

Lake Basin e-Forum, Preliminary Report
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The lake basin e-Forum was launched on World Water Day 2005 (22 March) with an introductory message from the LakeNet moderators. In addition to announcing the availability of Lake Basin Management Initiative draft documents available on LakeNet's website (www.worldlakes.org) and the GEF International Waters Program Study, the moderators invited participants to introduce themselves and to identify potential topics for further discussion. A total of 15 out of 30 participants responded with personal introductions.

In April 2005, LakeNet introduced a second dialogue topic by asking participants to review a preliminary list of topics for structured learning activities. A total of seven out of the 30 participants responded with a list of priority topics. The results were tallied to generate a preliminary list of priority topics for further discussion at the Third IW Conference in Brazil. All seven topics received at least one vote.

Priority Topics for Structured Learning Activities

Priority 1

- Country ownership and stakeholder involvement (5 votes)

Priority 2

- Coherent, transparent and practicable project design (4 votes)
- Institutional sustainability (4 votes)

Priority 3

- Incorporation of monitoring & evaluation procedures (3 votes)
- Cost-effectiveness and leverage (2 votes)
- Achievement of global benefits (2 votes)

Priority 4

- Replication and catalysis (1 vote)

Other comments:

"I find that all of the seven topics contained in Lisa's message are very important and interesting...Having said this, I do think that our colleagues actually working on the projects in the field should select the topics that are the highest priority items and most useful for them." --Juha Uitto