

## **Improving Legal and Regulatory Efficiency for Water Resource Management in India Workshop**

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### **OVERVIEW**

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#### **Program Goal:**

The training program will provide participants, drawn from a targeted pool of diverse water resource management stakeholders, with the practical tools and legal knowledge to make effective use of integrated water resource development and management strategies, so as to contribute to the judicious management, allocation and utilization of India's water resources.

#### **Program Objectives:**

Program participants will be empowered to:

- + articulate and apply legal principles for integrated water resource development and management;
- + detail legal, financial and administrative strategies and tools for efficient and equitable water assessment, allocation, reallocation, control and access to water services;
- + describe the limits and threats of decentralization and the role of the private sector in water resource management;
- + analyze and make effective use of various tools for appropriate public decision making in this field;
- + outline the impact of public economic law on water resources and water provision services; and
- + describe effective legislative approaches to water pollution prevention and control and understand the role of subsidiary legislation.

#### **Program Content:**

The program will be structured on three modules:

- 1- Introductory module: Water Regulatory Issues and Contemporary Problems (1/2 day)
- 2- Integrated Water Resources Planning and Management (2 days)
- 3- Public Private Partnerships and the Role of Private Sector in Water Rights (2 days)

The issues addressed during the one-week workshop will include:

- (i) water governance and sustainable water development: particularly, the role, responsibilities and relationship between public authorities, operators, consumers/users and civil society;
- (ii) best practices in water resources management;
- (iii) public-private partnerships and private sector management of water resources;
- (iv) aspects of decentralization of water resource management; and
- (v) regional vs. international aspects of water law implementation, particularly with respect to monitoring obligations.

IDLO will employ its unique participatory and problem-solving training methodology which revolves around performance and instructional objectives. Plenary training sessions will be coupled with case studies, role plays, simulated exercises, and group discussions.

**Program Participants:**

Approximately 20 participants will be selected from a range of stakeholders in water resource management in India. They will include senior officials, bureaucrats, or engineers working in water resource management at the national, provincial and municipal levels; as well as representatives of the relevant Ministries, water supply corporations, municipal departments in charge of water policy and allocation, private sector contractors involved in water service provision and relevant civil society representatives.