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**Keywords:** Provide 5 keywords, including one geographic keyword (if relevant).

**Body text:** The body text should be formatted by using the Normal style of the list. The space between paragraphs is to be kept 6pt with 12pt font size. The font defined is Verdana 10.

**Length:** There is no fixed length for articles but the number of words should preferably be kept between 6000-8000 (excluding references and notes). Critical reviews or commentaries should be kept between 2000-3000 words. Book reviews should be preferably kept between 1000-1200 words.

### *Formatting of the text*

**Abbreviations:** No full points within acronyms (e.g. UK or USA not U.S.A.; Washington, DC;

"around 1500 BC"), no full point after contractions: Exceptions include: Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms., et al., i.e., e.g., Ltd., Inc., Jr. (not Jnr.), Co., No. (for number). Note: i.e. and e.g. are not followed by a coma. In the 1960s, mid-1970s, 18 January 1967, on the 18th, on 18 January, 'from 1997 to 2002' not 'in the last 5 years', 1967-1969 (not 1967-69), 1991/2 and 1989/90 (for financial year, growing season, etc.), 19th century.

**Capitalization:** Geographic features. Use: Brahmaputra river basin, Van Vieng province, Chitradurga district, Narmada valley, Sundarbans National Park, Tungabhadra dam, lake Husain Sagar, etc, with capital letters only on the name itself; but South Asia, mainland Southeast Asia, West Africa, sub-Saharan Africa. Iron Age Vedic period, World War II, the Maurya Empire, the Middle Ages, the World Bank, the Food and Agriculture Organization, but "the state".

Capitalize titles, positions, divisions, departments, and offices in a government or an institution, when they are specific (Examples: the Government of Sri Lanka, the Director General, the Ministry of Agriculture) but use lower case for general use (Example: an irrigation engineer).

**Comma:** Use a comma before "and" or "or" in a series of three or more words or phrases, especially when the penultimate phrase has "and" or "or" in it (Example: seeds, fertilizer and pesticides, and machinery).

**Dash:** A spaced en dash (the character – with one space on each side) – rather than an em dash – is used to introduce parenthetical material or a positive phrase where commas might result in confusion (Example: The agent's promises – reallocation of land, equitable water distribution, and lower fees – never materialized).

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**Non English words:** Non English words such as panchayat, ayacut, taluk, zamindar, hartal, peepul, sarpanch, and names of local growing seasons (maha, yala, rabi, boro, etc.) and other local words used frequently in the text should be italicized and defined at first use, and may not be italicized subsequently. Common Latin words or expressions such as: a priori, a fortiori, de jure, de facto, status quo, etc. should not be italicized.

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**Hyphenation:** The rules governing the use of hyphens are not stable. In general, use hyphens as little as possible. Most words formed with the following prefixes are not hyphenated: anti-, ante-, inter-, macro-, meta-, micro-, mid-, mini-, multi-, over-, post-, re-, semi-, sub-, super-, supra-, trans-, ultra-, un-, under-. Examples: microanalysis, overexploited, multilevel, nonagricultural, underpricing, cooperation, comanagement, etc. But: pre-eminence, counter-hegemonic, pre-existing, non-existent, in-depth, etc. In case of uncertainty refer to <http://www.askoxford.com/dictionaries/?view=uk>

Words with the prefixes listed above should be hyphenated if the prefix is combined with a proper noun (Example: non-Indian), with more than one word (Example: pre-World War II). Compound adjectives (adj+noun, noun+adj, noun+noun) are hyphenated (small-scale system, low-income groups, world-wide model, price-based incentives, site-specific mixes, state-level agencies, cost-recovery, etc).

If two hyphenated compound adjectives modify the same noun, the second component of the adjective need not be written twice, but the first component retains the hyphen, followed by a space (Examples: low- and high-income groups, small- and large-scale farms). If two prefixes that are not usually hyphenated are used with the same noun, the prefix standing alone carries the hyphen (Example: micro- and macroeconomics).

The combination of an adjective and an adverb ending in "ly" is not hyphenated (locally managed system, highly valued crop, mutually reinforcing).

Words with the prefixes listed above should be hyphenated if the prefix is combined with a proper noun (Example: non-Indian), with more than one word (Example: pre-World War II). "Well" words are hyphenated when they precede their subjects (well-known varieties) unless they carry a modifier (very well known varieties). They are not hyphenated when they follow their subjects (This variety is well known among farmers).

"Self" words are also generally hyphenated (Examples: self-sufficient, self-contained; exceptions: selfish).

Hyphenate cardinal numbers with units of measurement when they precede a noun (Examples: four-year plan, seventy-hectare plot). However, percent is never preceded by a hyphen (Example: 14 percent increase). Never use the automatic hyphenation option of word

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**Numbers & Units:** In text, spell out numbers up to ten, but use numerals for 11 onwards. Always use numerals when a unit is given (e.g. 7 ha). Use a comma as separator for a number with 5 digits or more (e.g. 12,500, but 7000).

Use the metric system in text, figures and tables. The system of units known as SI (Système International) should be used. Leave a space between the numbers and units e.g. (56 ha, 56-78 ml). Use kg/m, not kg m<sup>-1</sup>; but 75% (close up). 47-50°C, not 47-50°C. Billion is taken as 10<sup>9</sup>; use Mm<sup>3</sup> and Bm<sup>3</sup> for million cubic meters and billion cubic meters, respectively. Fifteen thousand American dollars should be: US\$15,000.

If non-standard abbreviations must be used; they should be defined in the text. For amounts in local currency (Rupees, Takas, etc.) an equivalent in USD or Euro should be preferably given.

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For journal articles, there is no comma after the journal name, no space between volume and issue numbers ("12(4)"), but there should be a space between the colon and the page range [12(4): 12-24].

Titles of books, published reports and published scientific journals must be italicized.

For published documents, the reference ends with the place of publication, followed by a colon, and then by the name of publisher.

(Ed), (Eds) with no full stop; "(Ed)." in titles, and "(Ed)," in book chapters. MSc, PhD thesis, (no full stop, no capital letter for 'thesis')

(for documents accessed on the web): "(accessed [no capital letter] on 2 May 2000)" [no comma before, no full stop after; no 'http:/' if URL starts with www]

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**References (in the reference list) follow the styles defined below**

**1. Article in a print journal**

Malano, H.M.; Bryant, M.J. and Turrall, H.N. 1999. Management of water resources: Can Australian experience be transferred to Vietnam? *Water International* 24(4): 307-315.

**2. Article in an online journal**

Cumming, G.S.; Cumming, D.H.M. and Redman, C.L. 2006. Scale mismatches in social-ecological systems: Causes, consequences, and solutions. *Ecology and Society* 11(1): 14, [www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol11/iss1/art14/](http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol11/iss1/art14/) (note: if there is no page range, the number of pages is indicated)

**3. Books**

Mollinga, P. and Bolding, A. (Eds). 2005. The politics of irrigation reform. Contested policy formulation and implementation in Asia, Africa and Latin America. Aldershot, UK: Ashgate.

**Note:** Use (Ed) and (Eds) for edited books and chapters of edited books.

**4. Organization as author or government publications**

IIMI (International Irrigation Management Institute). 1993. Advancements in IIMI's research 1992. Colombo, Sri Lanka: IIMI. [in the text, refer to IIMI (1993)]

World Bank. 2003. World Bank water resources sector strategy: Strategic directions for World Bank engagement. Washington, DC: World Bank.

US Bureau of Reclamation. 1978. The story of the Columbia Basin Project. Washington, DC, US:

US Government Printing Office.

#### 5. Chapter in book

Molle, F. 2003. Allocating and accessing water resources: Practice and ideology in the Chao Phraya delta. In Molle, F. and Srijantr, T. (Eds), Perspectives on social and agricultural change in the Chao Phraya Delta, pp. 45-70. Bangkok: White Lotus.

#### 6. Conference papers (with proceedings)

Heyns, P.S.H. 2004. Strategic and technical considerations in the assessment of transboundary water management with reference to southern Africa. In: Proceedings of the International Expert Workshop on Water, Development and Cooperation, pp. 120-134. Bonn, Germany, 27 February 2004

Frederick, K.D. 1993. Adaptive responses to climate change: Demand management. In Ballentine, T.M. and Stakhiv, E.Z. (Eds), Proceedings of the First National Conference on Climate Change and Water Resources Management, pp. IV/54-60. Alexandria, VA, US: Institute for Water Resources.

#### 7. Conference papers (no proceedings), unpublished reports

Meinzen-Dick, R.; Mendoza, M.; Sadoulet, L.; Abiad-Shields, G. and Subramanian, A. 1994. Sustainable water user associations: Lessons from a literature review. Paper presented at World Bank Water Resources Seminar, Lansdowne, Virginia, US, 13-15 December 1994.

National Irrigation Administration (NIA). 1986. Irrigation water management: Precluding activities, requirements and practices. Quezon City, The Philippines: NIA. Mimeo.

#### 8. Reports (published)

Keller, A.; Keller, J. and Seckler, D. 1996. Integrated water resources systems: Theory and policy implications. Research Report 3. Colombo, Sri Lanka: International Irrigation Management Institute.

Theses Smith, J. 2000. Water politics in the Middle-East: New threats and opportunities. MSc thesis. University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia.

#### 9. Others

Harvey, J.H.M. 1999. Personal communication. By email. 12 October 1999.

FAO. 2001. The challenges after Rio. [www.fao.org/ag/magazine/0102sp1.htm](http://www.fao.org/ag/magazine/0102sp1.htm) (accessed 2 September 2002).

Work accepted for publication but not yet published should be referred to as "in press"

**Spellings:** Use British spellings. Please use "labour", not "labor", "behaviour", not "behavior", "centre", not "center," and "organisation", not "organization". Use -ize endings rather than -ise: characterize, maximize, legitimize (and analyze, catalyze).

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