

Report from Working Group 3

Designing the Water Portal for the
Water Web Site

Water Information Summit

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Group Process

Purpose

Overall:

In light of the world's water crisis, enable nations to pursue the World's Water Vision

Portal:

Provide a trusted and authoritative resource

Workgroup:

Recommend how to take current website the next step towards an international portal

Audience

- Primary: Watershed and citizen leaders
- Secondary: Researchers, scientists, students

Recommendation: Develop and Implement Grant Proposal

- Objective: Fund and maintain website
- Proposal development by small work group
- Approval by Consortium Advisory Committee
- Submitted by IWRN
- Website work by design team (members and hired student/consultant)

Principles

- Better categorization of links
- Easy browsing and searching
- Neutral look and feel
- Design using current best practice
- Usable by wide range of users
- Test user community;construct virtual user
- Develop guidelines for content (links)

Content of Portal

- Water law, regulations, policy
- Best management practices
- Planning
- Lessons learned, case studies
- Data and map resources
- State of the water: indicators, trends, forecasts
- Finance/fundraising
- Communication, outreach
- Events calendar
- Services, Contacts for networking

Key Features

- Stakeholder pages for consortium members
- Dynamic What's New- periodic updates on new links and news headlines

Website Structure

- Gateway Page: unique logo, language selector
- Main Page
- Links accessed by organization, geography, topic, search
- Submission form

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