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LEARNINGS FROM THE 7TH WORLD WATER FORUM

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A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL FORUM

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CENTRAL PURPOSE

- Mobilize action
- Challenge thinking
- Engage in debate

GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

Observations

- Need a more political dimension
- Pre and post forum communication is vital
- Last minute logistical problems proved very challenging
- Need wider diversity and balance of representation
- Languages (website, preparatory documents, sessions...)

VENUE AND LOGISTICS

Observations

- Make it easy for participants to find their way around
- Use technology to improve audience experience in big session halls
- The environmental impact of the event could be improved
- Catering for a global audience



MOBILIZE ACTION

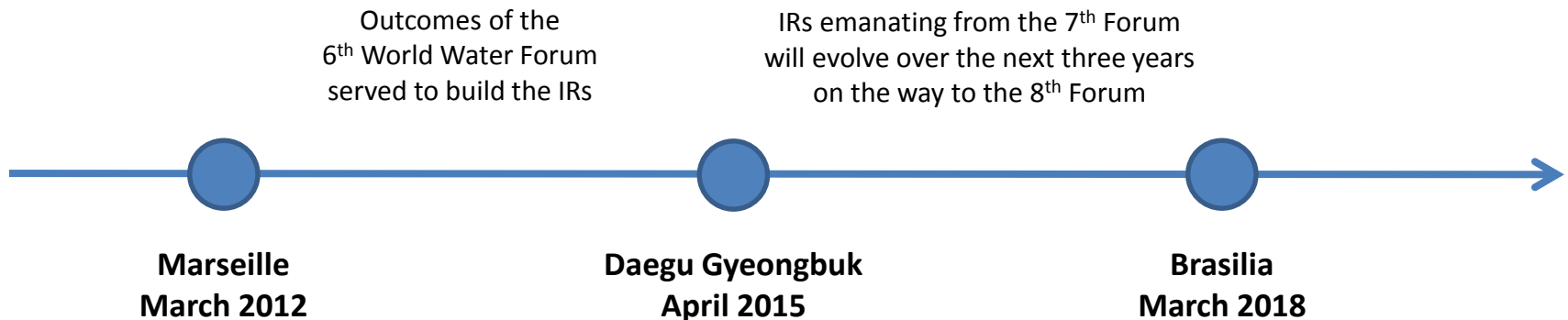
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IMPLEMENTATION ROADMAPS

Observations

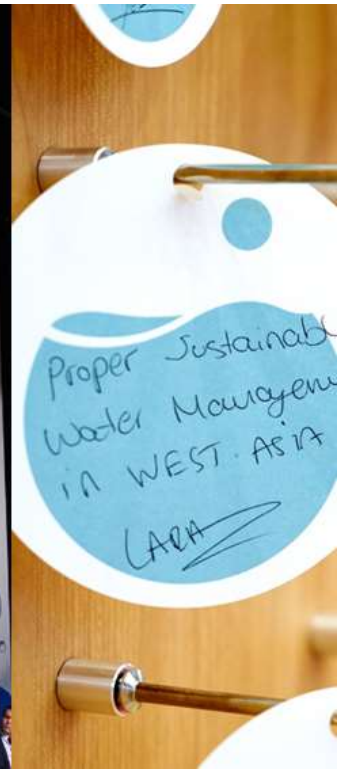
- How to integrate this into 8th Forum process?



POLITICAL PROCESS

Observations

- Finding effective ways to engage political actors between Forums remains a challenge
- Ministerial visibility can result in less focus on parliamentarian and LRA processes
- The ministerial roundtable mechanism was positively received
- Connectivity between political processes
- Opportunity to strengthen as central Forum feature



CHALLENGE THINKING

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THEMATIC PROCESS

Observations

- Backbone of the Forum
- Too many sessions with uneven quality
- Lack of Southern partner representation in some sessions
- Integrating divergent and different perspectives



ENGAGE DEBATE

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REGIONAL PROCESS

Observations

- Strong thematic focus, but perceived lack of political leadership
- Diversity and balance of representation
- Inter-regional sessions were a welcome innovation
- Confusion between cross-regions and inter-regional processes
- Integration with other processes

CITIZENS FORUM AND EXPO

Observations

- Very popular places for interaction
- Drives the 'numbers'
- Wide engagement of civil society requires investment
- Growing demand



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