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“The Water Integrity Network (WIN): An Initiative to Form a Network to Combat Corruption in the Water Sector”

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for a
Global
Challenge

PRESENTATION OUTLINE

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WHY ARE WE SETTING UP THE WIN NETWORK?

- The nature and structure of the water sector, including the requirements for large infrastructure investments and the existence on monopolies, makes it prone to corruption
- While the scope of corruption varies substantially, anywhere from 10% to 40% of water sector finances are being lost to dishonest and corrupt practices. These losses in financing affect the poor the most and make unlikely the attainment of the MDGs in low-income countries



WHY ARE WE SETTING UP THE WIN NETWORK? (Cont.)

- A consensus is gathering force amongst policy makers and practitioners that a key to sustainable development is addressing corruption in the water sector
- Because of the pervasiveness and long-standing nature of corruption in the water sector, it was felt that setting up a coalition/network is the most effective way to raise awareness and facilitate effective actions on the ground

Thus, as a standing operating procedure, WIN will NOT be involved in targeting corrupt organizations or individuals



OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF THE NETWORK

- The purpose of the WIN is to initiate and support pro-poor actions to combat corruption in the water sector



DETAILED OBJECTIVES OF THE NETWORK

These include:

- Promote awareness and understanding of corruption issues related to water;
- Research and disseminate effective anti-corruption information, methodologies and best practices relevant for organizations working in water;



DETAILED OBJECTIVES OF THE NETWORK

(Cont.)

- Support practical actions and hands-on methods to fight corruption in water;
- Develop monitoring mechanisms relating to corruption in water; and
- Encourage governments, civil society, private sector and all other interested parties to coordinate and work together against corruption in water



SCOPE OF THE NETWORK

- Establish appropriate balance between advocacy work and concrete action
- Network will cover all aspects of water including water supply and sanitation and water resources management
- Since corruption is a global phenomenon, the network will be worldwide

Note: Because of the interests of the founding members, many of the network's initial activities are expected to be in water supply and sanitation.



MEMBERSHIP OF THE NETWORK INCLUSIVITY

- Government
- Utilities
- Regulators
- Private Sector



MEMBERSHIP OF THE NETWORK INCLUSIVITY

- Donor Community
- Water and Sanitation Program (WSP)
- Policy Advice Organizations including Relevant Agencies of the UN and Regional Bodies
- Universities and Research Organizations
- Civil Society Organizations



NETWORK ORGANIZATION

- WIN Secretariat will be Hosted in the Secretariat of Transparency International Berlin
- Will Report to a Steering Committee Elected by the Members
- Members may over time form National, Regional and Thematic Groups

Note: Preparatory Work on the WIN is being guided by an Interim Steering Committee consisting of representatives of IRC, SIWI, Swedish Water House, TI, and the WSP



PROPOSED ACTIVITIES OF THE NETWORK

- **Network Knowledge Products**
- Network 'Home Page'
- Water Sector Anti-Corruption Toolkit



PROPOSED ACTIVITIES OF THE NETWORK

(Cont.)

- Corruption Monitoring/Ranking Activities
- Global Corruption Report featuring the Water Sector
- **Testing of New Products**
- (e.g. Application of Business Principles for Combating Corruption in the Water Sector)



PROPOSED ACTIVITIES OF THE NETWORK (CONT.)

- ***Support for Start Up Activities by Network Members***
- ***Activities to be Undertaken Primarily by Southern NGOs***
- ***Network Dissemination Activities***
- ***Conferences and Workshops***

- ***NOTE. These activities will compliment anti-corruption work in the water sector in specific countries, supported by donors and the WSP***



NEXT STEPS

- Core members to agree on the network governance arrangements and the proposed work plan: April/May 2006. Further meeting in Kampala, Uganda in June 2006;
- Finalize the initial network financing plan: May – August 2006;



NEXT STEPS (Cont.)

- Publicize the network at international meetings dealing with addressing issues of governance and corruption in the water sector and more widely in infrastructure in general: (e.g. the World Bank sponsored Workshop on Combating Corruption in the Water Sector, Kampala. June 2006); and
- Launch the network at the World Water Week, Stockholm, August 2006.





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