

# Pantanal Workshop - Second Day

13.30 In two groups, address the following demand

Your academic/scientific team was invited by the water regulators in the Pantanal to answer the following question:

- In a context of growing environmental pressures, strong political support to develop the uplands and reasonably high scientific uncertainty, what would be your key recommendations for the implementation of the state water plans (finished in 2008/2009)?
- Consider:
  - The existence of previous studies and the monitoring system
  - Economic growth is the top national priority & the Upper Paraguay Basin is an area with important natural resources
  - The conservation of the Pantanal is top in the environmental agenda, but there are also infrastructure pressures (roads, hydropower, etc), agriculture production pressures (cattle, soybean, ethanol) and fast urbanisation (and the pursuit of Western-like lifestyles)
  - The environmental regulator is the 'weakest link' in the government structure

14:30 Report back the answers & comments