

## National Workshop

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

VENUE: Sandy's Creations, 31/32 Farm 4300 Kafue Road, Chilanga  
Lusaka, Zambia

#### AGENDA

Day 1 – 26 May 2022

#### SESSION 1: INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW OF THE CONVENTIONS

- Registration of participants (8:45 – 9:30am)
- *Master of ceremonies: Ms. Marjorie Mwale, Senior Water Engineer, Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation*

#### Opening session (9:30am – 10:15am)

- National Anthem
- Prayer
- Introductions
- Welcome Remarks, Mr. Joe Kalusa, Permanent Secretary, MWDS, Zambia
- Ms. Sonja Koepfel, 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)
- Mr. Lionel Laurens, UNDP Resident Representative (5 mins)
- 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, Zambia*

#### Group Photo and Tea/coffee break (20mins)

Master of ceremonies: Marjorie Mwale

#### 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: Mrs. Flora Simumba, Acting Director, Department of Water Resources Development (DWRD), Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation (MWDS) 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, DWRD, MWDS, 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, MWDS, 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, 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, MWDS, Zambia*

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, MWDS, Zambia*

**SESSION 4: WRAP UP**

**Close of Day 1 (5:00-5:05pm)**

- *Conclusions from Day 1 and Outline of Agenda for Day 2 (5mins)*
  - Ms. Marjorie Mwale, Senior Water Engineer, MWDS, 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: Mr. Stanley Hantambo, International Water Section, DWRD, MWDS, 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)

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**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)

- Mrs. Flora Simumba, Acting Director, DWRD, MWDS, 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, MWDS, 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 Mwansa Louis, Director Planning, MWDS, Zambia*

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