



Sub-National Workshop in the Congo Basin – 13-14 September

**Zambia sub-national stakeholder workshop in the Congo Basin:
Accession to the Water Convention and related transboundary water governance processes**

VENUE: Mansa, Luapula Province, Zambia

AGENDA

Day 1 (Half Day PM) – 13 September

SESSION 1: INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW OF THE CONVENTIONS

- Registration of participants (2:00-2:30pm)
- *Master of ceremonies: Ms. Emma Ndhlovu, Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation*

Opening session (2:30-3:10pm)

- Prayer
- National Anthem
- Welcome Remarks
- Mr Mighty Mumba, PS Luapula Provincial Administration (5 mins)
- Mr. Sikazwe Melvin Remarks from the MWDS (5 mins)
- Mr. Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, Water Convention (5 mins)
- Mr. Ben Ampomah, Executive Secretary (retired), Water Resources Commission, Ghana (5 Mins)
- Mrs. Audrey Zoula, Senior Expert – Planning & Cooperation, CICOS
- H.E. Hon. Derrick Chilundika (MP), Minister Luapula Province (5 mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Mr. Martin Sodala, Luapula Provincial Administration

Group Photo and Tea/coffee break (20mins)

Master of ceremonies: Emma Ndhlovu

SESSION 2: SETTING THE SCENE - ZAMBIA'S TRANSBOUNDARY WATER RESOURCES

Zambia's national, transboundary and regional water management contexts, agreements, institutions: update on status and relevance for the Congo Basin (3:30-4:45pm)

- *Three main objectives of the meeting regarding: the Water Convention; CICOS; and Luapula River Authority, status on these processes plus expected outcomes: International Water Section -MWDS (12 mins)*
 - Mr. George Mweenda, Principal Planner, Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation, Zambia
- *Zambia's transboundary cooperation agreements, institutions and activities and their alignment with the Water Convention: The ZRA, ZAMCOM, LTA in conjunction with Water Diplomacy in Transboundary Water Resources Management (12 mins)*

- Dr. Ngosa Howard Mpamba-Assistant Director International Water Section, DWRD, Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation, Zambia
- *Water Resources Management in the Congo Basin in Zambia: Challenges and Opportunities (12 mins)*
 - Mr. Mzumara Mwiza, Catchment Manager, Water Resources Management Authority (WARMA)
- *Presentation on transportation and inland waterway navigation in Luapula Province (15mins)*
 - TBC, Ministry of Transport

Questions from the floor and discussion (30 Mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Mr Adamson Sakala, Senior Water Officer – Congo Basin, Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation

SESSION 3: ZAMBIA'S INTENTION TO ACCEDE TO THE WATER CONVENTION

Overview of the 1992 Water Convention and 1997 Watercourses Convention, with particular focus on Zambia's engagement with and accession to the Water Convention (4:45-6:00pm)

- *What are the two global water conventions and how can they support Zambia's transboundary water governance, with a focus on the Water Convention, its practical implementation and linkages with SDG6 (20 mins)*
 - Mr. Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, Water Convention Secretariat
- *National perspective: Ghana - 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. Ben Ampomah, Executive Secretary (retired), Water Resources Commission, Ghana
- *Basin perspective: CICOS - Relationship between the Convention and Transboundary Basin Governance Arrangements: The CICOS Agreement, practical engagement, meetings and activities (12 mins)*
 - Mrs. Audrey Zoula, Senior Expert – Planning & Cooperation, CICOS

Questions from the floor and discussion (20 Mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Stanley Hantambo, Principal Congo Basin Unit -Department of Water Resources Development, Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation- Zambia

DAY 1 - CLOSE

Close of Day 1 (6:00-6:05pm)

- *Conclusions from Day 1 and Outline of Agenda for Day 2 (5mins)*
- *Mr. Howard Mpamba, Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation*
- *H.E. Hon. Derrick Chilundika (MP), Minister Luapula Province*

Day 2 – 14 September

Arrival/Registration (8:30-9:00am)

- Registration of participants (8:30-9:00am)
- Welcome to Day 2 (9:00-9:05am)

Master of ceremonies: Ms. Emma Ndhlovu, Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation

SESSION 4: ZAMBIA'S INTENTION TO BECOME A PARTY TO CICOS

Overview of the International Commission on the Congo-Oubangui-Sangha Basin (CICOS) and its potential role and relevance for Zambia's transboundary waters in the Congo Basin (9:05-10:30am)

- *Historical Development of CICOS, provisions of the Agreement, Functioning and institutional structure and membership process and value add for Zambia (12 mins)*
 - Mrs Audrey Zoula, Senior Expert – Planning & Cooperation, CICOS
- *Zambia's engagement with CICOS, including plans for Zambia Obtaining Observer Status and intention for becoming a Party to CICOS – Draft Road Map (12 mins)*
 - Dr. Ngosa Howard Mpamba-Assistant Director International Water Section, DWRD, Ministry of Water Development and sanitation, Zambia
- *Zambia's inland water navigation on the Congo River and its tributaries - Benefits and challenges for Zambia under a common code for basin countries of CICOS (12 mins)*
 - TBC - Ministry of Transport

Questions from the floor and discussion (45 Mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Mr. Martin Sodala, Assistant Director- Luapula Provincial Administration Planning Unit

SESSION 5: ZAMBIA'S INTENTION TO ESTABLISH A LUAPULA RIVER AUTHORITY

Benefits and challenges of developing an agreement and institution on the Luapula River shared with Congo DR, including background and guidance on how this can be developed (10:30-11:15am)

- *Background, aim and status of the Establishment of Luapula River Authority (12mins)*
 - Mr. Martin Sodala, Assistant Director- Luapula Provincial Administration Planning Unit
- *Challenges and benefits of the Luapula Catchment in relation to energy generation and cross-sectoral coordination (12mins)*
 - TBC – Ministry of Energy

Questions from the floor and discussion (20 mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Mr Adamson Sakala, Senior Water Officer – Congo Basin, Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation

Coffee / Tea Break (11:15-11:30am)

Benefits and challenges of developing an agreement and institution on the Luapula River shared with Congo DR, including background and guidance on how this can be developed (11:30-12:30) CONTINUED

- *Benefits of cooperative arrangements in supporting freshwater ecosystem protection – Sharing from the Zambezi Basin experience (12 mins)*
 - TBC, WWF-Zambia
- *Benefits of cooperative arrangements in supporting water sector (12 mins)*
 - Ms. Norah Chansa A, RWS II -GIZ Zambia & Director/ Assistant Director -Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Ministry of Water Development and sanitation, Zambia
- *Development of Transboundary River Agreements and Basin Institutions under the Water Convention, including practical guide on developing agreements (12 mins)*
 - Mr Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, Water Convention Secretariat

Questions from the floor and discussion (20 mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Mr Adamson Sakala, Senior Water Officer – Congo Basin, Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation

SESSION 6: FEEDBACK ON ZAMBIA’S 3 TRANSBOUNDARY WATER GOVERNANCE PROCESSES IN THE CONGO BASIN

Group work to discuss Zambia’s three transboundary water governance processes which are relevant to the Congo River basin (12:30-1:15pm)

Break out in groups to discuss the potential benefits and challenges on the 3 main sessions:

- *Accession to the Water Convention (15 mins)*
- *Membership of CICOS (15 Mins)*
- *Establishment of a Luapula River Authority (15 mins)*

Chair / Facilitator: Mr. George Mweenda, Principal Planner, Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation, Zambia

Lunch Break (1:15-2:15pm)

Break out groups continue to discuss the potential benefits and challenges on the 3 main session

Rapporteurs prepare presentations

SESSION 7: FEEDBACK ON ZAMBIA’S 3 TRANSBOUNDARY WATER GOVERNANCE PROCESSES IN THE CONGO BASIN (CONTINUED)

Group work report back on Zambia’s three transboundary water governance processes which are relevant to the Congo River basin (2:15-4:00pm)

Rapporteurs from each Group Work on benefits and challenges to address on the three main areas:

- *Accession to the Water Convention*
- *Membership of CICOS*
- *Establishment of Luapula River Authority*

4 groups x 15 mins each (5 mins per sub-topic) = 60 mins

Clarifications and Questions from the floor (45 Mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Mr. George Mweenda, Principal Planner, Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation, Zambia

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

SESSION 8: NEXT STEPS

Next steps on Zambia's three transboundary water governance processes which are relevant to the Congo River basin (4:15-5:15pm)

- *Legal requirements for Zambia in the road map for accession (12 mins)*
 - Mr Thulani Banda, Ministry of Justice, Zambia
- *Zambia's obligation to International Organisations (12 mins)*
 - Mr. Chris Simukonda Changwa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.
- *Sharing Zambia's current plans for next steps regarding:*
 - *integrated roadmap for accession from the National Workshop*
 - *road map for membership to CICOS*
 - *development of the Luapula River Authority (12 mins)*
 - Dr. Ngosa Howard Mpamba-Assistant Director International Water Section, DWRD, Ministry of Water Development and sanitation, Zambia

Clarifications and Questions from the floor (30 Mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Stanley Hantambo, Principal Congo Basin Unit -Department of Water Resources Development, MWDS- Zambia

SESSION 9: LOOKING FORWARD TO FUTURE ENGAGEMENT & IMPLEMENTATION

Zambia's planned engagement in the Programme of Work under the Water Convention 2022-24 and links with global water processes (5:15-6:00 pm)

- *Sustainable Development Goal 6, SDG Indicator 6.5.2 and reporting, links with global water processes such as the COP27 and the UN Water Conference 2023 (12 mins)*
 - Mr. Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, Water Convention secretariat and Dr. Ngosa Howard Mpamba, Assistant Director International Water Section, MWDS, Zambia
- *Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystem Nexus Assessment application in transboundary basins: the Water Convention experience and possible application in Luapula River Basin (12 mins)*
 - Mr Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, Water Convention and Stanley Hantambo, Principal Congo Basin Unit -Department of Water Resources Development, MWDS, Zambia

Clarifications and Questions from the floor (20 Mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Mr Thulani Banda, Ministry of Justice, Zambia

CLOSE OF DAY 2 & MEETING**Remarks and Closing (6:00-6:15pm)**

- Mr Howard Mpamba, MWDS (3 mins)
- Mr. Martin Sodala, Assistant Director, Luapula Provincial Administration Planning Unit (3 mins)
- Mr Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, Water Convention Secretariat (3 mins)
- Mr. Mighty Mumba, Permanent Secretary, Luapula Provincial Administration (3 mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Mr Adamson Sakala, Senior Water Officer – Congo Basin, Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation

End of Day 2 / Workshop (6:15pm)