Analysis of IWRM Meeting in Niue, July 18-22

What Is IWRM?

- **Water Management**
  1. Managing water in a more sustainable manner
  2. Managing water sustainably by involving all the stakeholders
  3. Process of managing water from source to use (disposal & recycle)
  4. Understanding and integrating hydrological data and information into resource management, water supply and demand
  5. Managing water resources with improved coordination
  6. Sustainable and holistic approach to water management

- **Inter-Sectoral Approach**
  1. Commitment at all levels (National government to community)
  2. Linking up with all the stakeholders
  3. Political involvement and community support
  4. Sector wide approach
  5. Multidisciplinary involvement
  6. Inclusive of all sectors
  7. Understanding social, economic, health, environmental, agriculture, cultural etc issues and impacts of water
• **Protection of Resources**

1. Ridge to reef
2. Protection of water resource from source to sea
3. Introduction of new and advanced water technology to minimise water usage (waste water)
4. Maintaining integrity of water resource (quality and quantity of water supply and demand)

• **Others**

1. Financial support from government
2. Technical support
3. Improving life
4. Legislation Policies
5. Sort out the mess
6. Ownership Issues
7. Capacity and limitation
8. Anchored in culture (Underlying dimension)
9. Research and policy
10. IWRM sounds lovely but challenge is how to implement and mobilise on the ground
11. Differences from country to country. No one solution fits all.