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**Accelerating progress on water related goals: Knowledge, networks  
and capacity building**

**Networking, partnering and building capacities to accelerate progress**

- We have reports on achievements..
- But we still have long way to go
- Do we implement our agreed Strategic Approach?
- Are we adopting a Program Based Approach or we will continue working on Project Based Solutions? (the relationship with the funding agencies)
- We are not building on the lessons learned:
  - Stakeholders engagement??
  - Real partnerships in the implementation
  - Sharing resources to ensure the full support to vulnerable communities
  - Can we think “Nexus” at the thematic and at the engagement as well?
  - There are thousands of small scale innovative initiatives, are we interested in scaling up?

# Knowledge, Networking and Capacity Development is a Key..

Investing in the CSO engagement can make a difference in the implementation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> term through:

- Benefitting from the so many innovative initiatives proved through the small, medium and even large scale projects
- Promoting a coordination and collaboration mechanisms among various stakeholders to effectively be part of a real implementation
- Enhancing regional “cross-border” cooperation
- knowledge management and science to policy will remain a challenge which needs a “Political Will”

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- Empowering the role of CSOs at the implementation. (Regional and financing institutions)
- Enhancing the healthy dialogue at national and local levels to ensure the full engagement of the stakeholders involving the women and youth groups.
- Facilitating a process of capacity development to secure the sustainability.
- Focus should be made on ESD to get more visibility and dissemination of knowledge.
- Establish a mechanism of incentives to encourage the public to be more proactive on the approach.
- More engagement from the MPs and media is crucial for mainstreaming.



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***Thank you for your attention!***

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