



IWA support to WOP

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Overview

- History of IWA involvement
- IWA approach and guiding principles
- Examples of how IWA can help
- Next steps





IWA and its involvement

- Our history:
 - IWSA – 1947; IAWQ – 1965; IWA – 1999
- UNSGAB members aware of potential IWA role



IWA approach & guiding principles

- Not seek to duplicate work of others, but complement
- Support, facilitate – not institutionalize
- Maximize diversity of experience and perspectives
- Focus on process learning & international experience exchange
- Alignment of initiatives





Examples of IWA support

- Brokering
- Events
- Groups
- Publishing
- Membership



Examples: Brokering

- Convening opportunity is part of our wider role
- Seek to network experience from local process to wider arena
- Collate, synthesize and network learning from context to context
- Partner with SEAWUN, AfWA, AIDIS, EUREAU





Examples: Events

- IWA hosts a technical specialist event every 10 days
 - Congresses
 - Specialist group events
 - IWA Utilities fora
 - Dedicated meetings under IWA Utilities initiative
 - 2006 – 2 meetings to date; 1 planned for Sep 06



Examples: specialist groups

- Specialist groups the research arm of IWA; ~45 in total
- Relevant groups to WOPs:
 - Institutional governance and regulation
 - Strategic asset management
 - Statistics and Economics
 - Efficient Operation & Management of Urban Water Supply
 - Design, Operation & Maintenance of Drinking Water Treatment





Examples: publications

- IWA has wholly owned subsidiary company, IWA Publishing
- Publish:
 - Water Asset Management International
 - Focused on asset management
 - International perspective on infrastructure, planning and maintenance
 - Water Utility Management International
 - Focused on needs of senior utility managers
 - International reference point on strategic issues affecting utilities. News, interviews and executive briefings



Examples: Membership

- Diverse group of members – ‘mosaic’ is a strength
- 100 corporate members who are utilities
- Hundreds of utility members as individuals
- Governed by national associations (e.g. JWWA)





Next steps

- IWA World Water Congress, Beijing – 10-14 Sept 06
 - Specific utilities forum – opportunities?
 - www.iwa2006beijing.com
- Intend to partner in development of WOPs database
- Support regional initiatives within WOPs (SEAWUN, AfWA)



- IWA can support where we can be best deployed:
 - Brokering
 - Learning
 - Membership
 - Aligning our own initiatives





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