

Recommendations from the session
Session FT 4. 10 “Water accounting and information platforms”

The water environment crisis is mainly a problem of governance.

- The crisis in most of the world will continue if current growth patterns persist.
- The availability of water resources is continuously diminishing therefore environmental services provided by water will decline as a result of population growth, poor management and resultant environmental deterioration.
- Lack of reliable information on the water environment hinders timely and adequate decision making.

At the global scale, the challenges are:

- To promote awareness of all stakeholders and to raise the necessary political will to meet commitments concerning the water environment.
- To develop appropriate criteria based on adequate water accounting for the formulation of policies for achieving a sustainable water environment.
- To integrate, structuralize and provide diverse information, both quantitative and qualitative on the needs of water environments in a systematic manner.

Therefore; all session participants recommend:

- To arrange information platforms and to develop international partnerships of various scales.
- To take into consideration local/regional characteristics and cultural backgrounds when formulating policy objectives.
- To promote intergovernmental cooperation with regards to the water environment as water does not recognize political boundaries.