

Governance and Integrated Water Resource Management

Maron & Ibben Dron Nan Kojbarok Aurok In Dren

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Outline

- What are the key governance issues ('western' and traditional) affecting water resources in RMI today?
- In particular, how can we better harmonize traditional governance with our efforts to improve IWRM in RMI?
- What are some key questions for the breakout group to address?
- Ta aban ko rejlet maron ak eddo ko nan kojbarok dren ilo RMI rainin ikkijen manit im imenene kein rokaal tok nan ailin kein?
- Ewi wawen ad maron jimor kokmanmanlok maron ko ad iumin manit im bareinwot kien nan kokajurlok kottobar ko an IWRM ilo RMI?
- Jet kajitok ko raurok nan konono kaki ilo group ko?

What is Governance

Water governance addresses among other things:

- Principles such as equity and efficiency in water resource and services – integrated water resource management approach
- The formulation, establishment and implementation of water policies, legislation and institutions
- Clarification of the roles of government, civil society and the private sector and their responsibilities regarding ownership, management and administration of water resources and services

Tiljek ilo kakien ko ad ikijien dren

- Bunton ko nan komanman lok waween ad kojberbal im kojbarok den ekoba erre eo an den rej bedbed ion ad koba maron nan bukot mejlan aban kein nan aolep armij in majol
- Policy im kakien ko ad im waween ad kape ki ak kile ra ko rokkar bwe ren bok eddo in lorlorjaki policy im kakien kein
- Kalikar lok eddo ko an kajojo ian ra ko an kien, business ko, im jukjuk im ped ko ilo jberbal in kojbarok den nan mour im ajmour

Traditional Governance-Issues

- Samoa example – water resources ‘collectively owned’ but managed by the state
- RMI collectively shared
- Traditional sharing and water use
- Emerging concepts on land parcels lead to less water issues
- Lack of established traditional water governance systems and connection with modern systems
- Modernization, urbanization, changed water requirement and needs

Key questions

- Is 'water' a common resource (groundwater)
- How should our government view the ownership issue, does RMI agree that water is a human right-collectively owned?
- What traditional methods of governance were practiced before?
- Can they be applied now?

Key Issues

Institutions

- IWRM Task Force has been endorsed by Cabinet – membership and terms of reference not yet developed
- Currently no government entity is responsible for water resources management, water quality issues are monitored by EPA
- There are no formal mechanism in place for regulating water extraction and commercial, industrial activities which impact water quality
- Government agencies currently operating independently so that collaboration on water and sanitation issues is minimal and there is limited community engagement at the national or local level

Karak ko nan lonaj jermal in lorlojake dren

- Emoj an ejak juon task force an dren ilo 2008 , aikuj dredre lok unin kottobar ko an drodrolul in im won ro rej uuan
- Emoj an alikar ke jermal in lorlorjaki dren ilo majol ejanin bolemen ekkar nan kakien ikkijen kojbarok im kojermal dren
- Agency im ra ko an kien ekki aer make iaer ilo jermal ko aer, im bwe wawen in ekomman an wor likjab ikkijen adwoj jiban dron lolorjake kojbarok dren

Cabinet

Chief Secretary

IWRM Task Force (C.M. 2008)

Overall objective to safeguard freshwater resources in the RMI

- RMIEPA
- MWSC
- MALGOV
- Laura Community
- Weather Services
- OEPPC
- EPPSO
- MOFA
- R&D
- Public Works
- WUTMI
- CMI Land Grant

Regulatory Water Quality Monitoring

Local Government - ordinances

Rainfall Data

Climate Change

International Commitments

Women and water

Water Utility - Public Water Supply

Traditional Leaders & Community Laura Lens

Planning/Statistics Social Conditions

Food Security/Agriculture

Outreach Awareness

Laura Lens Demonstration Project GEF

Public Infrastructure /Engineering

Projects

Initial Suggestions...

- Develop national water and sanitation policy and medium term action plan that looks at all aspects of water use and land uses that impact water sources – Draft by June 2011
- Involve as stakeholders from all levels of government and society in the development of this policy and action plan
- Target endorsement by Government in August 2011
- Ejake Kakien ko nan jermal in lolorjake etale im kojbarok aurok in dren im aolep wawen ko ilo ad kojermal dren...Kakien kein raikui in bojak nan etali ilo June 2011
- Aikuij in ka-kobaiktok aolep ro rokkar im ewor aer melele ilo jermal in kojbarok dren jen kien im ro ilo jukjukimbed eo nan jimor ejaake Kakien kein konono kaki...
- Kotobar eo bwe jermal in en dredrelok ilo August 2011

What are some key questions for the breakout group to address? (Kajitok Nan Etali & Konono Kaki Ilo Group Ko)

- What other functions can the IWRM task force serve?
- Which government entity should be responsible for ensuring implementation of water and sanitation policy?
- What other entities or ministries should be represented on the IWRM task force?-
- How do we ensure adequate input from Kwajalein and other outer islands into the IWRM task force?-
- How do we ensure adequate input from traditional leaders?
- What are the roles and responsibilities of traditional leaders in ground water resources and how can we harmonize these into national and local level governance structures?
- Ta jermal ko jet rokkar im IWRM project eo emaron in jiban lolorjaki?
- Ra ak drodrolul ta ekkar ilo Kien eo nan an lolorjake jermal im Kakien ko nan kojbarok erre eo im ajmur in dren?
- Drolul ak ra to ko jet im rokkar nan aer kobalok ilo IWRM task force eo?
- Ewi wawen ad maron in kobaiktok lomnak im melele ko rokkar jen Kwajalein im jukjukimbed ko kajojo ipelakin ailin kein nan IWRM Task force eo?
- Ewi wawen ad maron in kobaiktok lomnak im melele ko rokkar jen ritol ro ad ilo manit?
- Ta jimwe im maron ko an ritol ro ad ilo manit ikkijen dren ko im jej bok mour jeni im ewi wawen ad maron in kobaik tok ilo jermal in kakien kein?