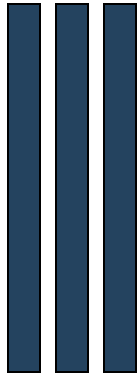


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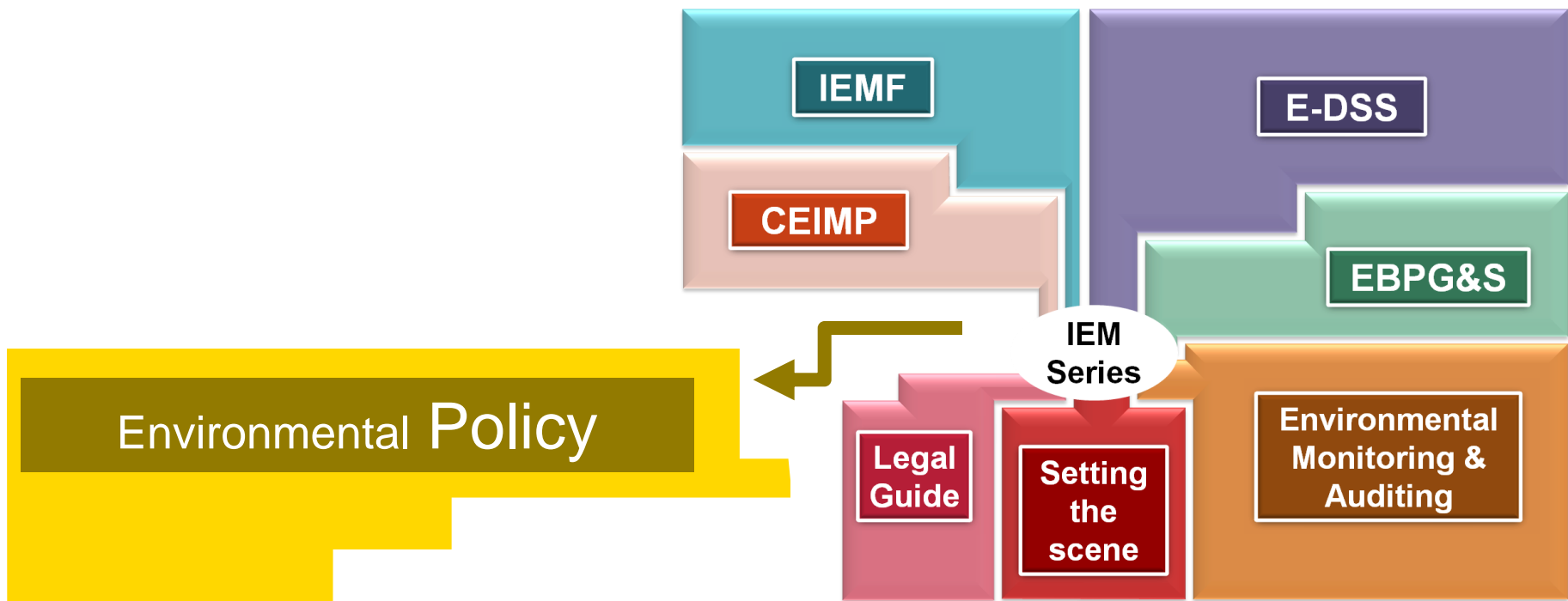
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DWA Environmental Policy



water affairs

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Why an Environmental policy?



Sub-Series 1.2 DWA Environmental Policy

Purpose

IEM
Imperatives

Operation policy to:

- Guide and enable IEM mainstreaming within DWA
- Facilitate DWA's response to the International and SA environmental agenda, within the legal framework governing IEM and water management
- Mandate and give impetus to existing IEM initiatives and tools

Description

- DWA's commitment and approach to IEM
- Motivation for the Operational Policy addressing *inter alia* the legislative context and positioning of the policy, beneficiaries, aims and objectives, IEM imperatives and principles
- Implementation strategy including institutional arrangements and operationalisation mechanisms, monitoring and review

R&R

Development:	Facilitated by E&R with contributions by relevant units
Implementation:	Line function units to which IEM imperatives apply
Review:	Facilitated by E&R with contributions from relevant units
Training:	Facilitated by E&R

Status

Completion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft Environmental Policy (2009)• Draft DWA Environmental Policy (2009)• DWA Statement of Intent (2009)• DWA Environmental Policy Reference Document (2009)
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Components of Environmental Policy

Environmental Policy

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...“Water Affairs must thus execute its water mandate and corporate responsibilities whilst also addressing national environmental management requirements and imperatives.” ...

It will do this in its capacity as:

- Manager and regulator
- National infrastructure planner and implementer
- Responsible and accountable Public Sector institution
- Sustainable corporate citizen

Environmental Policy



- Why an environmental policy?
 - o Mandate and responsibility
 - o Roles in environmental management



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- Water-relevant ***IEM Management Imperatives*** from the NEMA Principles:



Core IEM Imperatives

Water Affairs: Core Integrated Environmental Management Imperatives

- Ensuring sustainable management of a key and limited resource
- Promoting human rights, equitable access and environmental justice
- Promoting and protecting human health and safety
- Promoting sustainable social and economic growth and development
- Promoting ecologically sustainable use
- Limiting ecosystem disturbance and biodiversity loss
- Promoting and practicing coordinated and integrated management
- Ensuring government responsibility and practicing cooperative governance
- Undertaking and promoting regular and sustained monitoring and auditing
- Promoting effective public participation and engagement
- Promoting and practicing a risk-sensitive approach
- Ensuring polluter responsibility for management and mitigation
- Promoting intergenerational equity in costs and benefits
- Addressing climate change and its implications for water and water use
- Promoting and practicing proactive disaster planning and management
- Addressing and cooperatively managing transboundary impacts

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- Water Affairs' approach to its functions and obligations at the interface between **environmental** and **water** management
- Water-relevant *IEM Management Imperatives*

- Purpose:

Ensure the sustainable contribution of South Africa's water as a resource to national objectives for economic growth, social development and inter-generational equity and opportunity, through the full and purposeful integration and use of Integrated Environmental Management in the work and corporate culture of Water Affairs.

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- Water-relevant *IEM Management Imperatives*
- Purpose
- Objectives:
 - Capture Water Affairs' commitment and approach to IEM
 - Provide a policy that is both feasible and practical.
 - Set goals for IEM and to guide and enable IEM mainstreaming within Water Affairs.
 - Meet all regulatory requirements.
 - Mandate and give impetus to existing IEM initiatives and tools.
 - Etc.

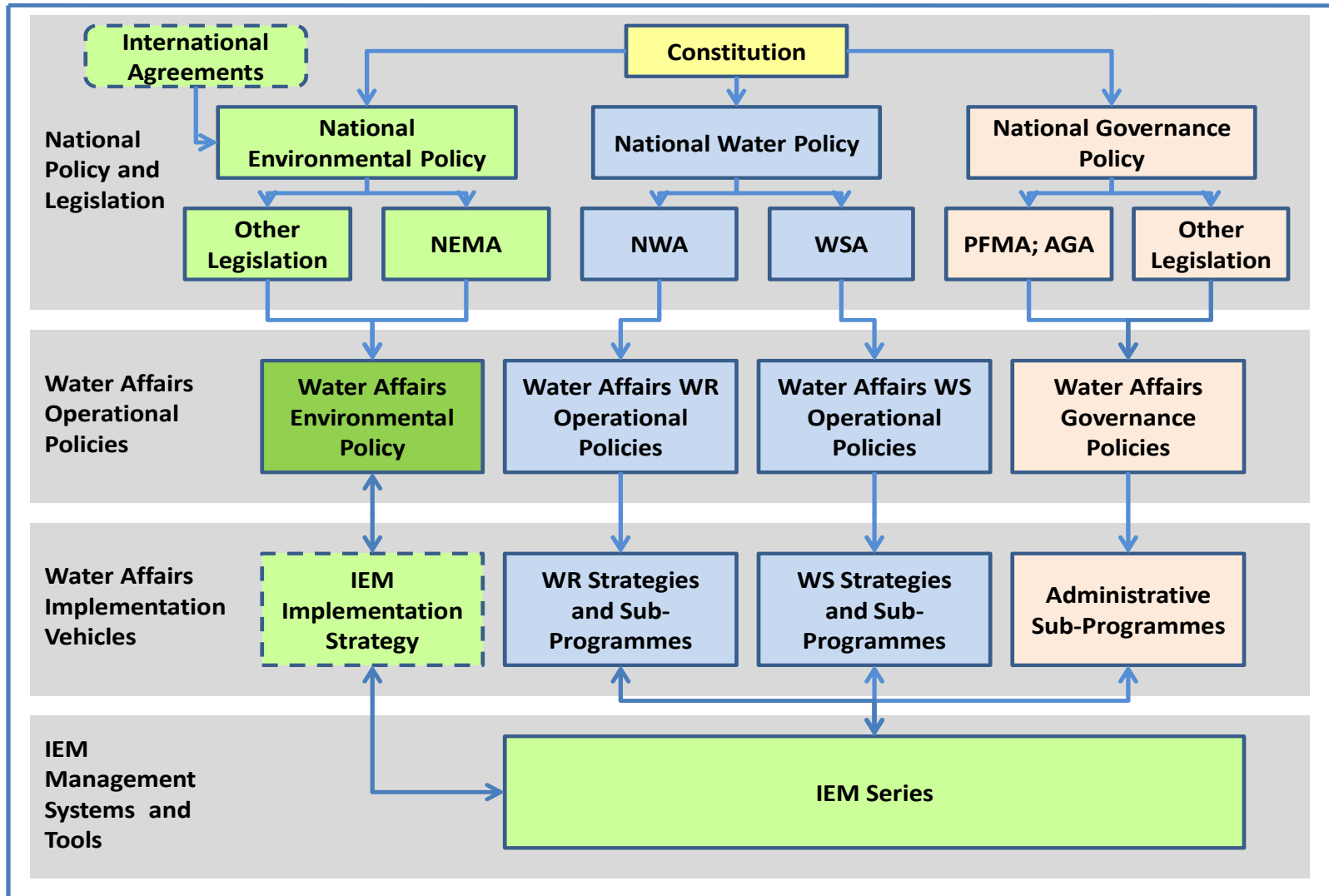
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

Context of the Water Affairs Environmental Policy



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 - Manager and regulator 
 - National infrastructure planner and implementer 
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- Giving effect to the Policy
 - Institutional arrangements
 - Costs (e.g operating costs, modification of existing information and performance management systems, publicity, capacity building and incentives)
 - Review

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- Provides a detailed reference source document for the use of those seeking to understand, promote or implement the Policy

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