

Having someone responsible for coordination is a key to success

A common vision is essential

Centring work at national and local level can ensure those involved are directly engaged in the issues and also improve the representation of the "disenfranchised"

Overcoming stereotypes

Good facilitation

Dialogues do not have to be long processes and costs can be kept low – The Water Dialogues had "virtual" secretariats and voluntary membership

Dialogues should be based on evidence and the collective desire for practical solutions

Listening

Understanding that all stakeholders are accountable

Creating "safe spaces" for all voices to be heard equally

Don't aim for consensus – if you aren't willing to change your ideological stance, why expect someone else to do it?

Genuine multistakeholder work requires:

Summary of The Water Dialogues' Core Principles