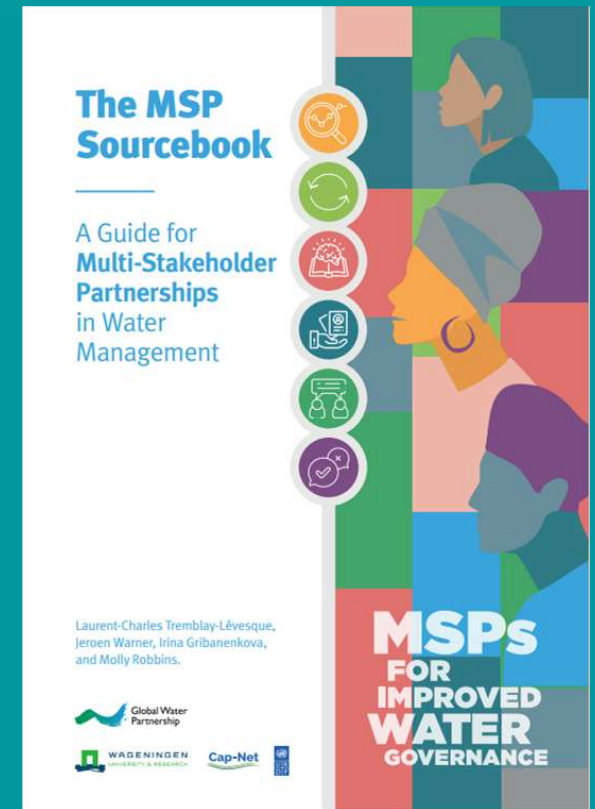


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A Guide for Multi-
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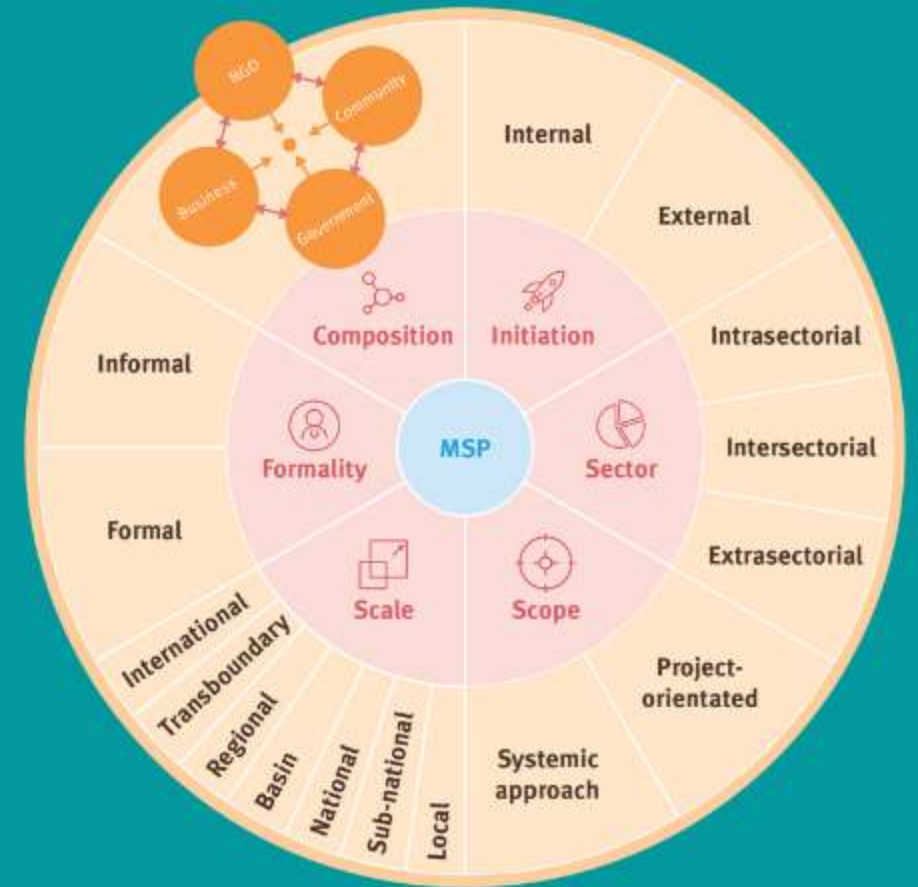


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What is an MSP?

“decision-making body (voluntary or statutory) comprising different stakeholders who perceive the same resource management problem, realise their interdependence for solving it, and come together to agree on action strategies for solving the problem.” Steins and Edwards (1999).

How to classify the water MSPs?



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Ingredients for Effective MSPs for Water Management



Ingredient 1 – Context analysis



Ingredient 2 – Setting an agenda for change



Ingredient 3 – Knowledge management



Ingredient 4 – Resource mobilisation



Ingredient 5 – Effective communication



Ingredient 6 – Conflict management

6 Ingredients for
effective water MSPs



Ingredient 1

Context analysis

Assess your water governance challenges, stakeholder environment, and policy ecosystem. Find ways to strengthen both your platform and your position in the context.



Ingredient 2

Setting an agenda for change

Make a plan that builds on a sound theory of change. Map out who needs to be included, how will different stakeholders be impacted, and find allies to make your envisioned change happen.



Ingredient 3

Knowledge management

Foster collaborative learning and build learning alliances so that your platform can build on more perspectives and adjust to changing circumstances. Position your MSP as facilitator in process of turning knowledge into practice.

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Ingredient 4

Resource mobilisation

Develop a sound business plan and find partners to secure resources for your platform to sustain itself. Tap into new financing mechanisms and use your MSP to crowd in further investments towards water management.

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Ingredient 5

Effective communication

Facilitate multi-stakeholder conversations within your MSP as well as beyond it. Develop communication plans to articulate your ideas clearly and use strategic communications to influence key actors.

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Ingredient 6

Conflict management

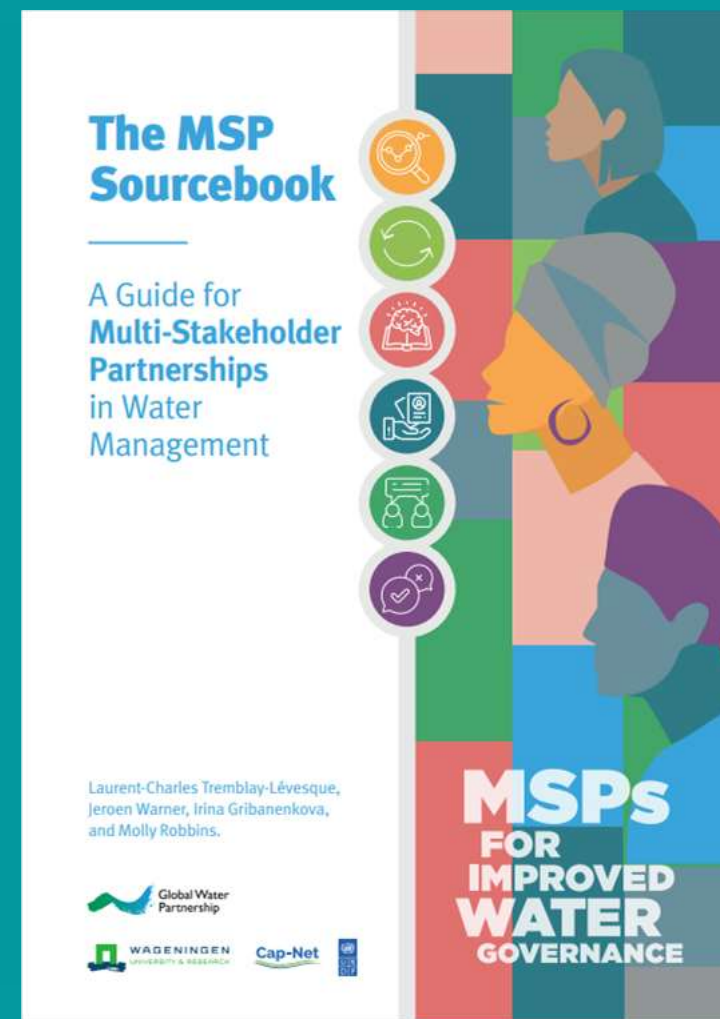
Understand and classify disagreements and utilise your MSP's capacity to help manage conflict and broker agreements between multiple users and interests. Use interest-based negotiation and joint visioning to deal with conflicts.

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Not so important

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Very important

