

Irrigation Management Strategy in Sindh- a step towards water policy in Sindh

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Why policy and strategy? Rationale

- Importance of water in Sindh
- Challenges/opportunities facing sector
 - Climate change
 - Distributional equity
 - Governance
 - Use of technology
 - Scarcity
 - Increased demands- drivers of increased demand include: population rise, more urbanization, changed cropping pattern and intensity, increased food demand, environmental issues such as soil salinity
- In wake of these- need new direction which take all stakeholders along
- Defining purpose, principles, strategies and action plans

Process of Irrigation Strategy Formulation

- Broader framework
- Expert led Consultations with
 - Irrigation Department
 - SIDA
 - Area Water Boards
 - Agriculture Department
- Farmers Representatives
- Civil Society

Elements of Irrigation management strategy

- Set water resource management in place
- Manage the essential irrigation assets/protecting resource base
- Institutional Right-Setting
- Get the financing system right
- Enhance human resource capacity
- Management based on information/knowledge base
- Develop water resources outside IBIS and
- revitalize agriculture.

Next Steps

- Discussions on IWRM with various stakeholders
- Background studies and sector reviews
- Consultations with Irrigation Engineers
- Coordination with other departments:
 - Public Health Engineering,
 - Local Government,
 - Environment,
 - Industries,
 - KWSB,
 - Farmers, Fisherfolk
 - other stakeholders