COLOMBIA
How WAVES is Making a Difference
Third Partnership Meeting
1. SITTING THE RIGHT PEOPLE AT THE TABLE: TECHNICAL AND DIRECTIVE COMMITTEES FORMED AND OPERATIONAL

• **Complex environmental institutional framework**
  – Environment Ministry (MADS)+ 6 Scientific and Research Institutes
  – Regional environmental authorities

• **Environmental accounting has diverse mandates involving institutions beyond the environmental sector:**
  – National Planning Department
  – Statistical authority
  – National Comptroller’s Office (Contraloría General de la Nación)
2. IDENTIFYING AND EMPOWERING MOST APPROPRIATE LEADERSHIP
   – Technical criteria
   – Policy criteria

3. IDENTIFYING AND OFFERING NECESSARY BANK SUPPORT
   • GoC approved and “owned”
     – Technical team
     – High-level support

4. DEFINING PRIORITIES AND SCOPE
   – Agreed Policy Note and workplan
   – Three priority watersheds using criteria on water supply (quality and availability) and demand.
   – Two priority accounts: forest and water
1. **Take the time to make time:** Institutional coordination takes time, particularly if the capacities WAVES is building are to last beyond the project itself.

1. **Sell WAVES to each actor:** to involve institutions that “own” the information they need to know what WAVES can do for them.

1. **Information, information, information:** quality, availability and clarity of mandates are other work areas that must be developed in parallel. (National Environmental Information System, CED, PER).

1. **Scale it down:** National Government is only the first step
1. Young and highly hierarchical institutions

1. Leadership among and within institutions

1. Clarity of mission—specific and realistic goals: not a publication, paper or number but better decision making.

1. Maintaining institutional interest beyond individuals
1. **Going local**-taking the partnership to the ground and the “ground information” to the partnership.

1. **Results:** three pilots up and running with results that raise interest in WAVES

1. **Policy Document:** approval at the ministerial level of an environmental accounting policy and the institutional arrangements to ensure that capacity is permanently installed.
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WHY WATER ACCOUNTS

FLOWS (m³/seg) by hydrographic area

- ANDINA: 13%
- CARIBE: 7%
- CATATUMBO: 1%
- PACIFICO: 14%
- ORINOCO: 27%
- AMAZONAS: 39%

Water supply and population centers per area

Fuente: IDEAM

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Water demand per economic activity

Fuente: IDEAM
Ecosystem conservation and vegetation

Critical issues: deforestation and land use conflicts