

Session Plan	
Topic:	Integrated Water Resources Management: Introduction
Rationale:	<p>Water is our most precious natural resource and is both an economic and a social good. Many practices adopted to manage water for human needs have led to pollution, over-exploitation of groundwater resources and transboundary disputes over water-sharing. The unsustainability of the water sector is marked by the fact that at least 1.1 billion people still lack access to water supply and almost than 2.5 billion to sanitation (UN 2000). While some progress has been achieved in the last decade, increasing competition for scarce water resources among various industrial, domestic, and agricultural uses, and by an inevitable rise in the cost of providing water and sanitation services will provide challenges for the future.</p> <p>Effective development and management of water resources are essential for sustainable growth and poverty reduction in all developing countries and this session will provide an overview of the various elements that define integrated water resources management.</p>
Duration:	30 Minute Presentation - 60 Minute Discussion
Objectives:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Define integrated water resources management within the broader context of development 2. Appreciate the complexity of the IWRM process 3. Examine the key elements of the IWRM process insights
Course Material:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic Synthesis: attached • Power Point Presentation: attached
Resource Person:	
Learning Methods:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On site learning; Discussion with participants regarding concepts and implementation of IWRM in their setting
Background Reading:	
References:	
Other Links:	