

# Water & Sanitation Forum Launching Workshop

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# Water & Sanitation Forum

- Water has been and is a major issue in our country in terms of reducing poverty particularly women and children.
- Access to clean water and sanitation stand at 52 %and 17 % respectively
- Although NGOs contribute significantly to the water sector which amount 1/3 of the budget to the sector their contributions are not well organized and communicated.

# Objective of the Forum

- To engage in shared learning and promotion of best experiences in the sector;
- To engage in joint advocacy and lobbying in the sector ;
- To networking and build partnership among members for better coordination and collective impact in WASH sector; and
- To show the role and contribution of CSOs/NGOs in WASH sector

# Areas of engagement

- Learning , documentation and information sharing
- Joint training
- Advocacy and lobbying
- Joint Research
- Code of conduct regarding standards and quality control
- Collaboration with international similar forums/networks/coalitions/groups

# Roles and Responsibilities

- Steering committee members
  - Seven members
  - Meets every month
- Coordinator
  - CRDA assign full time
  - Represents forum at relevant networks and monitors the financial status of the forum

# Thematic Group

- Research, advocacy and lobbying Thematic Group
  - Advocacy and lobbying
  - Joint Research
- Learning, documentation and awareness raising Thematic Group
  - Developing standards and quality control
  - Learning , documentation and information sharing
  - Joint training
- Coordination and networking Thematic Group
  - Collaboration with similar forums/networks/coalitions/groups

# General Assembly

- The General Assembly, which represents all members of the forum, will be called bi-annually to endorse the annual action plan, budget and report presented by the SC

## Forum Steering Committee

- Keep all members of the Forum engaged in the process of its functioning
- Closely work with the Networking, Policy Research, and Advocacy Department (NePRAD) of CRDA;
- Ensures balanced sharing of responsibilities among the various Thematic Groups;
- Informs member organizations on the resource requirements
- Represents the CRDA Membership, as required, in areas of Water and Sanitation and its engagement areas;

# Forum Coordinator

- Creates contacts with other CRDA forums and networks
- Serves as a point of reference on forum related matters
- Links the forum with the CRDA Secretariat
- Assists thematic groups

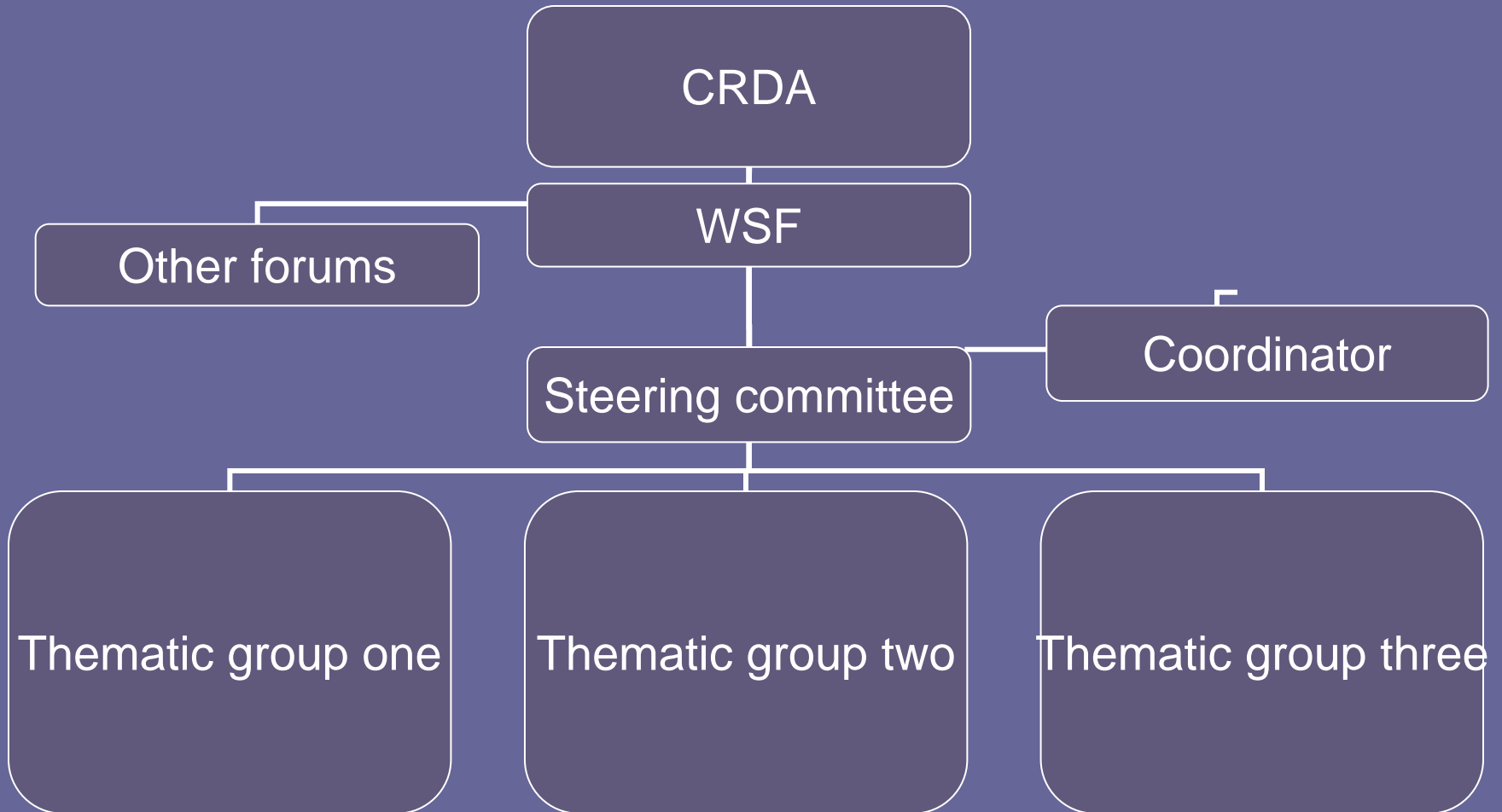
# Relation with other forums/networks

- The forum will be represented by its chairperson and forum coordinator and other concerned delegated SC members to the meeting of all forums within and outside CRDA;
- The networking, policy research and advocacy department of CRDA and/or the forum coordinator shall facilitate experience sharing among the forums within and outside CRDA;
- The forum, in collaboration with other forums, may organize special meetings whenever they experience collective issues and concerns that need the involvement and joint action of more than one forum;

# Membership

- Membership to the WSHF shall be upon submission of application to the forum coordinator and upon approval by the Steering Committee.

# Structure of the WSF



# Major Plan of Action for 2008

- **Advocacy and lobbying**

- Advocate and lobby for more effective and efficient resource allocation and utilization in the WatSan sector
- Advocate for updated coverage & access data owned by all stakeholders in all forms and appropriate networks
- Advocate for better sector coordination & more effective networks/forums
- Follow-up and contribute for the implementation of the MOU
- Advocate for the proclamation of Regional laws legalizing WatSan coms.
- Contribute & participate in National dialogues (e.g EUWI)

# Major Plan of Action 2008

- **Research, Documentation and Learning**
  - Co-finance, review and disseminate WatSan committees training and guiding manuals
  - Undertake an assessment on constraints of policy implementation
  - Share and document best practices, approaches, methods and innovations to WSF members and other partners
  - Update the directory of CRDA members (& others) working in the WatSan sector
  - Make an assessment on national WASH implementation process: challenges and lessons

# Major Plan of Action for 2008

- **Coordination and Networking**
  - Establish links with selected stakeholders including GO, research, academic
  - Develop directory of members (Lead Secretariat)
  - Closely work with WASH movement
  - Establish linkages with national, international programs/networks for sharing info/K/technologies and best practices (Lead CRDA)

# Major Action Plan for 2008

- **Capacity Building**

- Strengthening the internal capacity of WSF Secretariat
- Organize experience sharing visits within the country on different thematic areas for WSF members and partners
- Enhance WSF resource mobilization capacity to ensure its sustainability