

ZAMBIA'S OBLIGATION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS – WATER CONVENTION

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OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

- 1. Role of International Organisations**
- 2. Obligations of being a party to an International Organisation:**
 - ✓ Policy and Legal
 - ✓ Administrative
 - ✓ Financial
 - ✓ Reporting

THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

- An international organization may be defined as a set of acceptable norms and rules meant to regulate the actions of member states and other actors in the international system;
- It provides a common platform to discuss and provide solutions for common challenges;
- Provision of technical, financial and material support to the member states as required;
- IOs are good platform for sharing of best practices, which may aid the collection of statistical information that is critical for comparative studies; and
- IOs provide forums for bargaining and settling of disputes, which help to minimize transaction costs and strengthen the cooperation among member states.



Policy and Legal Obligations

- **Undertake the required process of accession**, as the Water Convention is already into force;
- The process of accession demands an assessment of any required **changes to the existing domestic legislation and policies** needed to implement the Convention;

Administrative Obligations

Administrative obligations may include:

- Appointment of officials that will be charged with the responsibility of implementing the Water Convention agreed activities;
- Adequate briefing to policy makers to ensure their buy-in; and
- Information dissemination to all the relevant stakeholders.

Financial Obligations

Members to international Organisations are obliged to:

- Pay assessed contributions and also voluntary contributions ;
- Financial resources will be required to:
 - Participate in the meetings of the Convention;
 - Implementation of the Water Convention; and
 - Expense on other administrative arrangements, such as staffing and information dissemination.
- Provision in the National budget for public spending is necessary.

Reporting Obligations

- **REPORT MECHANISM**

- Some organisations requires Member States to report progress or lack of it, on some of the agreed areas.

END OF PRESENTATION

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