

National Workshop

National workshop related to the Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes: Zambia's accession process

Lusaka, Zambia

AGENDA

Day 1 – 26 May 2022

SESSION 1: INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW OF THE CONVENTIONS

- Registration of participants (8:45 – 9:30am)

Opening session (9:30am – 10:15am)

- Prayer
- National Anthem
- Welcome Remarks PS MWDS
- Ms. Sonja Koeppel, Secretary of the Water Convention (5 mins)
- Mr. Harry Liiv, Chair of the Bureau of the Water Convention (5 mins)
- H.E. Mr Jacek Jankowski, Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of Zambia & COMESA (5 mins) TBC
- Mr Lionel Laurens, UNDP Resident Representative / Acting UN Resident Coordinator (5 mins) TBC
- H.E. Hon. Elton Mike Mposha (MP), Minister of Water Development and Sanitation (5 mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Mr. Louis Mwansa, Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation

Group Photo and Tea/coffee break (20mins)

Overview of the 1992 Water Convention and 1997 Watercourses Convention (10:35am-11:45am)

- *Why 2 UN global Water Conventions? Key provisions, similarities, differences & complementarities of both global legal frameworks for consideration by Zambia (15 mins)*
 - Mr. Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, Water Convention Secretariat
- *The institutional framework supporting the 1992 Water Convention, its Programme of Work and implementation on the ground (15 mins)*

- Ms. Sonja Koeppel, Secretary to the Water Convention
- *Activities and experience from Estonia (15 mins)*
 - Mr. Harry Liiv, Chair of the Bureau of the Water Convention

Questions from the floor and discussion (30 Mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Eng. Flora Simumba, Director Department of Water Resources Development, Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation- Zambia

SESSION 2: ZAMBIA'S WATER CONTEXT: NATIONAL & TRANSBOUNDARY

Zambia's national/regional transboundary water management contexts, agreements, institutions: Water Convention's relevance for the country's shared water resources (11:45 am– 12:45pm)

- *Zambia's transboundary cooperation agreements, institutions and activities and their alignment with the Water Convention: The ZRA, ZAMCOM, LTA (12 mins)*
 - Mrs. Flora Simumba, Acting Director, Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation, Zambia
- *Relationship between the Convention and Transboundary Basin Governance Arrangements: The ZAMCOM Agreement, Benefits assessments on cooperation briefs and activities (12 mins)*
 - Mr. Felix Ngamlagosi, Executive Secretary, Zambezi Watercourse Commission (ZAMCOM)
- *Relationship between the Convention and Regional Agreements: the relationship between the SADC Revised Protocol on Shared Watercourses and the UN Global Water Conventions (12 mins)*
 - Prof. Imasiku Nyambe, University of Zambia

Questions from the floor and discussion (20 Mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Dr. Mkhuzo Chongo, Zambia Representative, GWPSA

Lunch Break (12:45pm – 1:45pm)

Zambia's national/regional transboundary water management contexts, agreements, institutions: Convention's relevance for the country's shared water resources (1:45pm– 2:45pm)

- *Water Diplomacy in Transboundary Water Resources Management (12 mins)*
 - Ms. Ann Malata-Ononuju, Director Zambia Institute of Advanced Legal Education
- *Benefits of cooperative arrangements in supporting water sector (12 mins)*
 - Dr. Charles Shindaile, AWARE GIZ Zambia & Dr. Ngosa Howard Mpamba, Assistant Director International Water Section, DWRD, Ministry of Water Development and sanitation, Zambia
- *Benefits of cooperative arrangements in supporting freshwater ecosystem protection (12 mins)*
 - Ms. Nachilala Nkombo, Country Director, WWF-Zambia

Questions from the floor and discussion (20 Mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Mr. Felix Ngamlagosi, Executive Secretary, Zambezi Watercourse Commission (ZAMCOM)

SESSION 3: CONVENTION PERSPECTIVES (COUNTRY & REGIONAL) & PRACTICAL APPLICATION

The UN global water conventions: Presentations on value add and lessons learnt (2:45-3:45pm)

- *Activities and experience from the perspective of Hungary (12 mins)*
 - Mr. Peter Kovacs, Water Director, Hungary, Member of the Bureau to the Water Convention
- *The experience of Senegal: context of accession to UN global water conventions, the value add for Zambia, and developing a road map to accede to the Water Convention (12 mins)*
 - Mr Amary Ngoné Sembène, Legal Unit Coordinator, Ministry of Water and Sanitation, Senegal
- *Relationship between the Convention and Transboundary Basin Governance Arrangements: The CICOS Agreement, practical engagement, meetings and activities (12 mins)*
 - Ms. Judith Enaw, Executive Secretary, CICOS

Questions from the floor and discussion (20 mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Mr Mwansa Louis, Director Planning Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation

Coffee / Tea Break (3:45-4:00pm)

SESSION 3 (Continued): CONVENTION PERSPECTIVES (COUNTRY & REGIONAL) & PRACTICAL APPLICATION

The UN global water conventions: Panel discussion on perspectives and practical application in Q&A format (4:00-5:00pm)

Panellists

- CICOS (Ms. Judith Enaw, Executive Secretary)
- GWPSA (Dr. Mkhuzo Chongo, Zambia Representative)
- Senegal (Mr. Amary Ngoné Sembène, Legal Unit Coordinator, Ministry of Water and Sanitation, Senegal)
- GIZ (Ms. Joanna Fatch, Technical Advisor, GIZ - Transboundary Water Management in SADC Programme)

Example questions to panellists (40 mins):

- What have been the benefits from being party to both Conventions?
- What do you see as the value add of the Water Convention within your regional context?
- What do you see as the challenges to implementation of the Water Convention?

Questions from the floor and discussions (20 Mins):

Chair / Facilitator: Dr. Ngosa Howard Mpamba, Assistant Director International Water Section, DWRD, Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation, Zambia

SESSION 4: WRAP UP

Close of Day 1 (5-5.05pm)

- *Conclusions from Day 1 and Outline of Agenda for Day 2 (5mins)*
 - Mr. Melvin Sikazwe, Chief Planner, Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation, Zambia

Dinner reception (6-8pm)

Day 2 – 27 May 2022

Arrival/Registration (9:00am-9:30am)

SESSION 5: DEVELOPING THE ROAD MAP TO ACCESSION

Developing Zambia's integrated road map to accession (9:30-10:30am)

- *Basic common steps in the accession process summarized from previous experiences, as outlined in the Convention FAQs publication (10mins)*
 - Mr. Peter Kovacs, Water Director, Hungary, Member of the Bureau to the Water Convention
- *The experience of Senegal: Sharing their road map to accession as well as key challenges and advice to share (10mins)*
 - Mr. Amary Ngoné Sembène, Legal Unit Coordinator, Ministry of Water and Sanitation, Senegal)
- *Legal requirements for Zambia in the road map for accession (10mins)*
 - Ms. Comfort Mulenga, Assistant Director ILA, Ministry of Justice, Zambia
- *Zambia's obligation to International Organisations-Water Convention (10mins)*
 - Mrs. Theresa Chanda, Assistant Director- International Organisations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Questions from the floor and discussion (20 Mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Eng. Kenneth Nyundu, Director General Water Resources Management Authority, Zambia

SESSION 6: BENEFITS / CHALLENGES FOR ZAMBIA IN ACCEDING TO THE WATER CONVENTION TO ADDRESS IN ITS INTEGRATED ROAD MAP

Key issues to address and milestones to cover in Zambia's accession process for developing the road map (10:30-11:15 pm)

Group Work (45 mins)

- Break out groups to build on key points highlighted in Session 3 and discuss in more detail the benefits and challenges for Zambia in joining the Water Convention, the main milestones and laws/events/procedures that must be incorporated into developing the road map for Zambia

Chair / Facilitator: Mr. Remy Kinna, Legal Officer Water Convention Secretariat

Tea/Coffee break (11.15 – 11.30am)

Developing Zambia's integrated road map to accession (11:30am - 1:00pm)

Plenary to discuss the different milestones and develop integrated road map (90 mins)

- Each group briefly presents back from Session 4 with their key points for the road map with main milestones and laws/events/procedures to keep in mind for planning (10 mins each)
- Questions from the floor after each group presents (5-10 mins each)

Chair / Facilitator: Ms. Comfort Mulenga, Assistant Director ILA, Ministry of Justice, Zambia

LUNCH (1:00-2:00pm)

SESSION 7: AGREEING THE ROAD MAP TO ACCESSION, NEXT STEPS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Plenary discussion on road map and roles and responsibilities plus immediate next steps to take (2:00-3:30pm)

Presentation (15 Mins)

- *Links with global water processes such as the COP27 and the UN Water Conference 2023.*
 - Ms. Sonja Koeppel, Secretary to the Water Convention

Sharing of the integrated Accession Roadmap and discussing the steps, milestones and responsibilities (15 Mins)

- Eng. Flora Simumba, Acting Director, Department of Water Resources Development, Ministry of Water Development and sanitation, Zambia
- Mr. Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, Water Convention Secretariat
- Ms. Lydia Matapo, Legal Counsel, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Questions from the floor and discussion (60 Mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Dr. Ngosa Howard Mpamba-Assistant Director International Water Section, DWRD, Ministry of Water Development and sanitation, Zambia

Remarks and Closing (3:30pm-3:45pm)

- Ms. Sonja Koeppel, Secretary of the Water Convention (5 mins)
- Mr. Harry Liiv, Chair of the Bureau of the Water Convention (5 mins)
- Mr. Joe Kalusa, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation (5 mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Mr. Louis Mwansa, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation, Zambia

End of Day 2 / Workshop (3:45pm)