



National Workshop

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

31 May (full day) & 1 June (half day) 2022

Avani Hotel
Windhoek, Namibia

AGENDA

Day 1 – 31 May 2022

SESSION 1: INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW OF THE CONVENTIONS

National Anthem & African Union Anthem

Opening session (9:30am – 10:00am)

- H.E. Hon. Ms. Anna Ndahambelela Shiweda, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, Namibia (5 mins)
- Ms. Sonja Koeppel, Secretary of the Water Convention (5 mins)
- Mr. Achim Schaffert, Head of Cooperation of the European Union to Namibia (5 mins)
- Mr. Sen Pang, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Namibia (5 mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Ms Ndiyakupi Nghituwamata, Acting Executive Director, Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, Namibia

Group Photo (20mins) – Tea/Coffee break

Overview UNECE Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (1992), and Convention on the Law of the Non-navigational Uses of International Watercourses (1997) (10:20am-11:30am)

- *Why 2 UN global Water Conventions? Key provisions, similarities, differences & complementarities of both global legal frameworks for consideration by Namibia (12 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 (12 mins)*
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- *Activities and experience from the perspective of Hungary (12 mins)*
 - Mr. Peter Kovacs, Water Director, Hungary, Member of the Bureau to the Water Convention

Discussion (30 Mins)

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

Namibia's national and regional transboundary water management contexts and example of the Water Convention's role and relevance for Namibia's transboundary agreements (11:45 am–12:30pm)

- *Transboundary water cooperation agreements, institutions and activities and their alignment with the Water Convention (12 mins)*
 - Ms. Maria Amakali, Director: Directorate of Water Resource Management, Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, Namibia
- *Relationship between the Convention and Namibia's Transboundary Basin Governance Arrangements: Example of the ZAMCOM Agreement, Benefits assessments on cooperation briefs and activities (12 mins)*
 - Mr. Felix Ngamlagosi, Executive Secretary, Zambezi Watercourse Commission (ZAMCOM)

Discussion (20 Mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Dr Kuri Tjipangandjara, Independent, Namibia

Lunch Break (12:30pm – 1:30pm)

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

The Water Convention: Presentations on value add and lessons learned (1:30-2:45pm)

- *The experience of Ghana: context of accession to both UN global water conventions, the value add for Ghana, and developing a road map to accede to the Water Convention (12 mins)*
 - Ms. Bernadette Adjei, Director, Legal and Monitoring Department, Water Resources Commission, Ghana
- *Activities and experience from the perspective of Finland (12 mins)*
 - Mr. Turo Hjerpe, Senior Specialist at Finnish Ministry of the Environment
- *Relationship between the Convention and Transboundary Basin Governance Arrangements: The OKACOM Agreement, Benefits Assessment on Cooperation Brief and activities (12 mins)*
 - Mr. Phera Ramoeli, Executive Secretary, OKACOM

Discussion (30 Mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Mr. Lenka Thamae, Executive Secretary, ORASECOM

The Water Convention: Panel discussion on regional perspectives and practical application in Q&A format (2:45-4:00pm)

Panelists

- OKACOM (Mr. Phera Ramoeli, Executive Secretary)
- ORASECOM (Mr. Lenka Thamae, Executive Secretary)
- GIZ (Ms. Joanna Fatch, Technical Advisor, GIZ - Transboundary Water Management in SADC Programme)
- GWPSA (Ms. Loreen Katiyo, Transboundary Water Governance and Environment Specialist)
- Ghana (Ms. Bernadette Adjei, Director, Legal and Monitoring Department, Water Resources Commission)

Discussion (30 Mins)

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Coffee / Tea Break (4:00-4:15pm)

SESSION 4: BENEFITS & CHALLENGES FOR NAMIBIA IN ACCEDING TO THE WATER CONVENTION (1)

Key issues to address and milestones to cover in Namibia's accession process (4:15-5:15 pm)

Group Work (60 mins)

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

SESSION 5: WRAP UP

Close of Day 1 (5:15-5:20pm)

- *Conclusions from Day 1 and Outline of Agenda for Day 2 (5mins)*
 - Ms. Maria Amakali, Director: Directorate of Water Resource Management, Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, Namibia

Dinner reception @ Avani Hotel Restaurant (6-8pm)

Day 2 – 1 June 2022

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

SESSION 6: BENEFITS & CHALLENGES FOR NAMIBIA IN ACCEDING TO THE WATER CONVENTION (2)

Key issues to address and milestones to cover in Namibia's accession process (9:30-10:30am)

Plenary to discuss milestones and develop integrated road map (60 mins)

- Rapporteurs report back (10 mins each)
- Discussion (5 mins each)

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

Developing Namibia's integrated road map to accession (10:30-11.15am)

- *Basic common steps in the accession process summarized from previous experiences, as outlined in the Convention FAQs publication (5mins)*
 - Mr. Peter Kovacs, Water Director, Hungary, Member of the Bureau to the Water Convention
- *The experience of Ghana: Sharing their road map to accession as well as key challenges and advice to share (10mins)*
 - Ms. Bernadette Adjei, Director, Legal and Monitoring Department, Water Resources Commission, Ghana
- *Legal requirements for Namibia the road map for accession (15mins)*
 - Representative of Office of Attorney General, Namibia

Discussion (15 mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Ms. Ndina Nashipili, Deputy Director: Water Basin Management Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, Namibia

Tea/Coffee break (11.15 – 11.30am)

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 (11:30-12:40pm)

Links with Convention meetings and global water processes such as COP27 and the UN Water Conference 2023 (10 Mins)

- Ms. Sonja Koepfel, Secretary to the Water Convention

Sharing of the integrated Accession Roadmap and discussing the steps, milestones and responsibilities (20 Mins)

- Ms Maria Amakali, Director: Directorate of Water Resource Management, Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, Namibia
- Mr. Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, Water Convention Secretariat

Discussion (40 mins)

Remarks and Closing (12:40pm-1:00pm)

- Ms Ndiyakupi Nghituwamata, Acting Executive Director, Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, Namibia (5 mins)
- Ms. Sonja Koeppel, Secretary of the Water Convention (5 mins)

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End of Day 2 / Workshop (1pm)

Lunch (1:00-2:00pm)