

## Annex 4

### Questions circulated to the project coordinators in July 2005 by EU-INCO staff on behalf of the panel

Dear coordinator,

The EC has entrusted a review of international research projects related to Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) to an international panel of renowned experts in order to assess what has been learned over the years from international S&T cooperation in relation to IWRM and how useful and effective the research has been in informing societal and technological innovation in the context of the macro-goals of sustainable development and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The review is presented at the research website of the EU Water Initiative at <http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/water-initiative>. Please note that the **purpose is not to criticise individual projects** but rather to analyse any trends in understanding and joint learning on IWRM throughout 3 research framework programmes, which could be useful to many types of public interested in IWRM, not the least for the internal purposes of the project collaborations themselves.

The panel devised a conceptual approach and broad scoring methodology to be able to extract trends from the diverse written material about the projects available to it in the form of final reports (most FP4/FP5), progress reports (FP5/FP6) or technical annexes of new projects (FP6 only). That material is not very outspoken on impact beyond the research teams themselves and often under-reports on how research results are being communicated other than through scientific publications in order to ease access of citizens.

Such information would much increase the value of various written outputs from the review process intended for large audiences of water professionals, policy makers, and citizens (through technical reports, policy briefs, general public brochure) and presentations at the World Water Forum IV (WWF4) in Mexico in March 2006. The panel will have two more working sessions - 19-21 September and 24-28 October - to complete the essence of its analysis and draft the texts which will then be vetted by a diverse external mirror group.

Therefore, the panel would much appreciate if you would be able to **provide specific information** within the next 2-3 weeks - **preferably before 19 September** - that helps answer the **following questions**:

1. What has been communicated (and how) to diverse stakeholders about integrated water resources management and associated concepts integrating knowledge in interdisciplinary ways?
2. How have the ideas, skills and tools developed through the project enhanced the development or implementation of locally consistent IWRM?
3. Has your project been able to make connections between traditional and culturally embedded knowledge and technological research findings and if so, which?

4. Have such ideas been taken up by managers, policy makers, educators? If so, please explain.
5. Has the project contributed to capacity building legacy? If so, how?
6. Has the project resulted in longer-term institutional cooperation?
7. What do you think is the most enduring legacy of the project (political, social, economic, scientific, connections to traditional knowledge)?
8. Do you have any specific local, 'grass-root' experience that would be valuable as case material for the WWF4 discussions?
9. Would you like to recommend any specific type of approach arising from the experience of having (or not) impact on discourse and action outside science to be taken into account for future research (e.g. FP7)?