SURINAME

IWRM PRACTICES, POLICIES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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Challenges with SAMOA Pathway and Agenda 2030

➢ Focal Points
➢ Reporting on demand
➢ Participation and consultation

Recommendations

➢ Incorporate in national process for multi-annual and annual planning, coordinated by the Planning Bureau
KEY CHALLENGES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF IWRM

❖ Awareness on sustainable use of water
❖ Outdated water related legislation
  ➢ Rights and obligation for water users; control mechanisms, division of responsibilities, water quality standards
❖ Absence of unambiguous National Water Policy
❖ Lack of data to support water resources management action
❖ Lack of trained human resources
❖ Lack of financial means

➢ Focus on coordination and financing as relevant areas for improvements in following slides
Gaps and overlap in responsibilities

20 different water related legislations
Organizational structure of the ministry of Natural Resources has been adjusted by Resolution (September 2020):

- A department of Water was established
- With a specific sub-department for Integrated Water Management

New draft water legislation

- 4 new water laws have been drafted — 3 technical laws approved by council of ministers (March 2020) and one law for the establishment of a Water Authority
CROSS-SECTOR COORDINATION MECHANISMS

- Interdepartmental Working Groups
- Public Private Partnerships
- Cooperation between Ministries and Knowledge Institutes
TAKE AWAY FOR SUCCESS BASED ON IWRM CROSS-SECTOR COLLABORATION

❖ Need for high-level champion lead coordination
❖ Needs for structure and routine in meetings
❖ Added value of collaboration with private sector or civil society
❖ Process needs short-term targets
❖ Participants need a clear stake or responsibility
❖ Process needs to be budgeted or externally funded
Ministries IWRM related public budgeting — *investments*:
- Regional Development – support to Water Boards
- Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries – reinstallation of Water Boards
- Natural Resources – institutional provisions of water sector & drinking water supply

Ministries IWRM related public budgeting — *recurring costs*:
- Public Works – maintenance of infrastructural works

MAS is self sufficient — services provided to the water transport sector
FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS FOR WATER SECTOR

NH is not generating income from water sector
Raising revenues: taxes, tariffs and transfers

Planned:
- percentage of water tariffs allocated directly to Water Authority
- taxation of groundwater extraction
- users agriculture sector pay for maintenance irrigation water
- monetizing ecotourism and ecosystem services for water sector
- polluter pays principle in Environmental Law
THANK YOU!