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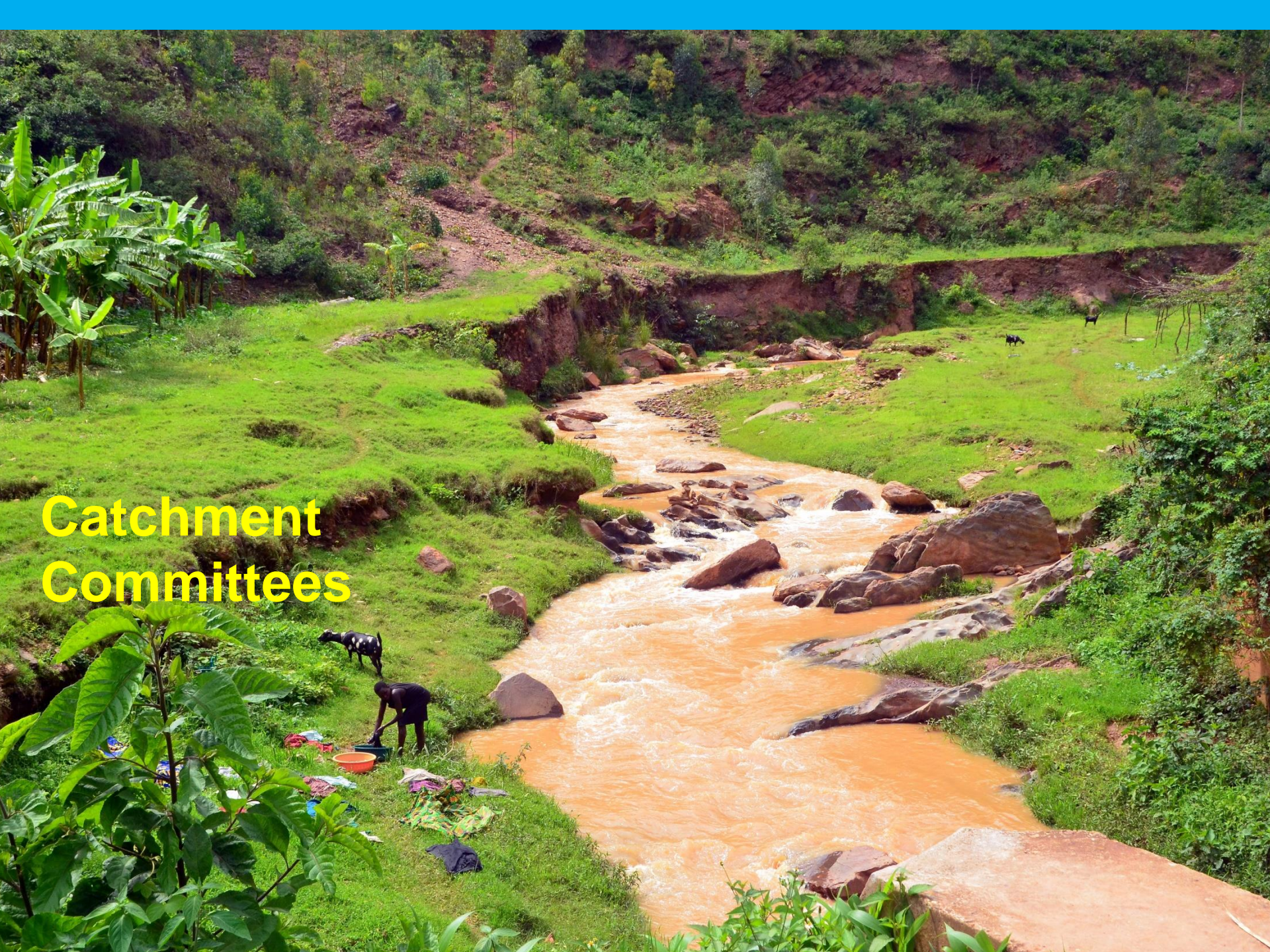
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Establishment of the Catchment Committee

- Law N°49/2018 of 13/08/2018 determining the use and management of water resources in Rwanda, especially in Article 10;
- The content of the following slides is taken from the final draft Ministerial Order determining the composition, responsibilities, organization and functioning of the water resources management committees at the catchment level (herein referred to as Catchment Committee).
- This Ministerial Order is still to be approved by the Cabinet.



Composition of Catchment Committee

The Catchment Committee shall be composed of the following members, from each District within the Catchment:

- The District Vice Mayor in charge of economic development;
- A representative of water use permit holders within catchment from each of the following categories: ***domestic water supply, irrigation, livestock, mining, coffee washing stations, hydropower and aquaculture***
- A representative of non-government organizations operating in the field of water;
- A representative of private sector;



Responsibilities of the Catchment Committee

- Provide the general orientation for the catchment management plan and advise on the measures to be provided for in the plan;
- Support the Authority in the development of the catchment management plan;
- Provide information on water users and stakeholders within the catchment;
- Identify the issues and priorities to be addressed by the catchment management plan;
- Provide information on water bodies at risk of depletion, flooding or water quality degradation;
- Support the districts to align district development strategies with the Catchment Management Plan;



Responsibilities of the Catchment Committee (Cont')

- Support districts and other partners in the development of Catchment Management Plan, annual implementation plans and joint performance contracts on topics pertaining to water resources management and water use;
- Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the catchment management plan,
- Monitor the compliance of water use permits on ground and advise the Authority accordingly;
- Contribute to disputes settlement among water users;
- Advise on any issue as requested by the Authority



Organization of Catchment Committee

The catchment Committee is governed by the following organs:

- The Chair Person
- The Vice Chair Person; and
- The Secretary

The Catchment Committee meets twice a year and whenever it is considered necessary.

Decisions shall be taken through consensus, if not possible, they shall be taken on the basis of a majority vote of two thirds (2/3) of the members present.



Modalities of election of CC leaders

- The Chairperson of the Catchment Committee is elected among the Vice Mayors in charge of economic development from each District within the catchment, whereas the Deputy Chairperson is elected from other members of the Catchment Committee.
- The Secretary of the Catchment Committee shall be a staff from the same District as the Chairperson, appointed by the later and does not have voting rights.
- The Chairperson and the Deputy Chairperson shall not be elected from the same District.
- Any elected Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall not be elected in any other Catchment Committee.
- The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, renewable once.



Annual activity report and action plan

The Chairperson of the Catchment Committee shall submit the annual activity report and the action plan for the following fiscal year of the Catchment Committee to the Minister, with a copy to the Authority and to all members of the Catchment Committee and of the Technical Support Committee, within a month following the end of the fiscal year.



Technical Support Committee

In its functioning, the Catchment Committee shall be supported by the Technical Support Committee, composed of a staff in charge of catchment management from the Authority and a staff from each District, within the Catchment, in charge of one of the following fields:

1. agriculture;
2. forestry and natural resources;
3. livestock;
4. water supply and sanitation;
5. environment;
6. land use and management;
7. urbanisation and rural settlement;
8. planning



Roles of Technical Support Committee

- To support effective execution of responsibilities of the Catchment Committee;
- To prepare the annual action plan of the Catchment Committee and submit it to the Chairperson of the Catchment Committee;
- To prepare the annual report of activities of the Catchment Committee and submit it to the Chairperson of the Catchment Committee;



Organization of technical support committee

- The Technical Committee shall elect a Coordinator, a Deputy Coordinator and a Secretary.
- The Coordinator, Deputy Coordinator and the Secretary shall be elected for a term of two (2) years, renewable once.
- The Technical Support Committee meets on a quarterly basis and whenever it is deemed necessary.
- Meeting of the Technical Support Committee shall be held legally if at least two thirds (2/3) of its members are present.
- Decisions shall be taken through consensus, if not possible, they shall be taken on the basis of a simple majority vote of the members present.



Logistical support

The Authority shall provide to the Catchment Committee and to the Technical Support Committee all the necessary logistical requirements and any other support to enable them to fulfill their responsibilities.

