

Urban Wastewater

Good News

- **Assured supply and increasing**
- **Sewage up from 5 bnld in 1947 to 30 bnld in 1997**
- **Enormous pro-poor livelihood potential esp in urban/ peri-urban agriculture**

Urban Wastewater Bad News

- **To sustain urban water supply, unsustainable gw mining stretching into rural hinterland**
- **Present sewage treatment capacity 3 bnld**
- **30,000 mld contaminated/ industrial wastewater poured into rivers**
- **Health & Env impacts can offset livelihood opportunities**

Why this meeting?

- **IWMI Urban Wastewater project by WII**
- **First step to set up a Consultative and Action Group in Delhi**
- **To involve members in research process, learning and findings**
- **Continual engagement with policy and decision makers**
- **WII willing to service the CAG**

Urban Growth

City Class	1991	2001
I	743	921
II	514	612
III	647	765
IV	1451	1558
V	971	1056
VI	289	228
Total	4615	5140

Some Issues

- **National water reuse guidelines**
- **Water quality impacts on agri practices?**
- **State wise standards (criteria governing quality of wastewater use)**
- **Emerging contaminants of concern (better understanding of long term health impacts)**
- **Environmental monitoring and impacts of reclaimed water (research)**

Questions?

- **How to make the CAG effective?**
- **Who should be invited?**
- **How often to meet?**
- **How to communicate & share info?**
- **How to engage decision makers?**
- **How to build a constituency of concerned and active stakeholders?**