





Participatory Regulation of Water Resources

a case from Yemen

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Yemen retains strong social adaptive capacity for localized resource management









Increased regional stress on water resources has lead to the introduction of a regulatory framework (Water Law)









Water legislation was drafted to welcome traditional mechanisms of resource management within the new system









Increasingly this dual tier approach is leading to acceptable outcomes for both, communities and regulators.













Legal Parallelism Strong Society - Weak State

May YOUR law help you!



This
behavior is
wrong –
you are
stealing
water and
breaking
the law!





Scarcity has two orders

1 water scarcity

2 scarcity of adaptive capacity

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Coping with water scarcity

The second order scarcity is much more important than the scarcity of the water.

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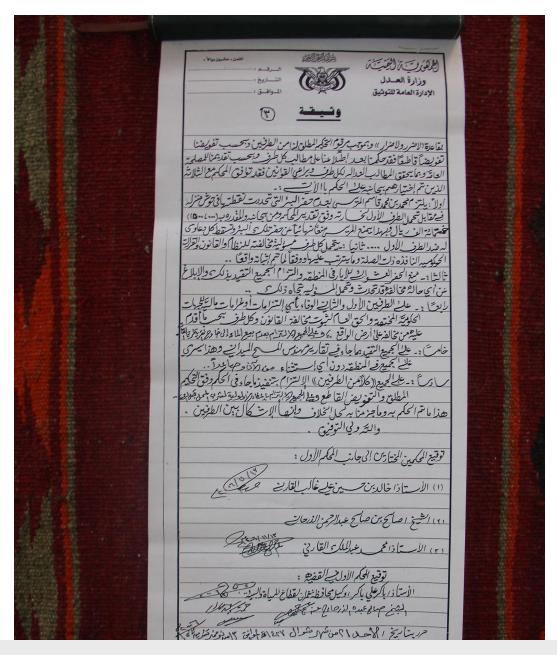


























Ways forward

- Document study and assess cases of customary and community-based groundwater regulation
- Capacity building for decentralized regulatory bodies
 (Basin Water Management Committee and Local Councils)
 resulting in a curriculum and training manual
- Basin Water Resource Management Plans
 with detailed input and including consensus-bases regulations
 from water user associations, local councils and stakeholders
- Bylaws and regulations
 which accommodate local decision and supplementary
 measures by basin water management committees and local
 councils
- Financial independence
 for decentralized regulatory bodies (Basin Committee)
 approved by Ministry of Finance and Governorate
- Incentives system
 regulating community, district and basin-based water
 resources management initiatives

