FACTSHEET: INTEGRITY FRAMEWORK FOR WATER STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVES

STAKEHOLDER TOOL

A series of guidelines and tools that help to ensure equity in negotiations and to clarify and manage partner relationships in water stewardship initiatives with private sector partners, for more integrity.

WHO IT'S FOR:

Stakeholders from different sectors, who are involved in or launching a water stewardship initiative.

WHEN TO USE IT:

- When setting up a water stewardship initiative, as a means to find common ground, define stakeholder roles and responsibilities, and avoid common integrity pitfalls.
- When members of a water stewardship initiative want to assess the level of integrity and its impact on effectiveness and sustainability.
- When activities are stalled because of integrity issues or when the effectiveness, stakeholders, or reputation of a water stewardship initiative are called into question.

EXPECTED RESULTS:

- Increased trust through open and transparent communication among partners.
- Increased integrity, improved systematic management of processes.
- Structured processes and clarified objectives, defined roles and responsibilities of different stakeholders.

HOW IT WORKS:

Water stewardship initiatives may face a range of integrity risks throughout their lifecycle. Generally these risks are related to how stakeholders interact, how they understand the impact of their partners' work on their own activities and reputation, or how the activities of the initiative relate to its stated objectives.

The Integrity Framework for Water Stewardship Initiatives is a set of resources to evaluate the practice and establishment of a stewardship initiative in line with seven principles:

- Outcomes aligned with public policy goals
- Balanced interests
- Clarity and transparency of partner roles
- Ethos of trust
- Clear and transparent scope and boundaries
- Clear and transparent governance arrangements
- Outcomes tracked against stated objectives

This evaluation helps Water Stewardship stakeholders to get a good understanding of integrity risks related to stakeholders and initiative governance.

Stakeholders can use the Framework to jointly plan activities to improve integrity at each lifecycle phase. The Framework includes a set of templates and tools to support these activities.

Integrity Framework

The resources included in the Integrity Framework include:

- Descriptions of typical integrity risk areas for different phases of an initiative's lifecycle
- Guiding questions to evaluate the initiative and the risks it faces
- A set of operating principles for sustainability and integrity
- Descriptions of key activities that initiative stakeholders can take to abide by the operating principles
- Tools and templates to support implementation of the key activities.

HOW WIN & PARTNERS SUPPORT:

The Integrity Framework for Water Stewardship is a **flexible approach** that can be tailored to different types of partnerships, and can **easily be adapted to different countries and contexts.**

WIN and its partners support adaptations and work with organizations to facilitate workshops, providing facilitators and mentoring support.

How it was developed and tested:

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The Integrity Framework for Water Stewardship Initiatives is part of a set of tested water integrity tools to help water sector organizations around the world engage stakeholders, assess their needs and issues, and create action plans for better water management.

STAKEHOLDER ALIGNMENT

INTEGRITY ASSESSMENT

INTEGRITY ACTION

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