# **Policy and Legislation**

Issues to address:
Regulation and Enforcement
Water Resource Ownership
Political Will
Lack of Policy

How IWRM addresses this: Inclusivity (all encompassing) Clear (ownership, responsibility) Enforcement (regulation) Awareness/Involvement (Political Will)

# Institutional Arrangements can be improved through:

National APEX Body (NWC) e.g. 17 agencies (Fiji) Policy Legislation (Mandate/Legislation) TOR for APEX Reform

## Capacity Building can be improved by:

Improve Institutional arrangements

- Different agencies sharing expertise and resources
- Strengthen financial, human, etc resources
- Improve sharing of technologies and knowledge (information sharing)

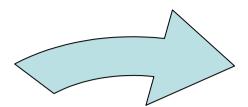
#### Better link between policy makers and regulators

• Increase political will/ involve communities

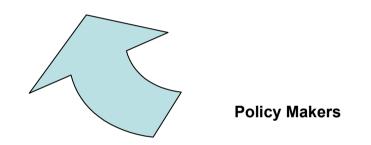
#### Public education

- Community grass root involvement
- Community appreciation/compliance

Assessment and monitoring Implement



Regulators Politician



# **Other Comments**

Decreasing population
Resettlement (from coastal to inland near catchment areas)
Training on technical and financial management of water resources

# Awareness can be improved by:

Create a vision –ownership
Change attitude- waste and conservation
Different types of awareness/different groups
Sharing information
Construction of knowledge
Impact of poor sanitation on drinking water



<sup>&</sup>quot;What do we want awareness to do?"

# Industry/developmen Legislation/Policy Regulation Guidelines Penalties/Benchmarking Technical skills/assistance **Pollution Waster Water** Legislation

Regulations e.g. constructing standards of septics Capacity Development-Technical skills/monitoring

Land use planning management
Cross Government Coordination

Primary Industries
Forestry-codes of practice for logging
Legislation-Land clearing
Sedimentation
Mining- Sand/Gravel Extraction
Legislation
Farming- Policy/regulations
Quality assurance

#### Other issues of concern:

Sanitation
Water shed protection
Concern about over extraction of water lens
Deforestation
Wastewater Management (Addressing it)

## Can be addresed through:

#### Consultation

Which people and why, when and how Consultation versus Participation Limited Water resources due to drought situations Awareness programme at all levels No coordination between stakeholders

## Cost of Infrastructure can be addresses thourgh:

Roles and responsibilities of providers and consumers

- Tourists- luxury use of water and usually more responsibility to conserve it
- Locals- deep responsibility of domestic usage of water
- Health services
- Utilities- efficiency of water supply. Demand management/unaccounted water loss

#### Lack of funding can be addressed through:

Country priority is water/donor funding

Contribution from all sectors.

Each sector should absorb its own costs and be responsible for their own program costs that are water related

# Ways to reduce costs

Renewable energy
Make use of secondary source
Efficiency of water system
Women empowerment in decision making
Awareness/capacity building

#### **Limited Information can be addressed through:**

Access resources from other institutions

- Avoid duplication
- Utilise existing information
- Information sharing

#### Enhance data collection

- Improved coordination regarding data collection
- Strategic plans improved
- Through public education/involvement this can be improved

#### Information Needs

- Increase political will to commit resources to improve socio-economic development
- Future development
- Lack of baseline information
- Distance geography
- Data- better decision making
- Lack of detailed technical assessments (Groundwater)

#### Fragmented Management can be addressed through:

Policies and legislation (Lack of and enforcement)

**Undefined mandates** 

Water resource agencies in separate ministries and departments

Institutional arrangements (fragmentation)

Inter agency coordination and cooperation

#### **Other Comments**

Lack of consultation

Limited funding for maintenance

Limited cost recovery mechanisms (Tariff subsidies)

Public awareness- sense of ownership and sharing of benefit

Cross link with water demand management

Policy and regulations strengthened

Capacity Building within the community and water committee

Training in management

Training in water system maintenance

Cross sectoral coordination

Adaption measures

Technical information, support

Understanding water supply source quantity and quality Sustainable water supply systems
Water membership and benefit sharing
Automatic washing machine saves water