

BRIGHT – special thematic groups

Agenda

- Objectives: cross-sectional and specific thematic topics,
- finalizing your thematic group,
- proposal activities and outputs within the specific thematic group

Objectives

Cross-sectional topics:

- General lecture on Basin Management Planning
- Lectures on elements of basin management planning

Special thematic groups are expected to:

- Draft and present basin challenge under each thematic topic.
- Design approaches, guided by IHE coaches.
- Collect and analyse data, assess gaps, review best practices, and outline conceptual approaches and roles.
- Develop the approach, draft deliverables, and receive weekly IHE staff feedback.
- Present results of their group work.

Thematic groups

Specialist thematic topic	Participants	Coach
S1. Basin restoration	Temesgen (Awash), Abrha (Omo), <u>Yibeltal (Abbay)</u> , <u>Molla (Abbay)</u> , Tesfaye A. Denbel (RVL)	Abebe, Pieter
S2. WEFE nexus	Asmare (Tekeze), Zemenay (Omo)	?Seleshi
S3. Geospatial data and RS	<u>Ayalneh (Tekeze)</u> , <u>Merhawit (Tekeze)</u> , Tesfaye D. Getie (Omo), Samson (Omo), Haymanot Z. (Awash), Melaku (Abbay)	Solomon
S4. Groundwater	Degefom (Tekeze), Tolesa (Awash), Adula (RVL), Getahun (Omo)	?Brindha
S5. Water pollution	Gecho (Awash), <u>Meron (RVL)</u> , <u>Abebe (RVL)</u> , <u>Andualem (RVL)</u> , <u>Zelalem (Abbay)</u>	?Raj
S6. Large cities	Haymanot T. (Abbay), Fisiha (Awash)	Nora/Pieter

Exercise

- Get in your thematic groups
- Discuss what are the challenges in the 5 river basins related to the thematic groups (20 min)
- Come up with approaches to address the challenges
- Revise the thematic grouping if the current grouping need to be revised or not

Assignment for next week:
Co-Planning Your Specialistic thematic
Work (Next Week – End of December)

Task (in your specialist thematic group)

By next week, prepare and present a draft plan for what you want to do from next week until the mid of December.

1. **Specialist thematic topic & Basin Link**

- Which specialist thematic topic (e.g. restoration, WEFEE nexus, groundwater, pollution, geospatial/RS, large cities, ...)
- How does this topic link to the respective basin(s) of the team members.

Task (in your specialist thematic group)

2. What You will do as a team, also individually contributing to your respective basins:

- Key challenge(s) you want to address
- Key activities you plan to carry out (literature / case review, data/gap analysis, concept/method development, etc.).
- Your suggestion on how you will work with basin teams and IHE staff as coaches.

Task (in your specialist thematic group)

3. What will you produce as

- The main outputs (e.g. short thematic note or Challenge Brief input, simple framework/checklist, key points/figures for basin plans, slides for BRIGHT Challenge).

4. Proposed steps and timeline (Next – mid of December)

- Outline the **main steps** you propose to take, not in detail but clearly enough to co-plan together.

What to Present Next Week

- A **10 minute group presentation** summarizing:
 - Your topic & basin link
 - Your planned activities
 - Your expected outputs.
 - What support you need – from your coaches
 - How frequent to meet
 - Work schedule