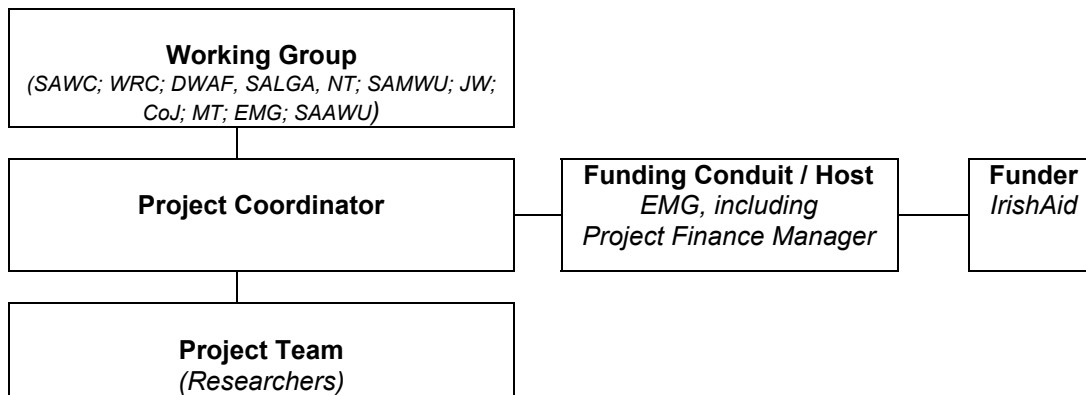


Water Dialogues

South African Working Group Meeting 12 April 2006

Notes & Action items

- Feedback from WWF and report to UN SecGen (Kofi Annan's) panel was given by William. Concept and process was accepted as good.
- Feedback form international working group meeting held in London in April given by Kathy. Concerns raised around north driving the process and developing countries giving only providing information.
- Agreement: In SA we have collaborative process, but that does not mean we will reach consensus on all issues. A report will however, produce a report that will reflect the sector.
- SAMWU raised concerns around commodification and the implications on the way the process will be communicated.
- IrishAid has funds (more or less R3.2m) available for process; agreement must be signed by legal entity (Host / funding conduit) to enable disbursement of funds. Preference for WG is to have one of the members be the funding conduit, but that that is separate role of being a member of the WG, which will not give the host more or less influence on the outputs. WG decided that host/funding conduit/accounting agent will be EMG, but Working Group will have oversight of products and outputs. EMG will confirm their agreement to this by end April. Team (Kathy, Stephen, Bheki, Tumi) to produce project proposal (including job description for Proj Coord) for EMG board mtg on 24 April. Will be circulated to WG for input.
- DWAF (Bheki) to give feedback to IrishAid on progress. Key date 24 April. IrishAid to be given feedback and asked to give requirements to proceed.
- Project structure defined:



- WG will advertise for project coordinator through electronic networks facilitated by WG members. Need someone neutral, with water sector experience. WG Panel will make appointment of Project Coordinator, Hameeda to convene teleconference to shortlist and convene panel for interviews and notify of dates.
- Project Coordinator to be housed initially in WRC, long term to be decided later.
- Case study selection and evaluation criteria to be commented on to Martin.
- Purpose of next meeting: 1) Approve MOU between WG & EMG (JP & Tumi to draft, EMG to input); 2) Approve EMG/IrishAid financing agreement (Stephen); 3) Approve shortlist for project coordinator (Hameeda). **Date of next meeting 25 May 2006** at WRC. DWAF (Bheki) to ensure logistics (invitations, venue, and facilitator) for next meeting is arranged.