

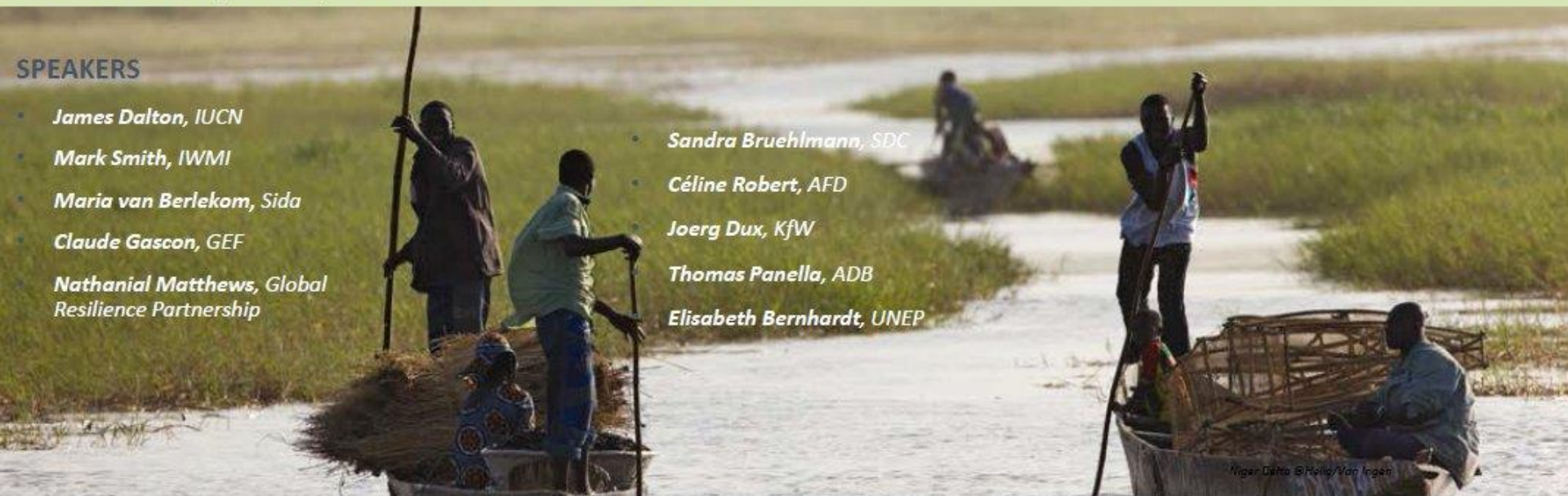
Water, Biodiversity & Development: A magic formula for the SDGs?

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The breadth of the sustainable development goals demands that collaboration for water, ecosystems and development objectives improves radically. Ensuring this happens will require a paradigm shift in how IWRM performs. Can conservation be better articulated as a key development issue – which IWRM can deliver?

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PANEL 1





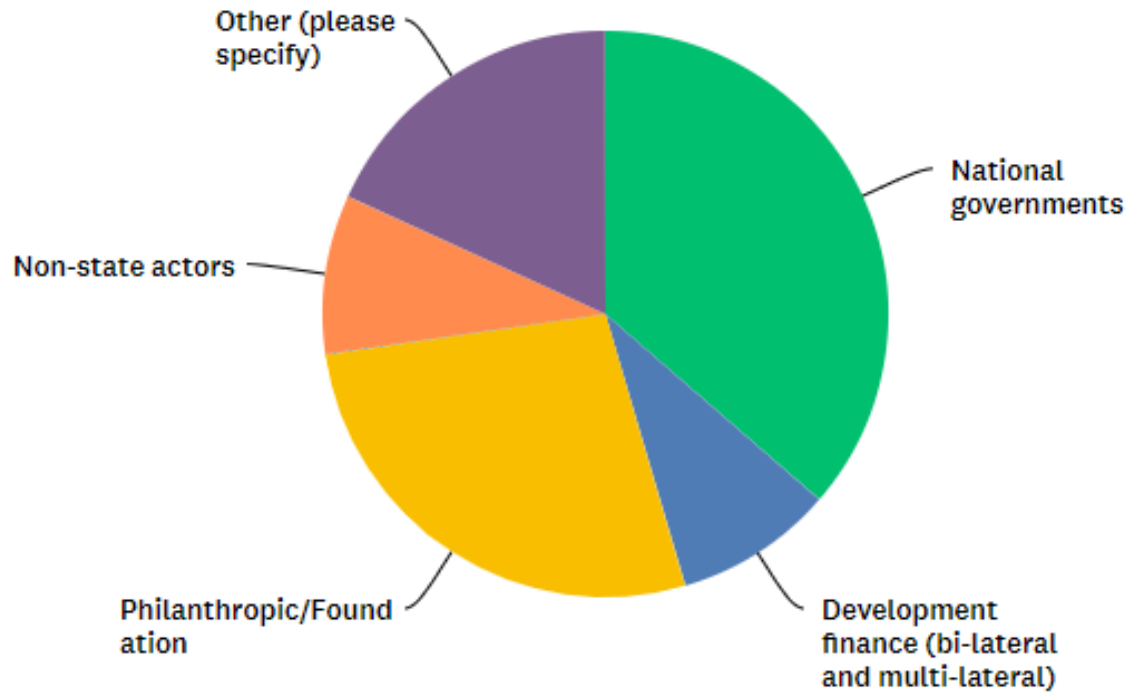
Question for the audience

Q1: Who do you think invests the most in freshwater conservation?

- **National Governments**
 - **Development finance (bi-lateral and multi-lateral)**
 - **Philanthropic/Foundation**
 - **Private Sector**
 - **Non-State Actors**
 - **Other**
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Pre-poll result

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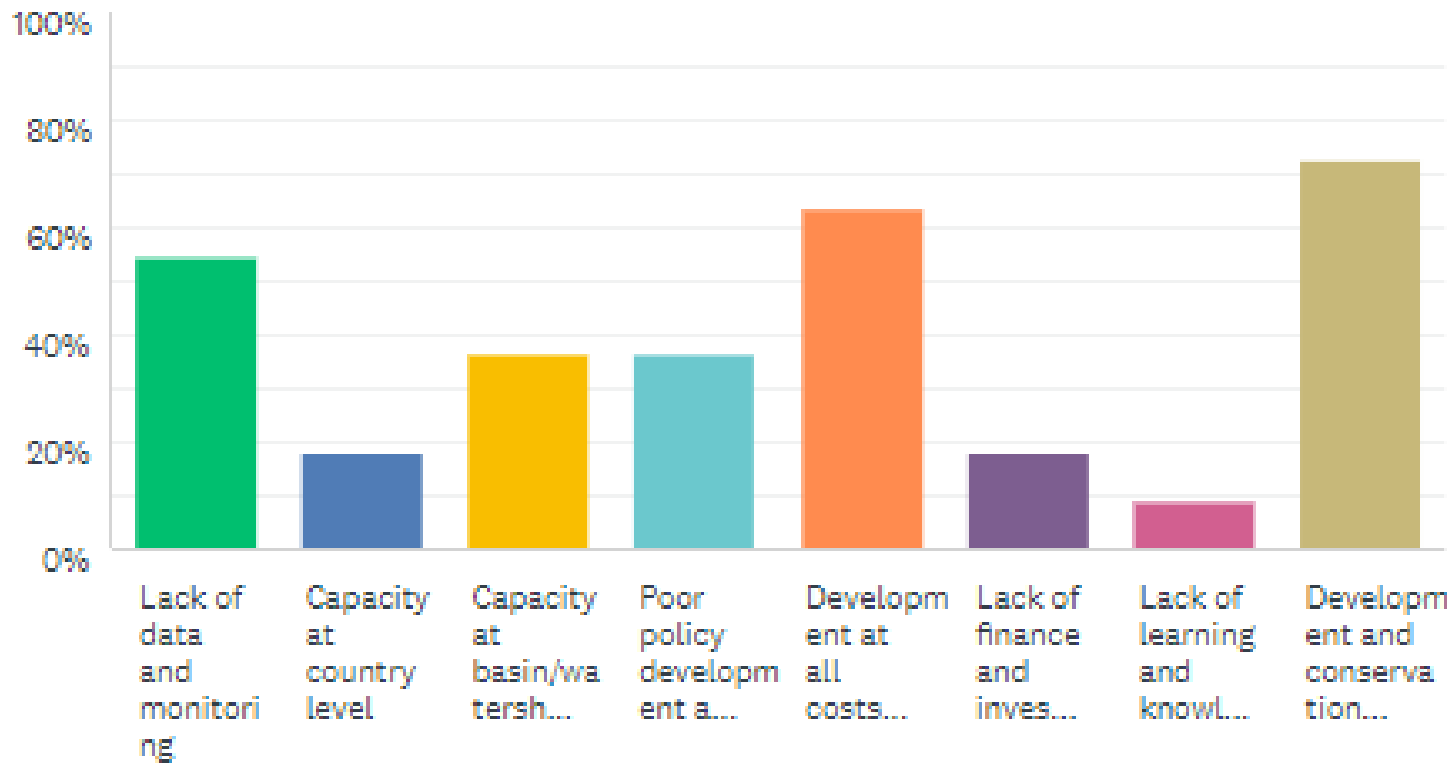
Question for the audience

Q2: What are the main challenges to better protect freshwater biodiversity (choose max 3)?

- **Lack of data and monitoring**
- **Capacity at country level**
- **Capacity at basin/watershed level**
- **Poor policy development and linkages**
- **Development at all costs – economic development over environmental development**
- **Lack of finance and investment**
- **Lack of learning and knowledge generation**
- **Development and conservation silos and low communication and knowledge integration between them**

Pre-poll result


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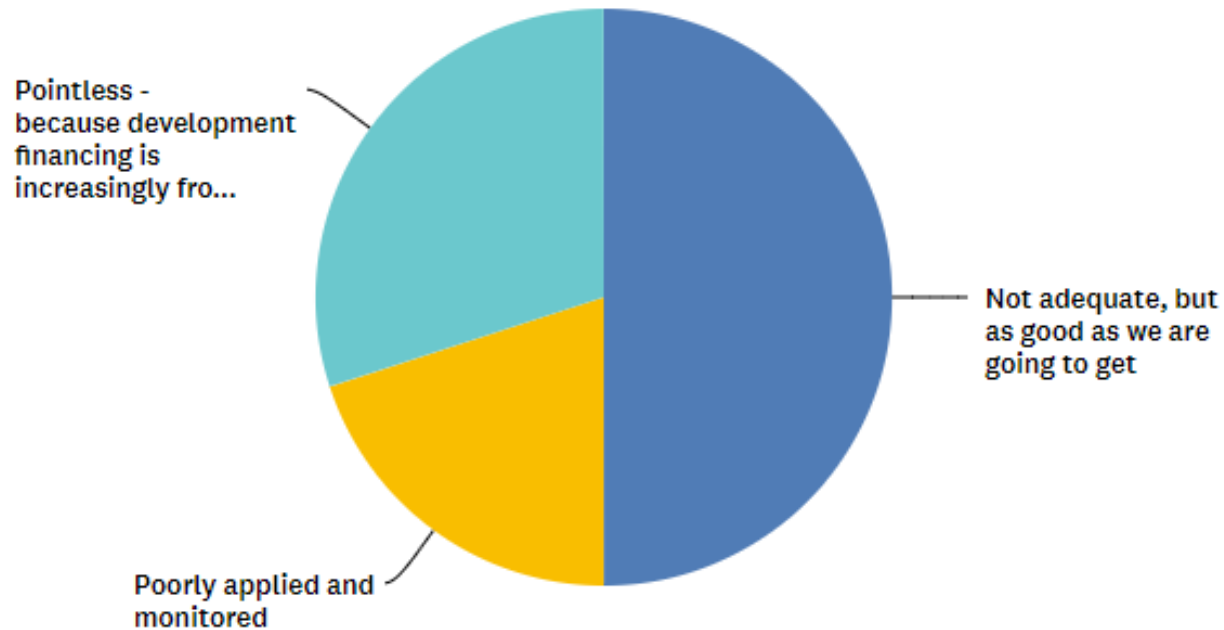
Question for the audience

Q3: Are donor and international safeguards robust enough to protect freshwater biodiversity?

- Robust enough
 - Not adequate, but as good as we are going to get
 - Poorly applied and monitored
 - Pointless – because development financing is increasingly from sources that are not bound by them
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Pre-poll result

Q3: Are donor and international safeguards robust enough to protect freshwater biodiversity?





PANEL 2



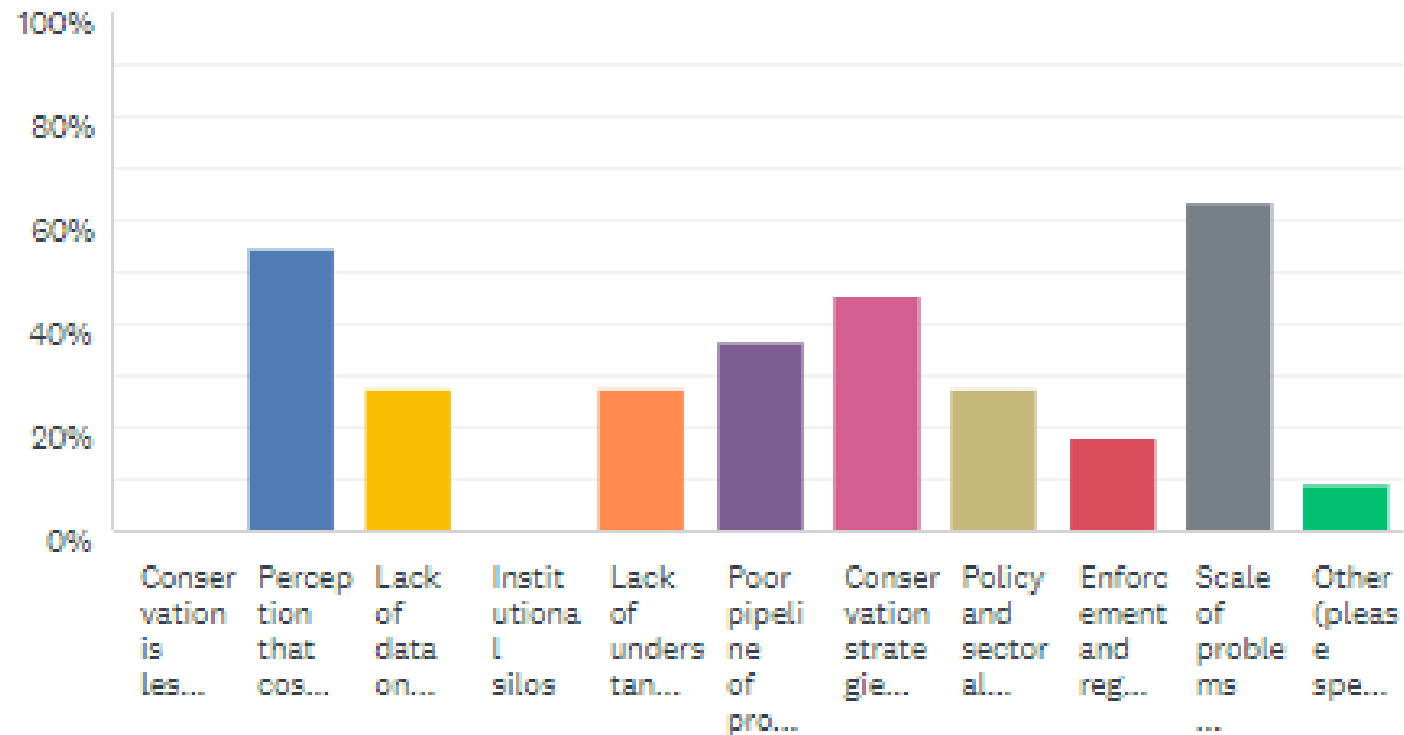
Question for the audience

Q4. Why are conservation targets in the SDGs given low priority (choose top 3):

- Conservation is less important
- Perception that costs outweigh benefits
- Lack of data on trade-offs
- Institutional silos
- Lack of understanding and interest
- Poor pipeline of projects beyond research and data gathering
- Conservation strategies are not designed to fit into development programmes
- Policy and sectoral trade-offs (conservation will always lose out)
- Enforcement and regulatory compliance
- Scale of problems are large and systemic and not 'packaged' appropriately (too much uncertainty, varying goals, system complexity due to too many factors to consider)
- Other

Pre-poll result


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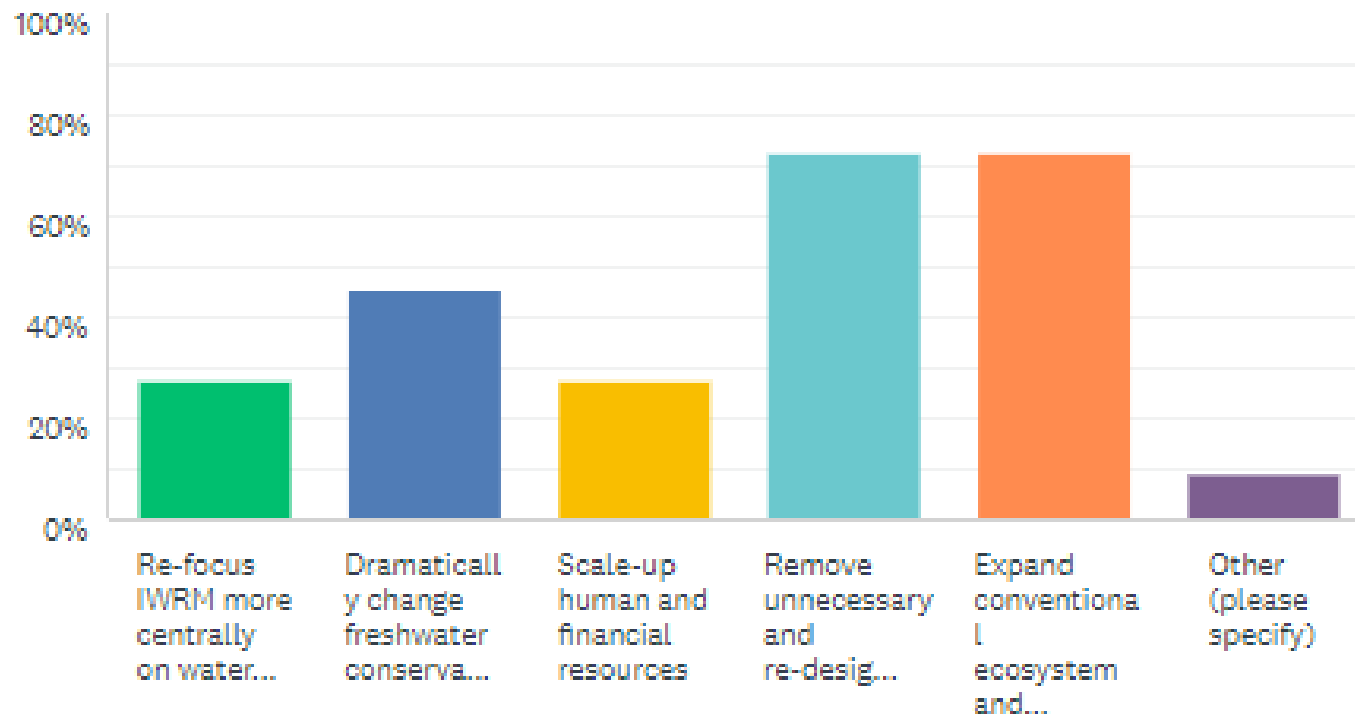
Question for the audience

Q5: Where are the greatest opportunities for both conservation and development (choose top 3)?

- **Re-focus IWRM more centrally on water related-ecosystems**
 - **Dramatically change freshwater conservation data access, composition, presentation, and use**
 - **Scale-up human and financial resources**
 - **Remove unnecessary and re-design new infrastructure around clear conservation and development outcomes based on sectoral needs**
 - **Expand conventional ecosystem and biodiversity protection strategies to incorporate realistic expectations in working landscapes**
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Pre-poll result

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Next steps:

- **Collate results from the session**
 - **Update primer document and make available online**
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Thank you!

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