



**National workshop related to 1992 United Nations Water Convention  
& 1997 United Nations Watercourses Convention:  
Zimbabwe's accession process to the UN global water conventions**

20 March (full day) & 21 March 2024 (half day)

The Rainbow Towers Hotel and Conference Centre

Harare, Zimbabwe

**AGENDA**

**Day 1 – 20 March 2024**

DAY 1		
SESSION 1: ACCESSION TO THE 1992 UNITED NATIONS WATER CONVENTION		
<i>Chair / Facilitator: Eng Tinayeshe Mutazu, Chief Director Water Resources, WASHP and Irrigation Development Directorate, Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development</i>		
Item	Presenter	Time
Registration	All	0800hrs - 0900hrs
National Anthem	All	0900hrs - 0905hrs
Introductions	Eng Tinayeshe Mutazu, Chief Director Water Resources, WASHP and Irrigation Development Directorate, Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development	0905hrs - 0910hrs
Welcome Remarks	Prof. Obert Jiri, Secretary, Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development	0910hrs - 0920hrs
Introductory Remarks in Relation to Zimbabwe's Accession to the UN global water conventions	Ms. Sonja Koeppel, Secretary of the Water Convention	0930hrs - 0940hrs
	Ambassador of the European Union to Zimbabwe	10940hrs – 0950hrs
	United Nations Resident Coordinator to Zimbabwe	0950hrs – 1000hrs
Key Note Address: Zimbabwe Accession to the UN global water conventions	Hon. Dr. Anxious Jongwe Masuka, Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water & Rural Development	0920hrs - 0930hrs

**(Group photo 20min) Morning Tea Break 1030hrs – 1045hrs**

**Overview 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)**

Why 2 UN global Water Conventions? Key provisions, similarities, differences & complementarities of both global legal frameworks for consideration by Zimbabwe	Mr. Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, Water Convention Secretariat	1020hrs – 1035hrs
The institutional framework supporting the 1992 Water Convention, its Programme of Work and implementation on the ground	Ms. Sonja Koeppel, Secretary to the Water Convention	1035hrs - 1050hrs
Activities and experience from the perspective of Estonia	Mr Harry Liiv, Special Envoy for Water, Estonia, Chair of the Bureau to the Water Convention	1050hrs – 1105hrs
Zimbabwe’s municipal laws and obligations under International Law: should Zimbabwe accede to the global conventions (swot analysis)?	Mr. Tumai Murombo, Professor of Environmental Law, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa	1105hrs- 1120hrs

Q&A /Discussion (30min)

**SESSION 2: ZIMBABWE’S WATER CONTEXT: NATIONAL & TRANSBOUNDARY**

*Chair / Facilitator: Eng Taurayi Maurikira, Chief Executive Officer-ZINWA*

***Zimbabwe’s national and regional transboundary water management contexts and example of the Water Convention’s role and relevance for Zimbabwe’s transboundary agreements***

Regional Transboundary Water Cooperation within Southern Africa: Frameworks and Initiatives relevant to Zimbabwe and its shared waters including the Africa Water Investment Program	Ms. Loreen Katiyo, Global Water Partnership Southern Africa (GWPSA) Transboundary Water Governance and Environment Specialist	1150hrs – 1205hrs
Relationship between the Convention and Zimbabwe’s Transboundary Basin Governance Arrangements: Example of the BUPUSA Agreement, Benefits assessments on cooperation briefs and activities	Mr Elisha Madamombe, Acting Executive Secretary for the BuPuSa Commission	1205hrs – 1220hrs
Transboundary water cooperation agreements, institutions and activities and their alignment with the Water Convention	Eng Gilbert Mawere, Director; Water Resources Development and utilisation, Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development, Zimbabwe	1220hrs – 1235hrs

Q&A /Discussion (25min)

**LUNCH BREAK (1300hrs-1400hrs)**

**SESSION 3: THE WATER CONVENTION: PRESENTATIONS ON VALUE ADD AND LESSONS LEARNED**  
**PANEL DISCUSSION ON WATER CONVENTION PERSPECTIVES (COUNTRY & BASIN) & PRACTICAL APPLICATION**  
*Chair / Facilitator: Felix Ngamlagosi, Executive Secretary, Zambezi Watercourse Commission (ZAMCOM)*

Sharing experiences with Accession since joining as Ghana was one of the first African countries to become party to UN Water Convention	Ms. Bernadette Araba Adjei, Director, Legal and Monitoring Department, Water Resources Commission, Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources, Ghana	1400hrs – 1410hrs
Sharing the journey on Namibia’s accession to the UN Water Convention as the first Party from Southern Africa	Ms. Ndina Nashipili, Deputy Director: Directorate of Water Resource Management, Ministry of Agriculture, Water & Land Reform, Namibia	1410hrs – 1420hrs
Sharing the journey on Zambia’s accession to the UN Water Convention	Dr. Ngosa Howard Mpamba, Assistant Director- International Waters, Department of Water Resources Development, Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation, Zambia	1420hrs – 1430hrs
Sharing the journey on Botswana’s accession to the UN Water Convention	Mr David Molefha, Chief Water Engineer, Ministry of Lands and Water Affairs, Botswana	1430hrs – 1440hrs

Q&A /Discussion (20min)

**Afternoon Tea Break: 15:00hrs – 15:15hrs**

**SESSION 4: The Water Convention: Panel discussion on regional perspectives and practical application in Q&A format**

*Moderator: Mr Darlington Tshuma, Legal Advisor, Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development.*

**PANEL 1 (15:15 – 16:05hrs including 30 mins for panelists, 20 mins for Q&A with audience)**

Topic	Panelists	
The Water Convention: Panel discussion on regional perspectives and practical application in Q&A format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BUPUSA (Mr. Elisha Madamombe, Acting Executive Secretary)</li> <li>LIMCOM (Mr. Sergio Siteo, Executive Secretary)</li> <li>ZAMCOM (Mr Felix Ngamlagosi, Executive Secretary)</li> <li>ZRA (Eng Munyaradzi Munodawafa- Chief Executive Officer)</li> </ul>	Interactive moderated Panel discussions followed by Q&A with audience

**PANEL 2 (16:05 – 16:55hrs including 30 mins for panelists, 20 mins for Q&A with audience)**

The Water Convention: Panel discussion on regional perspectives and practical application in Q&A format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GIZ (TBC)</li> <li>IMMI (Mr Jonathan Lautze, Research Group Leader)</li> <li>GWPSA (Ms. Loreen Katiyo, Transboundary Water Governance and Environment)</li> </ul>	
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	Specialist) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IUCN (Mr Davison Tariro Saruchera, Regional Program Manager IWRM)</li> </ul>	
<b>SESSION 5: WRAP UP</b>		
Conclusions from Day 1 and Outline of Agenda for Day	Mr Norest Ndawana, Zimbabwe National Focal Point to the Water Convention	16:55hrs – 17:15hrs
<b>End of Day 1</b>		
<b>DINNER RECEPTION @ 18:30 hrs</b>		

**Day 2 – 21 March 2024**

<b>Arrival/Registration (0900hrs-0900hrs)</b>		
<b>SESSION 6: BENEFITS &amp; CHALLENGES FOR ZIMBABWE IN ACCEDING TO THE WATER CONVENTION (2)</b> <i>Chair / Facilitator: Dr James Tsabora, Senior Lecturer at the University of Zimbabwe</i>		
<b>Key issues to address and milestones to cover in Zimbabwe's accession</b>		
GROUP WORK	Mr. Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, Water Convention Secretariat	0900hrs-0945hrs
Plenary to discuss milestones and develop integrated road map Rapporteurs report back Discussion	Mr. Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, Water Convention Secretariat	0945hrs – 1030hrs
<b>Tea/Coffee break (1030hrs – 1045hrs)</b>		
<b>Developing Zimbabwe's integrated road map to accession</b>		
The experience of Namibia: Sharing their road map to accession as well as key challenges and advice to share	Ms. Ndina Nashipili, Deputy Director: Directorate of Water Resource Management, Ministry of Agriculture, Water & Land Reform, Namibia	1045hrs-1050hrs
Presentation on basic common steps in the accession process summarized from previous experiences, as outlined in the Convention FAQs publication	Mr Harry Liiv, Special Envoy for Water, Estonia, Chair of the Bureau to the Water Convention	1050hrs-1055hrs
<i>Legal requirements for Zimbabwe's road map for</i>	Ms. Patience Rashai, Office of Attorney General, Zimbabwe	1055hrs-1105hrs
Break out Groups (1 Rapporteur each group)	<b>Discuss:</b> Key milestones, actors and challenges for Zimbabwe in acceding to the Convention. How to address needs, gaps and synergies. Potential benefits of accession short, medium and long terms.	1105hrs-1145 hrs
Report back in Plenary by Rapporteurs from the break out Groups	Each group (6 groups) presents for 5 minutes on	1105hrs-1200hrs

	highlights of the 3 main discussion items and then 5 minutes Q&A <i>Draft road map will be annotated and updated</i>	
<b>SESSION 7: WATER CONVENTION MEETING OF THE PARTIES &amp; PROGRAMME OF WORK</b>		
<i>Chair / Facilitator: Mr. Gilbert Mawere, Director Water Resources, Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development, Zimbabwe</i>		
Plans for upcoming Convention MOP and Programme of Work areas, including planning in next triennium	Ms. Sonja Koeppel, Secretary to the Water Convention	1200hrs-1207hrs
Focus on POW Area: Transboundary Water Allocation and Southern Africa regional workshop in April 2024	Mr Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, Water Convention Secretariat  With Dr. Ngosa Howard Mpamba, Assistant Director-International Waters, Department of Water Resources Development, Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation, Zambia	1207hrs-1214hrs
Focus on POW Area: Development of Agreements, recent Global Workshop and upcoming activities	Ms. Bernadette Araba Adjei, Director, Legal and Monitoring Department, Water Resources Commission, Ministry of Sanitation and Water Resources, Ghana	1214hrs-1221hrs
<b>SESSION 8: AGREEING ON THE ROAD MAP TO ACCESSION, NEXT STEPS &amp; RESPONSIBILITIES</b>		
<i>Chair / Facilitator: Eng Gilbert Mawere, Director; Water Resources Development and Utilisation, Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development, Zimbabwe</i>		
Sharing of the integrated Accession Roadmap and discussing the steps, milestones and responsibilities	Mr Norest Ndawana, Zimbabwe National Focal Point to the Water Convention	1225hrs–1240 hrs
Q&A in Plenary	All	12:40–1315 hrs
Remarks and Closing	Ms. Sonja Koeppel, Secretary to the Water Convention  Eng Tinayeshe Mutazu, Chief Director; Water Resources, WASHP and Irrigation Development Directorate, Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development, Zimbabwe	13:15-1330 hrs
<b>End of Day 2 workshop</b>		
<b>Lunch</b>		