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Session wrap-up

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Session 2.2.3 - Putting the water-energy nexus into practice. Economic and policy incentives



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- An enabling environment is key to implementation of various water policies
- Session has explored approaches to increasing public awareness and stimulating development of economic and policy incentives that maximize benefits and minimize trade-offs across the water, energy (and food, ecosystems) nexus
- Implementation Roadmap for session follow-up identifies the objective of
 - increased awareness and development of economic and policy incentives which maximize benefits and minimize trade-offs across the water-energy (and food, ecosystems) nexus



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- **Actions expected**

- Develop and test frameworks with key partners in public and private sectors to enable assessment of trade-offs and identification of operational arrangements that address the core needs of each actor in the water-energy (and food) nexus -- [04.2015-12.2016 by IWA, IUCN, UNECE, World Bank, etc.](#)
- Develop guidance and recommendations on policies and incentives to help to move towards more efficient, cost-effective and sustainable provision of water and energy services -- [04.2015-12.2016, by IWA, IUCN, UNECE, World Bank, OECD, etc.](#)
- Convene a dialogue (building on existing initiatives such as Nexus Dialogue on Water Infrastructure Solutions) to explore and shape possible policy actions and investment pathways in water-energy (and food) nexus projects, while aligning with development priorities -- [04.2015-06.2018 by IWA, IUCN, UNECE, World Bank, GEF, ADB, Financial institutions, etc.](#)



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- Indicators and targets
 - Number of publications providing guidance and recommendations
 - By end of 2015, a set of papers providing recommendations and guidance on policies and incentives for more efficient, cost-effective and sustainable provision of water and energy services
 - Number of stakeholders engaging with dialogue platform
 - By end of 2015, at least 100 stakeholders engaged in dialogue platform



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- **Communication Plan**

- Outputs from discussions at World Water Forum will be communicated and promoted through the Nexus Dialogue on Water Infrastructure Solutions (www.waternexussolutions.org), as well as other nexus platforms such as www.water-energy-food.org
- Follow up of discussions especially in relation to the global platform and guidance and recommendations will take place at World Water Week, IWA Development Congress and other events
- Information gathered during the Forum and through the IR will be incorporated into a publication being developed by IUCN/IWA which examines sectoral and integrated best practice, and to make insightful connections between the sectoral components of the nexus. They will need to identify and analyse the main drivers for joint solutions, and opposing factors for working together.