

Ramsar and water debate

- Move from presenting issues e.g. Loss of wetlands to solutions and wise investment
- Market as future “Ramsar water initiative” to raise profile
- Link to other initiatives SDGs, groundwater
- Select few specific actions to take forward
- Identify who is going act (Secretariat, Contracting Parties (focal points), partners

Specific actions

- Secretariat

Global – Convention on Water, SGDs

Call for global action plan to protect wetlands/water

- Focal points

Planning, river basin management

- Partners

Training Ramsar certification for training modules

Case studies

- Global

Wetlands as solutions to water issues,
good investment

- Regional

Transboundary water (groundwater?)

- National

Mexico planning

- Specific

Danone water management

Water Initiative messages

- Natural infrastructure
- Solutions
- Public/private partnerships

- Technical expertise
- Call to action at political level

Next steps

- Finalise report as Annex
- Produce 2 page action plan
- Format appropriate for COP
- Session at COP
- Need deadlines for COP papers

- Produce case study examples for COP?
- Don't have ecosystem session at WWForum, but influence other speakers (Mexican gov., Danone)

Briefing Note on strategy for engaging on the global water agenda

| Current status | Next steps | Who/When |
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| Consultant report (draft) | Receive additional feedback from STRP and finalize as an Annex | Task leaders by Sept. 30 |
| Shortlist of opportunities (strategic alliances) | Develop 2-page action plan with relevant opportunities, such as: SDG process, World Water Forum, Mexican experience with water allocation & regional dialogues, training public-private partnerships, etc. | Working group (Mike Acreman) + other interested STRP members by Nov. 2014 |
| | Feedback on action plan and a potential Ramsar water initiative | Ramsar Secretariat By Jan. 2015 |
| | Submit Briefing Note Decide on a side event at the COP12 | Task leaders/Feb. 2015 |