



# **Land-Water Linkages in Rural Watersheds Electronic Workshop**

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## **Results of the evaluation questionnaire**

This document contains statistical information about the e-workshop “Land-Water Linkages in Rural Watersheds” and results of the evaluation questionnaire. The organizers wish to thank the respondents for their participation and feedback.

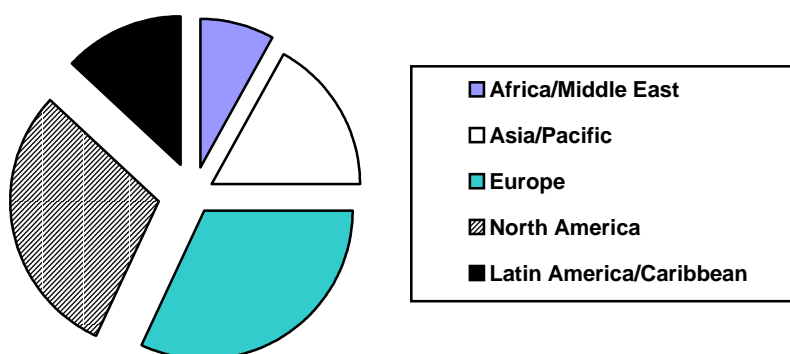
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## 1) STATISTICAL INFORMATION

As of 27/10/2000, the total number of subscribers was 572, of whom 374 participants had registered. 38 participants took an active part in the discussions.

The regional distribution of the registered participants is as follows:

Region	No. of participants	% of total
Africa/Middle East	31	8
Asia/Pacific	64	17
Europe	119	32
North America	113	30
Latin America/Caribbean	47	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>100</b>



The participants' institutional affiliation is distributed as follows:

	No. of participants	% of total
International Organizations	49	13
Government Organizations	62	17
Non-Governmental Organizations	31	8
Universities / Academic Institutions	134	36
Research Institutions	46	12
Private Companies	32	9
Individual Participants	20	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>100</b>

## 2) RESULTS OF THE EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE

The percentages reflect the number of responses out of the total (n = 27)

### A. ABOUT THE RUNNING OF THE CONFERENCE

Generally, the running of the conference was evaluated as satisfactory to very good. The weekly summaries found a particularly positive feedback. The results in detail:

<b>The conference was run over a total period of 6 weeks.</b>	
<b>Did you find this:</b>	
Too long	7 %
Just right	89 %
Too short	4 %
<b>How do you evaluate the structure of the conference?</b>	
Excellent	48 %
OK	52 %
<b>Were the discussion questions well chosen?</b>	
Very much so	48 %
OK	52 %
<b>Were the weekly summaries useful to you?</b>	
Very much so	78 %
OK	22 %
<b>Were the moderators' introductions and comments useful for the workshop process and results?</b>	
Very much so	70 %
OK	30 %

## **B. BACKGROUND MATERIALS**

The quality and usefulness of the background information was consistently rated as satisfactory. While about 75 % of the respondents read the introductory note and discussion papers, the background papers and case studies were read by about 50 % of the respondents. Almost 70 % of the respondents rated the amount of available background info as "just right", however, 20 % found that there was too much background information. The results in detail:

<b>The amount of background information (discussion papers; background papers; case studies) was</b>	
Too much	20 %
Just right	68 %
Too little	4 %
No access to the web	8 %
<b>On a scale of 1 (excellent) to 5 (poor), how do you rate the overall quality of</b>	
the introductory note?	1.8
the discussion papers?	2.2
the background papers?	2.0
the case studies?	2.1
<b>On a scale of 1 (very useful) to 5 (not useful), how do you rate the usefulness of</b>	
the introductory note?	1.6
the discussion papers?	2.1
the background papers?	2.8
the case studies?	2.9
<b>Which of the papers did you read?</b>	
Introductory Note	78 %
Discussion Paper 1 (Land-use Impacts)	78 %
Discussion Paper 2 (Instruments and mechanisms)	74 %
Background Paper 1 (Calder)	63 %
Background Paper 2 (Peters and Meybeck)	52 %
Background Paper 3 (Deutsch et al.)	56 %
Background Paper 4 (Echavarría)	48 %
Background Paper 5 (De Graaff)	52 %
Case Studies	48 %

<b>The documentation - in your opinion - ...</b>	
<b>...provided useful information?</b>	
Very much so	45 %
OK	55 %
<b>...was concise and well readable?</b>	
Very much so	45 %
OK	55 %
<b>...was thought- provoking?</b>	
Very much so	30 %
OK	65 %
Hardly so	5 %
<b>...stimulated debate?</b>	
Very much so	28 %
OK	67 %
Hardly so	20 %
<b>...stimulated exchange of experiences?</b>	
Very much so	50 %
OK	50 %

### **C. WEBSITE / PROCEEDINGS**

The functioning of conference facilities (e-mail list and website) were rated as satisfactory to very good. However, more than half of the respondents would have preferred to receive the background documentation per e-mail. Almost all respondents agreed that the proceedings of the e-workshop are worth being published. Finally, one third of the respondents found the e-workshop to be more useful than others they had participated in. The results in detail:

<b>Did the e-mail list function satisfactorily?</b>	
Very much so	90 %
OK	10 %
<b>Was the Conference Website (<a href="http://www.fao.org/ag/agl/watershed">http://www.fao.org/ag/agl/watershed</a>) useful to you?</b>	
Very much so	55 %
OK	25 %
Hardly so, because:	20 %
No access to the web	

<b>Which facilities on the website did you access:</b>	
Download introductory note	59 %
Download discussion/background papers	48 %
Download case studies	37 %
Discussion archive	14 %
Summary of discussion	48 %
<b>Would you have preferred to receive the conference documents as attachment by e-mail?</b>	
Yes	58 %
No	42 %
<b>Should we publish the proceedings of this e-workshop?</b>	
Yes	92 %
No	8 %
<b>If yes, in which format would you like to receive them?</b>	
electronically	11 %
in printed form	3 %
both	39 %
<b>The proceedings will be available initially in English. If the proceedings are to be translated in the future, in which of the following languages would you wish to receive them:</b>	
Arabic	4 %
Chinese	4 %
French	26 %
Spanish	11 %
Swahili	4 %
<b>Please compare the usefulness of this conference to other e-conferences in which you have participated:</b>	
more useful	33 %
similar usefulness	24 %
less useful	5 %
I can't compare	38 %
<b>Please compare the usefulness of an e-conference as a method of communication with a face-to-face workshop:</b>	
more useful	14 %
similar usefulness	47 %
less useful	24 %
I can't compare	5 %
different usefulness	10 %

## ***D) LESSONS LEARNED; FOLLOW-UP***

This is a summary of points which were mentioned frequently.

### **What did you learn from the discussions during this conference?**

- Land-water linkages are a very complex issue involving many different professional disciplines.
- An interdisciplinary approach is necessary to solve problems related to Land-water linkages.

### **What follow-up do you propose for FAO / for other institutions?**

- Lessons learned from the workshop should be drawn and the results should be taken into account in current FAO watershed activities and projects.
- The question of benefit-sharing among upstream and downstream people should be a focal point of further FAO activities in the field.
- FAO should organize a network on questions regarding watershed management.