

# Practice to Policy: Ecosystem Based Water Management

Session 3

**Policy**

**Practice**

**Innovation**



“We have to do things together  
and not in silos”



“ Sustainable water security will not be achieved through business-as-usual, and NBS provide an essential means of moving beyond conventional approaches.

*WWAP (United Nations World Water Assessment Programme). 2018. The United Nations World Water Development Report 2018: Nature-based Solutions. Paris, UNESCO.*

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# Practice makes perfect or...permanence?



Implementation

## Governance

- Institutions & processes
- Capacity



Practice

- Impact
- Innovation
- Knowledge
- Evidence



Design

## Policies

- Incentives
- Investments
- Implementation

# Emerging Policies: Inclusion of Ecosystem Based approaches in design



## California (US)

State level legal framework (AB2480)- 2016  
“established policy of the state that source watersheds are recognized and defined as integral components of California’s water infrastructure.”



## Peru

National & municipal regulation support the inclusion of ecosystem services in water management and delivery across Peru.



## South Africa

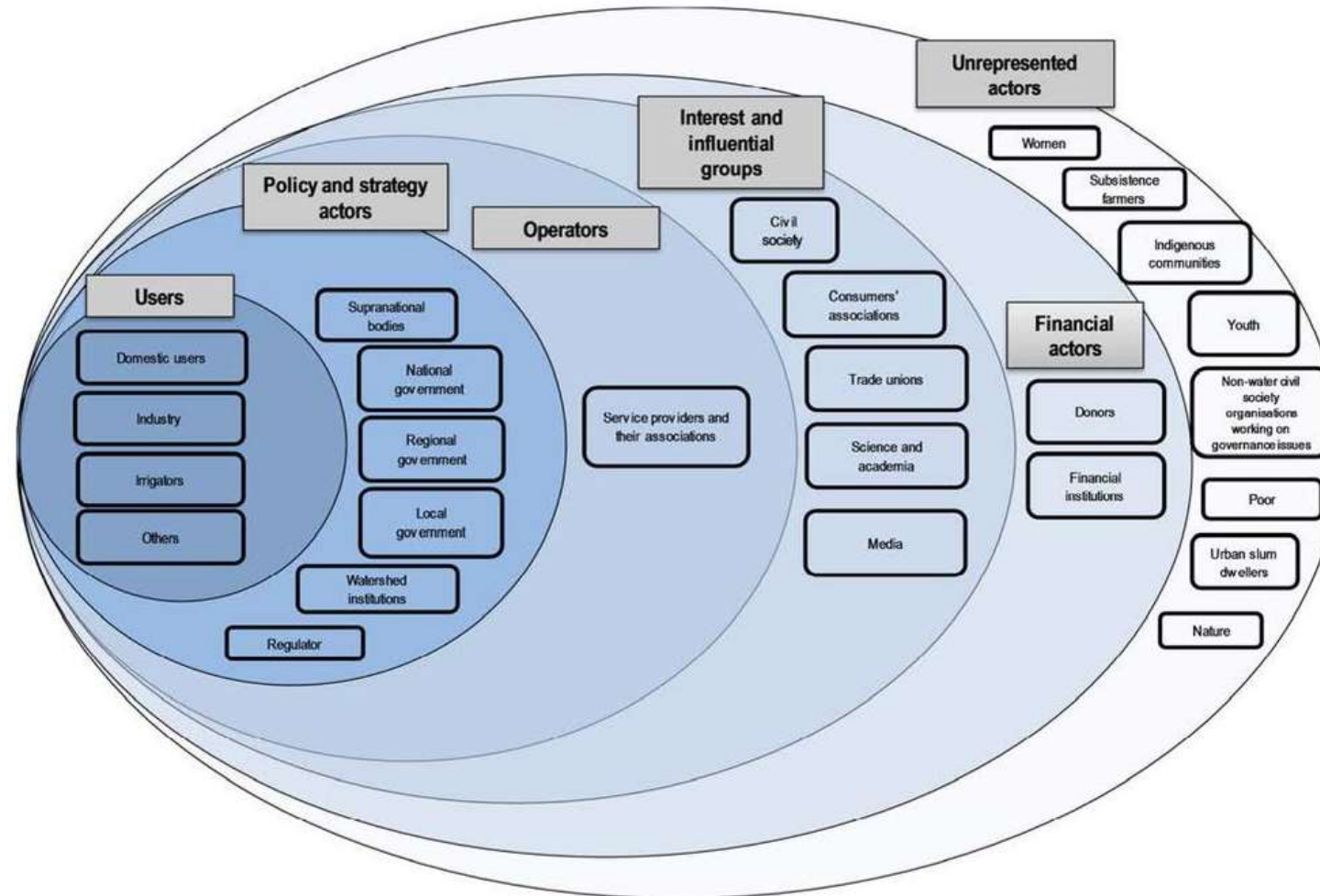
Constitutional framework, via National Water Act (1998) recognizes catchments as part of water management.



## European Union

Systems approach to water management adopted in 2000. Subsequent national policies designed to support catchment plans.

# Design to Implementation: Governance



# Bridging Governance and Policy

Scaling up models of catalytic action: Who and How matter

