



Role of Public Involvement *in* the GEF IW Project Cycle

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Objectives of Presentation

- ◆ Determine how to integrate GEF and others' expectations for public involvement into one's own GEF IW project .
- ◆ Identify which public involvement tools/techniques might be appropriate or effective (for certain purposes) at each phase of GEF IW project cycle.
- ◆ Select 1 or more involvement actions which could be adapted to one's own project at a certain project phase.
- ◆ Identify another participant here who could provide peer assistance to you in implementing such action(s).

GEF Principles for Involvement

- ◆ Enhance projects' social, environmental, financial **sustainability**.
- ◆ **Responsibility** of country governments & project executing agencies.
- ◆ Activities designed and implemented for **flexibility**, adapting and responding to national and local conditions and to project requirements
- ◆ **Transparency** and **openness** in deliberation and implementation
- ◆ **Documentation** of public involvement activities...

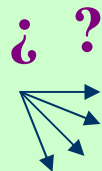
GEF Policy on Public Involvement

- ◆ All GEF-financed projects will provide for:
 - ◆ [1] full disclosure and dissemination of non-confidential information, and
 - ◆ [2] consultation with, and [3] participation (as appropriate) of, major groups and local communities throughout the project cycle.
- ◆ BUT little GEF guidance on *how* to do so...

GEF IW Project Cycle/Phases

Provisions for Involvement

Disclosure and
Dissemination of
Information



Consultation with
Stakeholders



Participation of
Stakeholders



Project Preparation

TDA Preparation

SAP Preparation

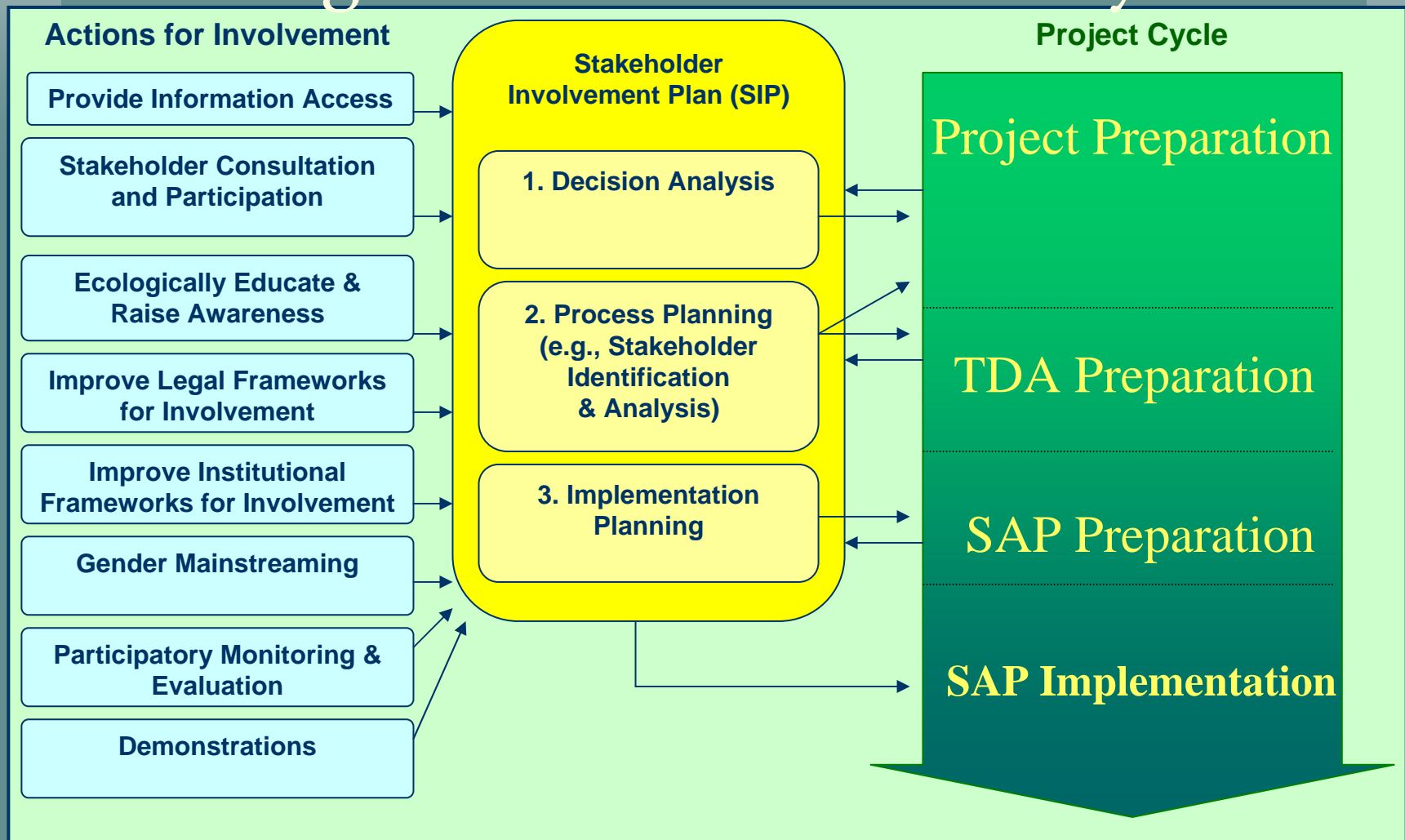
SAP Implementation

Recognize
Transboundary
Concerns

Underlying
Root
Causes

Feasible
Options for
Intervention

Stakeholder Involvement Plan: Integrates Actions with Cycle



Where do these actions fit in your cycle?

Actions for Involvement

Provide Information Access

Stakeholder Consultation
and Participation

Ecologically Educate &
Raise Awareness

Improve Legal Frameworks
for Involvement

Improve Institutional
Frameworks for Involvement

Gender Mainstreaming

Participatory Monitoring &
Evaluation

Demonstrations

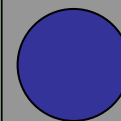
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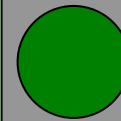
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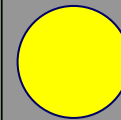
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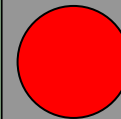
= Desired



= Successful



= Partially
Successful



= Unsuccessful

Example

Tool (examples)	USE IN PROJECT PREPARATION (Project Phase 1)
Access to Information/Strategic Communications	
Stakeholder Identification and Analysis	 
Stakeholder Consultations/Participation in Decision-making	
Education and Awareness Raising	  

Latin America's Results



What about YOU?



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Example:

- During TDA preparation, we provide researchers transboundary access to national water quality information.

Use in Project Preparation

Information Access	Guinea current LME, DLIST (website, workshops etc), Volta Basin (country profiles – assembly of info), Nile Basin Initiative (assess what exists – ID gaps. Criteria developed for selecting projects – win-win solutions), Lake Chad Basin Commission (info available in the HQ), BCLME (2 nd phase has a SH participation plan in place), Tanganyika (assessment of available info, access to info should become legally binding), Okavango (assess what exists, communities approached govs for SH P, 2-way provision of info)
Consultation/Participation	Okavango consulted w/Angolans at start of project, DLIST (consultation an essential component)
Educate & Raise-Awareness	NBI (specific project which developed various tools for awareness raising in each basin state, Nile Basin Discourse), ERHIP (Socio-ecological survey in the 3 basin states – exchange of info & ID gaps. Long time needed – ongoing.), BCLME (road shows & socio-economic survey to gain understanding of knowledge gaps), Okavango (taken up during the SH P phases, challenge is to provide alternatives to local people eg – if you cant bath in the river then where do you take a bath? Has to create the conditions (infrastructure) for it to work), African Governance Project (training for journalists – targeted for leveraging effect), DLIST (different channels for different audiences – need ot incorporate various other channels – drama, radio etc. Distance learning programmes), BCLME (information exchange, NBI (development of training materials for awareness raising)

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Consultation/Participation	Benguela developed Stakeholder Involvement Plan.
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How do you plan to apply these actions?

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Session Answered These Questions:

- ◆ How have YOU pursued these involvement activities? At what project phase? (How successful was it?)
- ◆ Which activities could help your project realize your project objectives, at current and future project phases?
- ◆ Who here could help you to do so?



Any other questions,
comments or insights?