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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?
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Investing in the CSO engagement can make a difference in the implementation of the 2\textsuperscript{nd} 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.
Thank you for your attention!

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