



Implementation Conference: Stakeholder Action for Our Common Future

## **COLLABORATIVE STAKEHOLDER ACTION PLAN (Draft)**

### **Local Government freshwater capacity building in the Asia Pacific**

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#### **Context:**

In June 2000 ICLEI's membership endorsed the plan for the organization to initiate a water campaign for local governments. Ten core municipalities have already begun to implement improved freshwater management schemes using the milestone framework. This initiative will take advantage of the capacity already built in these municipalities to begin a transfer process.

#### **Main objectives:**

The mission of the partnership initiative shall be to strengthen and build capacity in freshwater resources management in the Asia Pacific region.

The following specific objectives have been set for the period of this partnership:

1. To increase water quality in local municipalities and their catchments
2. To increase the efficiency and sustainability of water resources management
3. To share practical local government experiences in improved freshwater resources management

This program shall use the practical experiences gained by a core of local governments to assist their peers to achieve the following **milestones**:

1. Inventory and forecast direct and indirect impacts on water resources.
2. Establish targets for water quality and water quantity.
3. Develop and obtain approval for a Local Water Action Plan.
4. Implement policies and measures.
5. Monitor and report results.

#### **Expected results:**

- Improved local government capacity to manage stakeholder participation
- Stakeholder participation and contribution to effective utilisation and conservation of water resources
- Improved management of water utilities and the use of alternative consumer friendly and sustainable technologies
- Mobilisation of private resources for water management and utilisation
- Dissemination and practice of Integrated water resources management
- Increased local government cooperation

#### **Targets and timeframes:**

1. By 2005 fifty local governments will have conducted an inventory and forecast direct and indirect impacts on water resources.
2. By 2006 fifty local governments will have established targets for water quality and water quantity.
3. By 2007 fifty local governments will have developed and obtained approval for a Local Water Action Plan.
4. By 2008 all targeted local governments will be implementing policies and measures.

5. By 2008 a peer review system of monitoring and reporting results will be institutionalised.

### **Coordination and Implementation mechanism**

The participating local authorities shall be responsible for:

- Implementation of the milestone process in the city
- Staff time to work with community partners and ICLEI staff to develop local water action plan
- Financial and staff resources to manage and implement action plan
- Participation in the campaign indicator program
- Provision of in-kind support e.g. hosting of meetings, administrative support, staff time
- Local government representation at regional and international events and with international agencies
- Identification of appropriate technology and exchange

Stakeholder Groups:

- participate in the process and design and implementation of the action plan
- roles and responsibilities at each level to be decided by stakeholders

ICLEI and its regional offices shall be responsible for:

- Recruitment of campaign participants and management of regional networks of local governments
- Local capacity building in participatory planning and IWRM
- Adaptation of international campaign resource materials and tools for region
- Ensuring local governments are prepared to interact with each other and other spheres of governance
- Development and nurturing of regional partnerships for the regional network
- Representation of campaign at regional events
- Development of training modules for each agenda area
- Management of electronic distance training program

GWP shall be responsible for:

- Provision of IWRM technical specialists
- Dissemination and training through the IWRM tool box
- Bringing on board local level partners especially during the technical water assessment

Universities shall be responsible for:

- Providing interns to support capacity requirement at local level
- Undertaking academic sustainable development analyses

### **Monitoring Arrangements**

The program shall make use of available forums for reporting annually on a regional basis, e.g.

- Asia Pacific region shall use the Mayors Asia Pacific Environmental Summit for reporting progress within their region.
- ICLEI World Congress
- World Water forums (every two years)

In addition, ICLEI shall maintain a web database of individual city achievements that will be updated monthly.

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