiatives
Examples of IWA support

- Brokering
- Events
- Groups
- Publishing
- Membership

Examples: Brokering

- Convening opportunity is part of our wider role
- Seek to network experience from local process to wider arena
- Collate, synthesize and network learning from context to context
- Partner with SEAWUN, AIWA, AIDIS, EUREAU
Examples: Events

- IWA hosts a technical specialist event every 10 days
  - Congresses
  - Specialist group events
  - IWA Utilities fora
    - Dedicated meetings under IWA Utilities initiative
    - 2006 – 2 meetings to date; 1 planned for Sep 06

Examples: specialist groups

- Specialist groups the research arm of IWA; ~45 in total
- Relevant groups to WOPs:
  - Institutional governance and regulation
  - Strategic asset management
  - Statistics and Economics
  - Efficient Operation & Management of Urban Water Supply
  - Design, Operation & Maintenance of Drinking Water Treatment
Examples: publications

- IWA has wholly owned subsidiary company, IWA Publishing

- Publish:
  - Water Asset Management International
    - Focused on asset management
    - International perspective on infrastructure, planning and maintenance
  - Water Utility Management International
    - Focused on needs of senior utility managers
    - International reference point on strategic issues affecting utilities. News, interviews and executive briefings

Examples: Membership

- Diverse group of members – ‘mosaic’ is a strength
- 100 corporate members who are utilities
- Hundreds of utility members as individuals
- Governed by national associations (e.g. JWWA)
Next steps

- IWA World Water Congress, Beijing – 10-14 Sept 06
  - Specific utilities forum – opportunities?
  - www.iwa2006beijing.com

- Intend to partner in development of WOPs database

- Support regional initiatives within WOPs (SEAWUN, AfWA)

IWA can support where we can be best deployed:
- Brokering
- Learning
- Membership
- Aligning our own initiatives
Your pee is cleaner than the water 1.1 billion people drink daily.