

**IW:LEARN Regional Workshop on
Economic Valuation and Water-Related Decision-Making**

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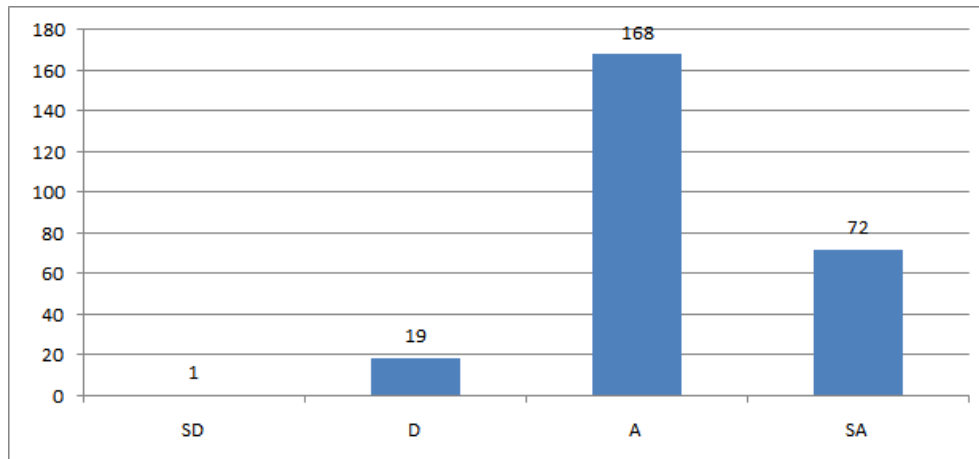
Participant Assessment Report

This report collates the responses of 26 participants on an evaluation form completed during the last session of the workshop. Some of the responses are from facilitators as well.

The participants were asked to rate the workshop in ten different areas expressing their opinions on evaluative statements. The four alternative responses were:

- Strongly Disagree (**SD**)
- Disagree (**D**)
- Agree (**A**)
- Strongly Agree (**SA**)

Overall the responses of the 26 participants were predominately positive. Of the 260 responses, 240 or 93% were positive.

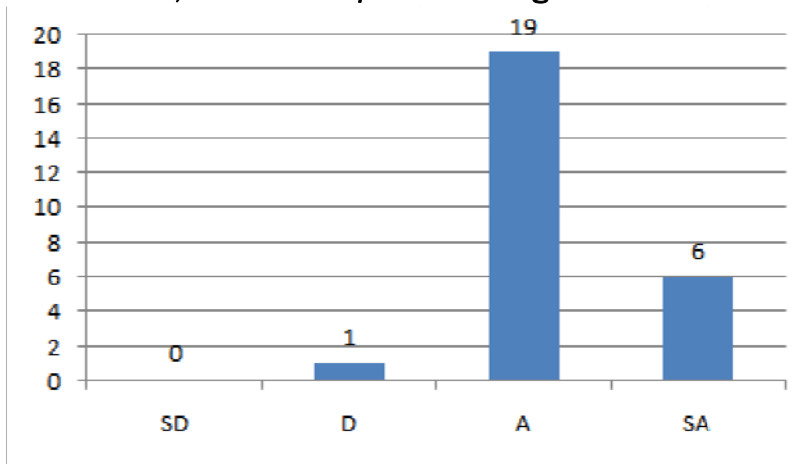


SD	D	A	SA
1	19	168	72
0%	7%	65%	28%

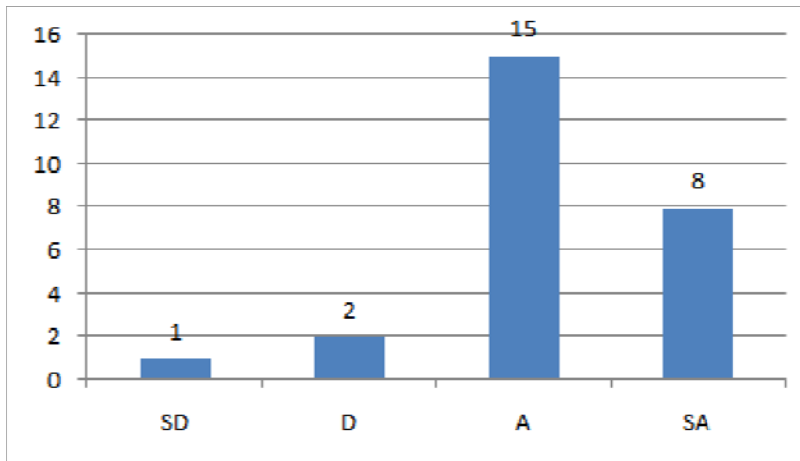
Information on the responses to each of the 10 statements follows.

1. General logistical organisation

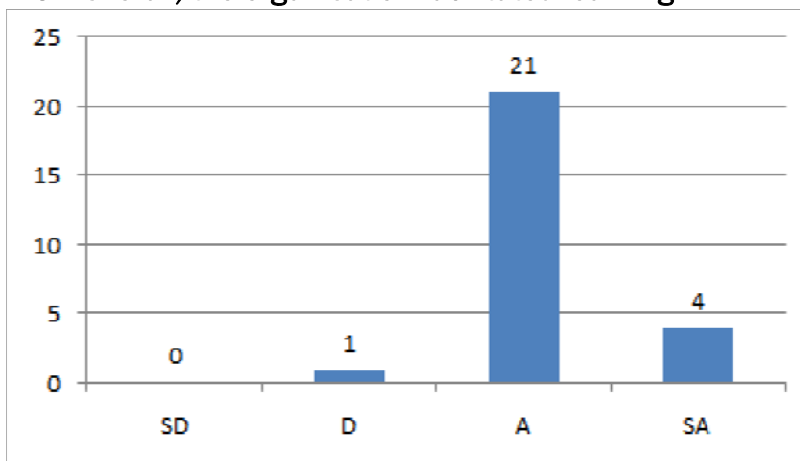
1.1 Overall, the workshop was well organised.



1.2 The venue facilities were suitable.

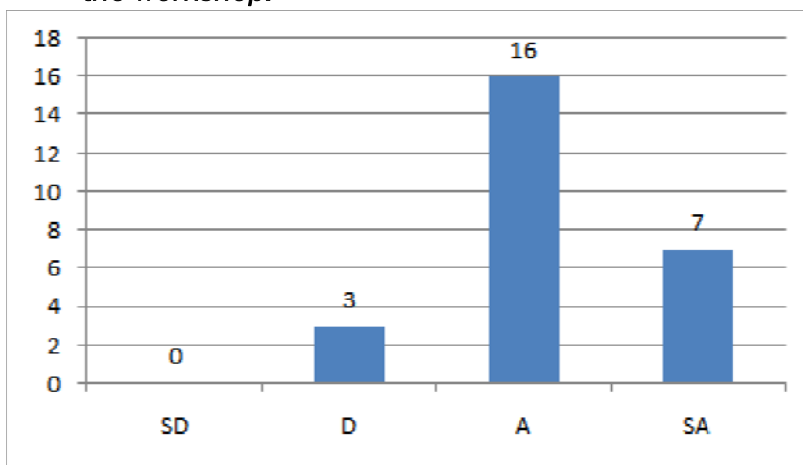


1.3 Overall, the organisation facilitated learning.

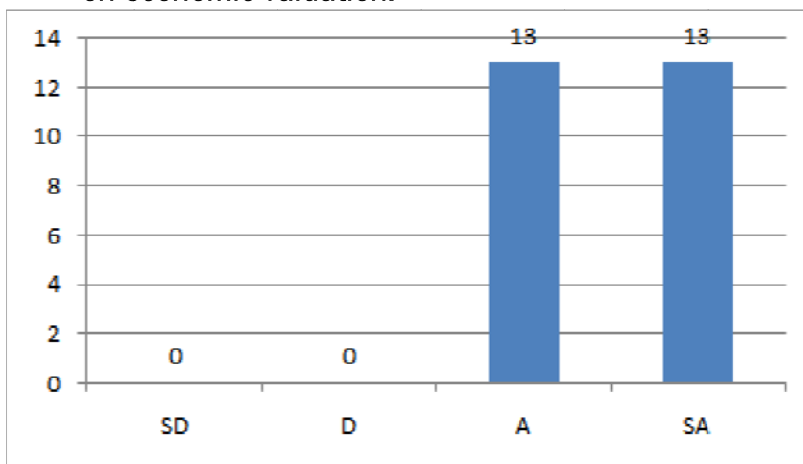


2. General technical issues

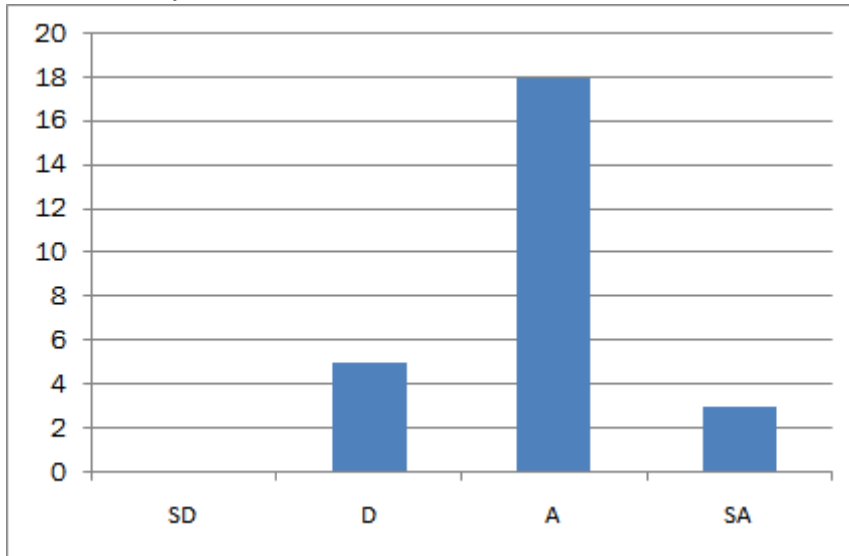
2.1 *The reading/preparation materials helped me to get more out of the workshop.*



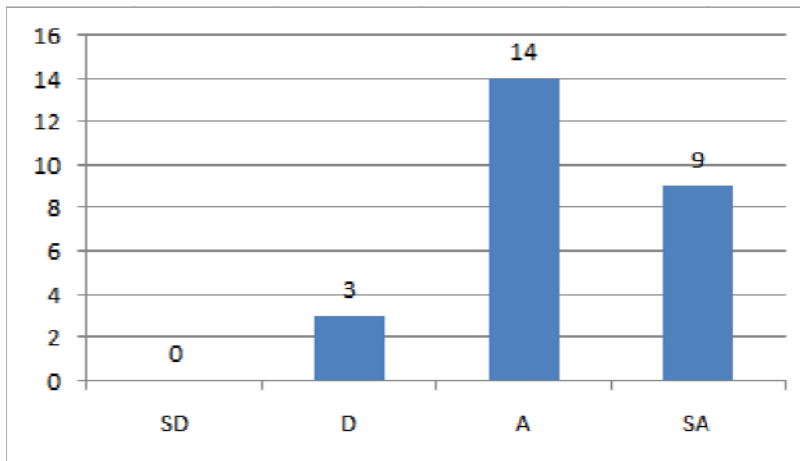
2.2 *The workshop enabled an exchange of experience and information on economic valuation.*



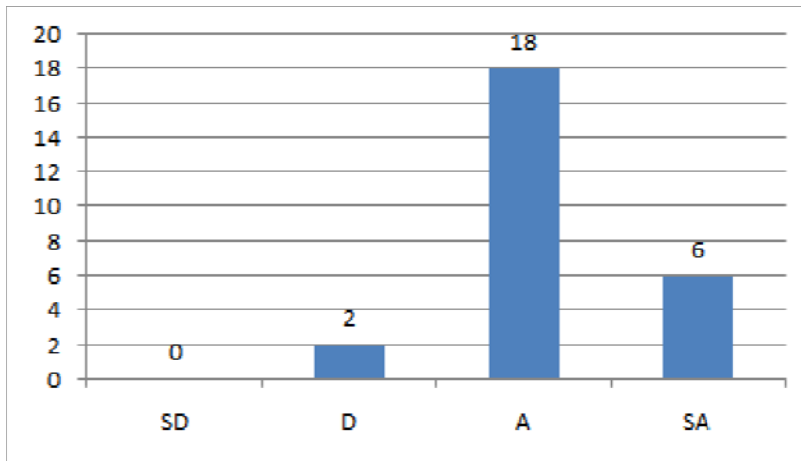
2.3 My knowledge of economic valuation and how to use it in my work has improved.



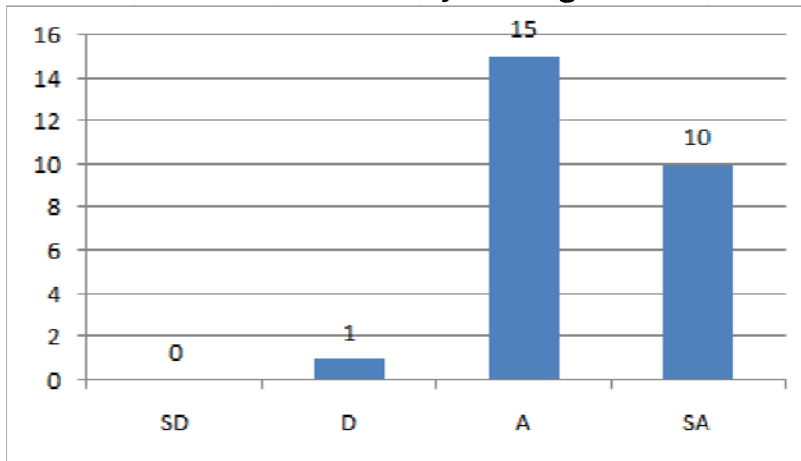
2.4 I am now more aware of sources of expertise and information on economic valuation.



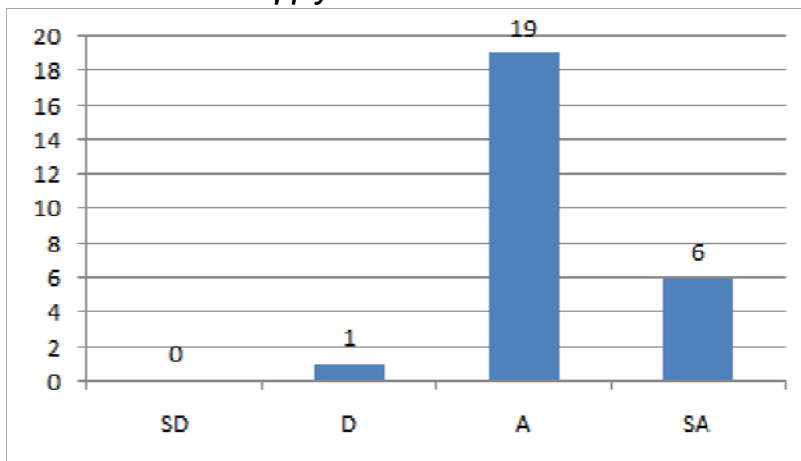
2.5 Sufficient time was allocated for discussion.



2.6 The exercises facilitated my learning.



2.7 I feel able to apply what I have learned back home.



Overall statistics

	Strongly Disagree		Disagree		Agree		Strongly Agree	
1. General logistical organisation								
1.1	0	0%	1	4%	19	73%	6	23%
1.2	1	4%	2	8%	15	50%	8	31%
1.3	0	0%	1	4%	21	81%	4	15%
2. General technical issues								
2.1	0	0%	3	12%	16	62%	7	27%
2.2	0	0%	0	0%	13	50%	13	50%
2.3	0	0%	5	19%	18	69%	3	12%
2.4	0	0%	3	12%	14	54%	9	35%
2.5	0	0%	2	8%	18	69%	6	23%
2.6	0	0%	1	4%	15	58%	10	38%
2.7	0	0%	1	4%	19	73%	6	23%
Total	1	0%	19	7%	168	65%	72	28%

The evaluation form also had 4 additional statements about which the participants could write comments. Some of the responses to these statements follow:

3. What I liked least about the workshop was:

- The questions during the exercises were not very clear
- The link between the personal action plan and the questions was not that clear
- Some of the presentations were too long and following was not easy
- Basic concepts not developed enough
- Insufficient practical exercises for participants
- Lack of printed materials for participants
- Lack of internet connectivity
- The logistical support was poor
- The shuffling between the hotel and the venue

4. The workshop delivery or organisation can be improved:

- Letting more discussion after presentations; more time for discussion
- Increasing the duration of the future workshops
- Working in case studies (in the groups); apply what we learn in the cases
- Organisation of the group work
- Delivery of more preparation materials prior to the training
- Give more time to the presenters
- Allocating more time for examples and case studies
- Site visit should be included

- Getting practical case studies close to African river basins
- Holding workshop at hotel where most participants were staying
- Yes

5. What I liked most about the workshop was:

- The presentations were quite good
- Literature review received before the workshop
- Enough sources of information was given
- The quality and the patience of the facilitators
- Presentations, availability of the facilitators
- Well prepared content and delivery -> facilitated learning
- Presentation of case studies
- The working groups
- Niger Basin presentation and World Bank presentation on tools
- Very beneficial for me
- Friendships among the participants
- Exchange of experiences
- Participants from different backgrounds and institutions
- The kindness of the members in charge of the presentations
- It was well coordinated to suit all disciplines and language barrier
- It was all well done!

6. One example of how I would like to apply what I have learned in my project is:

- Think of a valuation study
- Designing and implementing valuation studies
- Applying valuation in a proposed project in my river basin
- Dissemination of tools for economic valuation
- Decision support for project feasibility
- Apply concept in teaching, research and consultancy
- Incorporating the valuation tools in flow restoration programme activities
- Better management of valuation work
- To show how results from valuation studies can be used to inform a decision
- To refine a proposal on economic valuation of a micro-basin and look for funds to implement the study

Lessons learned

Though the workshop was well received overall by the participants, there are still some key lessons to be learned. These include the following:

- Improved communication on the preparation materials
- Better coordination and timing of presentations
- Expanded time for discussion following presentations
- Better organisation of the working group exercises
- Careful review of logistical and hygiene factors of venue and hotel
- Inclusion of a field trip if possible