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**Details of the Working Group – Local and Indigenous water resource knowledge**

**Describe the work and how your suggested working group will contribute to the goal(s):** To figure out how to mobilize indigenous water resource management knowledge.

**Describe the methods you will use to achieve the goal(s):** For the moment, organize discussions about how and what, but eventually move forward to collecting examples of local and indigenous water resource management knowledge. Although this kind of knowledge might be more easily conceivable in some places than others (e.g., I used to work and live in North America and West Africa, where the term “indigenous knowledge” had more obvious meaning), all places have knowledge. Some examples I can imagine working on identifying even where I currently live and work (Switzerland).

**Describe the (a) short-term, (b) the long-term and (c) the ultimate results you hope to achieve:**  
a) short-term: principles for how we work, i.e. how knowledge should be treated, collected, used, and communicated  
(b) long-term: information-sharing platform (database) of indigenous knowledge that operates to benefit the holders of that knowledge  
(c) ultimate: local and indigenous knowledge considered alongside scientific and official knowledge for water resource management problems.

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