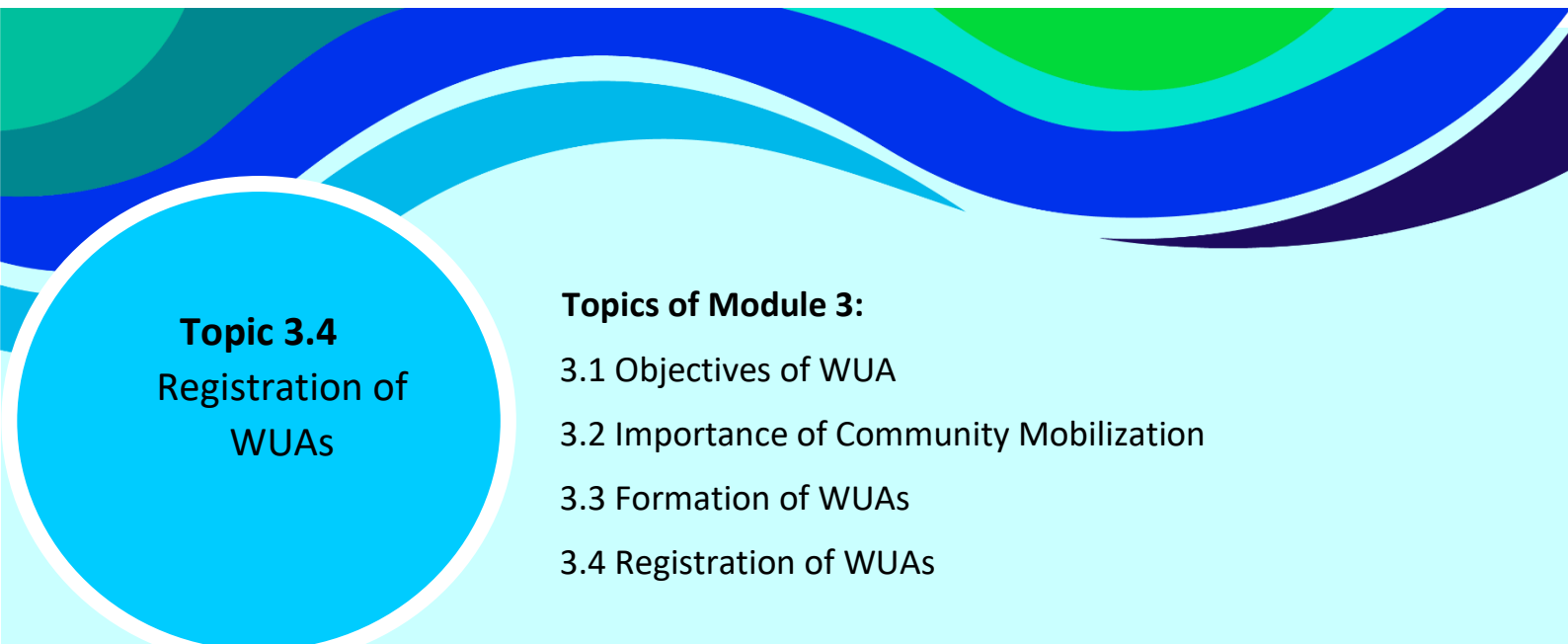


Certificate Course on Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM)

Module 3- Constitution of Water User Associations (WUAs)

Topic 3.4 – Registration of WUAs



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Registration of Water Users' Association:

- After the area of operation of the Water Users' Association at Minor Level has been delineated under relevant section of PIM act, the holders and occupiers of the land so delineated shall form a Water Users' Association. As soon as the Association is formed, the concerned Canal Officer shall, on verification and identification of the membership of the Water Users' Association call a first General Meeting of all the members so identified by giving proper prior publicity by way of displaying the notice of the said meeting at prominent public places in the area of operation of the Water Users' Association.

- Such meeting shall be presided over by the concerned Canal Officer and the Canal Officer shall inform all the members present therein about the registration of the Water Users' Association.
- The members present in the meeting shall decide the suitable name for the said Water Users' Association by passing a resolution with majority.
- The Canal Officer shall enter the said name of the Water Users' Association in the register to be maintained at the office of the Canal Officer in the format Specified.
- The Canal Officer shall display at the prominent places in the area of operation of the Water Users' Association, the name of the Association, its registration number, the date of registration and the area of operation of the Water Users' Association.
- WUAs have to submit the application along with the required documents for registration in the office of the Executive Engineer of the Water Resources Department.
- Before submitting the application for registration, the WUAs and their members have to hold a general meeting of all the members in their village and decide unanimously that they should have a WUAs for the canal or source from which they are taking water for irrigation.
- After the decision is taken unanimously, a proposal is to be submitted to the Executive Engineer as decided in the general meeting by determining the name of the WUAs.
- The Executive Engineer takes necessary action for the establishment of water Users by issuing notification from the farmers under the PIM act
- After the completion of this process, the process of setting up a WUAs is completed.
- Each WUAs is given a registration number through the Executive Engineer.
- A certificate along with the registration number is also given to the WUAs with the signature of the executive engineer.
- This certificate is the official document of the establishment of that WUAs.
- The date recorded on this certificate confirms that the WUAs came into existence on that date.
- After registration, water users get legal status under PIM Act and it is convenient for government departments to take action if they need to implement their decisions.
- The registration number is therefore a very important step.

- The Certificate of Registration assures water users that their WUAs existence is governed by law and that there is a legal environment in which they can work.
- The registered water Users should be aware of their legal existence and do whatever is necessary to protect the interests of their members within the framework of the law.