

IWRM – Dresden 2011

Closing remarks

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An IWRM conference – what is it?

50 or 200 participants?

> 350 abstracts

> 300 participants

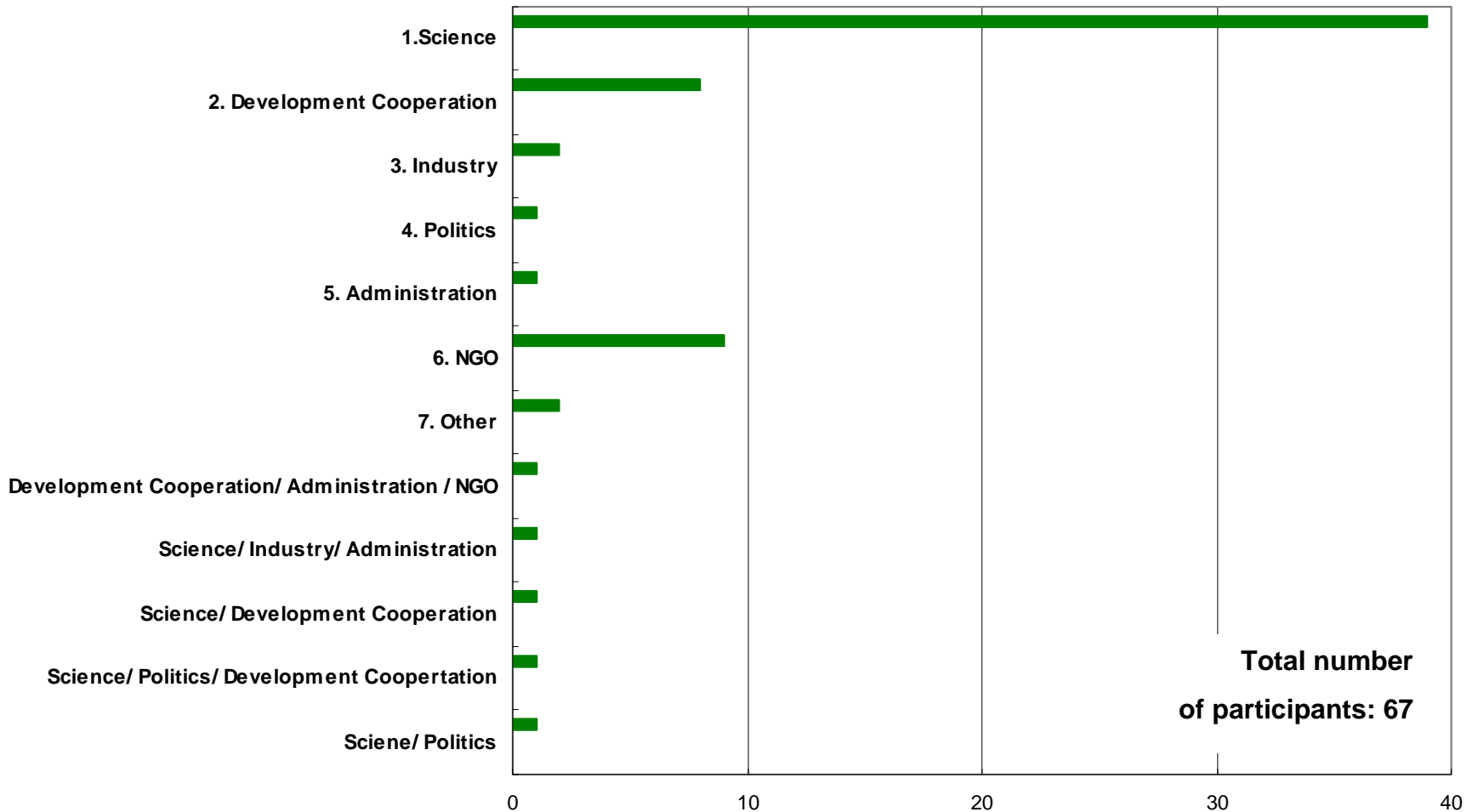
95 oral presentations

60 papers recommended for publication

IWRM Questionnaire



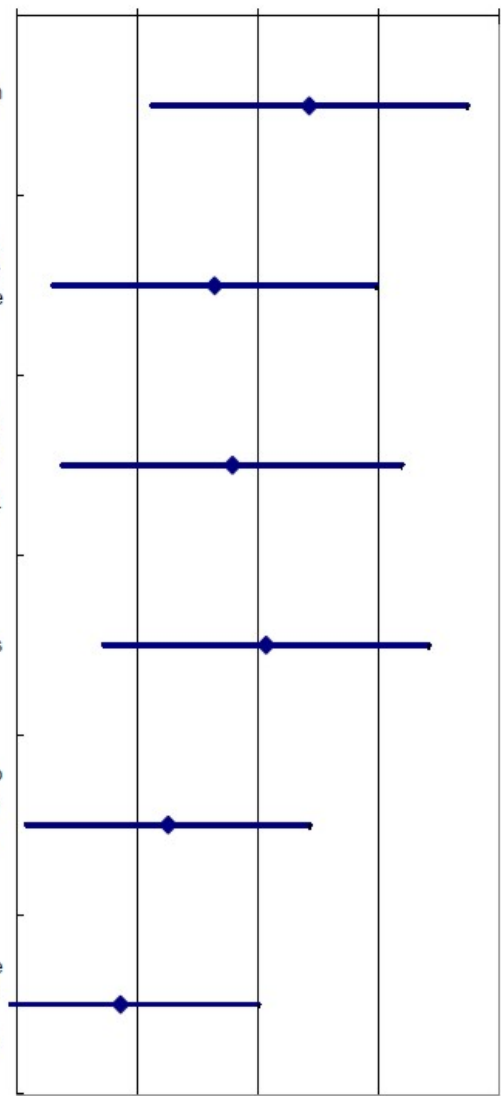
Participation in the Questionnaire by Target Group



Evaluation of questionnaire I

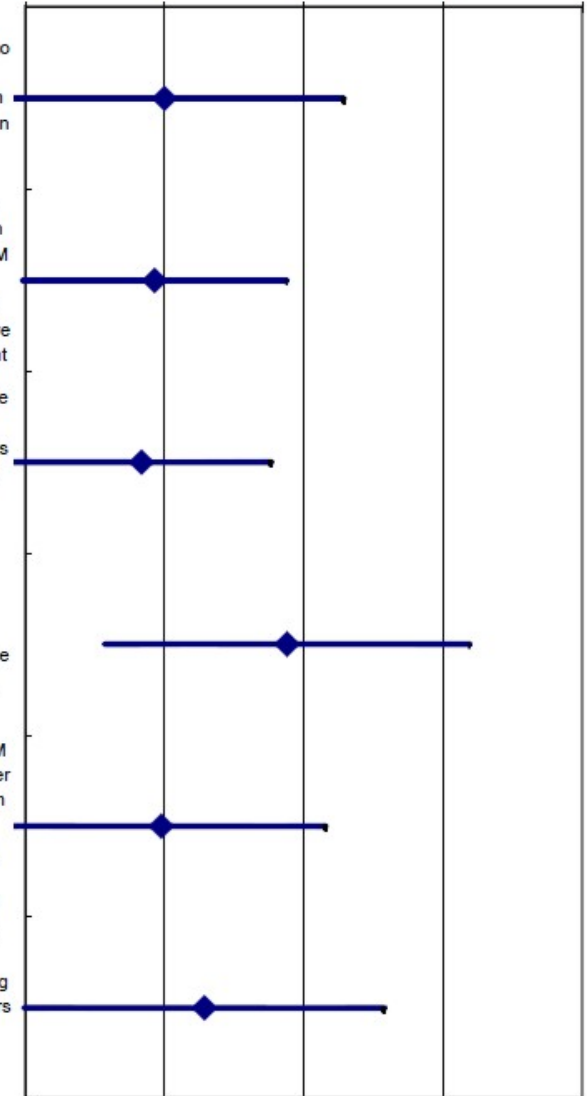
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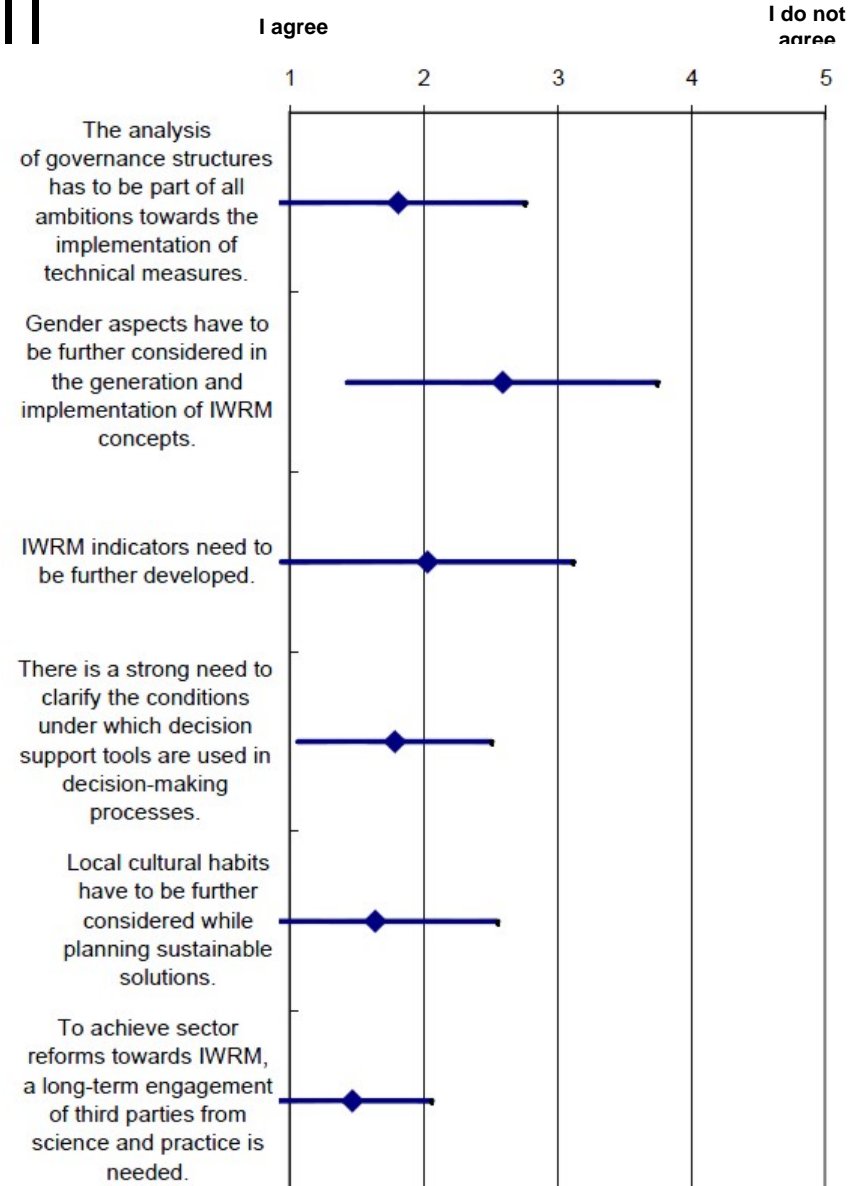
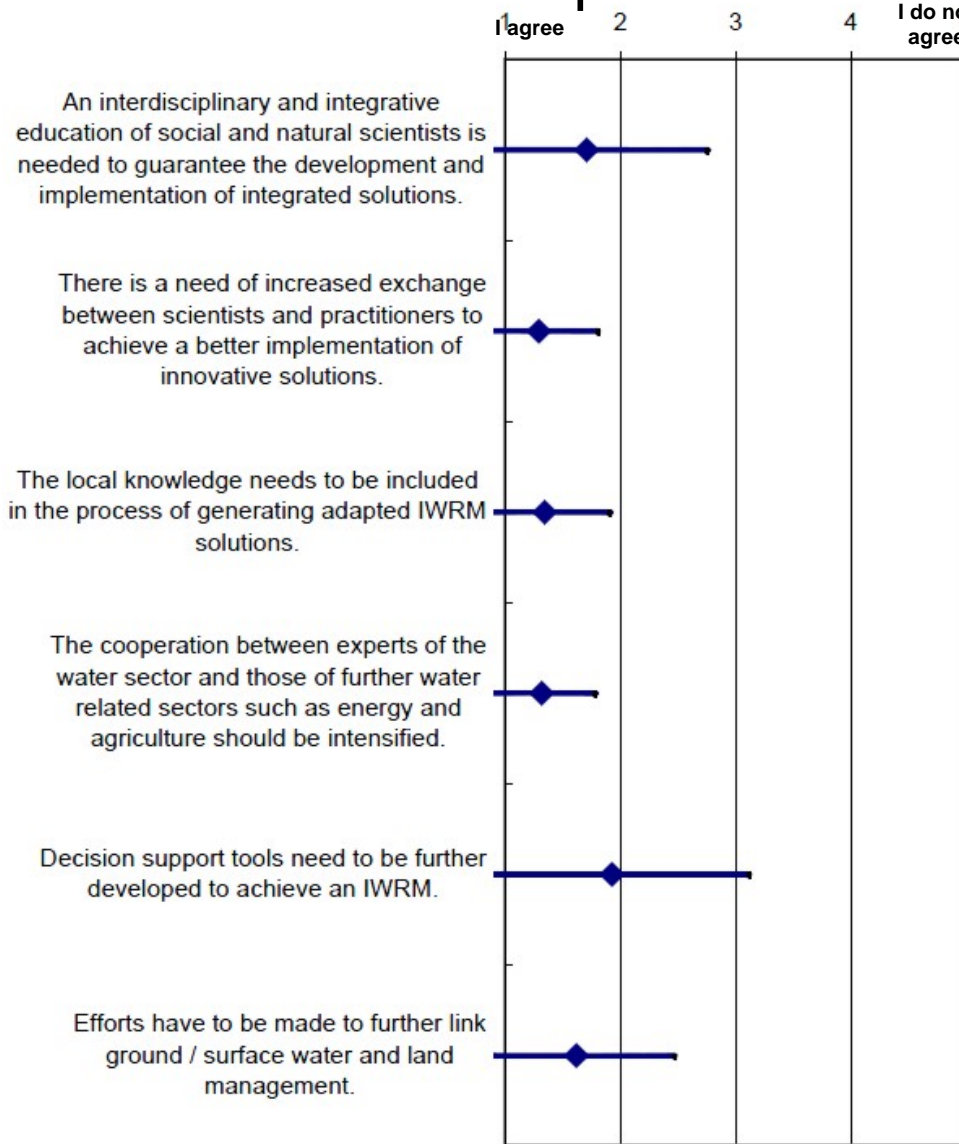


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Evaluation of questionnaire II



Question: If you have further or alternative comments regarding *lessons learnt*, please note them here...

→ 47 comments ...

Example comments on *lessons learned*

- IWRM has been very much talk show and lost its credentials. Therefore, there is need to stress once more its importance at the highest international level, maybe General Assembly of UN or Rio - 2012 conference
- need more long-term funding 3(+3) years is not enough
- Indigenous wisdom is superior to "scientific" wisdom because this is empirical, time tested, location specific, integrated and optimal for a given spatio-temporal context. Knowledge systems should be allowed to evolve and not virtually acquired as is the case today.
- IWRM research projects have limited direct effect on practical IWRM implementation, but are helpful to better formulate policies

Example comments on *lessons learned*

- Decision support tools need to be further developed to achieve an IWRM: They need simplification for preplanning phases where data availability is scarce
- ...The other problem is too many overlaps and uncovered sectors within the institutions ...
- ... capture evidence what works... communicate and share lessons in ways that catalyze action at local, national and basin levels.
- ... Ensure that institutions are accountable to their commitments, ...
- ... Develop incentives that reward those managing watersheds sustainability

To scientists

- Keep on working on relevant topics and tools
- Try to cover the entire picture
- Improve co-operation with institutions, authorities and operators
- Communicate results and findings not only to scientific community

To politics and authorities

- IWRM must be on the agenda
- Science is able to provide support in relevant water questions
- Science is ready to co-operate

For Bonn

- We must prepare a strong statement !

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