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**Focus on POW Area: Transboundary Water
Allocation and Southern Africa regional
workshop in April 2024**

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INTRODUCTION

- ❑ Transboundary rivers, lakes, and aquifers play a vital role in supporting the livelihoods of billions of people worldwide. Roughly 60% of global freshwater flow is in shared basins. About 40% of the world's population lives in shared basins.
- ❑ Severe droughts have developed or intensified in various regions of the world and water scarcity has been constant in Central Asia and Southern Africa.
- ❑ Equitable and sustainable allocation of scarce surface and ground water in transboundary basins is thus even more important in the effective management of shared freshwater resources, along with allocation's complementary approaches.



INTRODUCTION

- ❑ Numerous issues related to preserving water and its allocation in a transboundary context (climate change, adaptation, preservation of freshwater ecosystems, transboundary legal frameworks) have gained increased recognition during recent UN global processes and platforms.
- ❑ Most notably the UN Water Conference in March 2023 and the Water Action Agenda, but also inclusion of freshwater ecosystems in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework.
- ❑ As part of the Water Convention's POW Area 3.3 on 'Water Allocation in a Transboundary Context', co-led by Finland and Hungary, the [Handbook on Water Allocation in a Transboundary Context](#) was developed and adopted by the Convention's 9th Meeting of the Parties in September 2021.
- ❑ It covers the global practice of transboundary water allocation, including key elements, frameworks, and modalities to consider in the application of transboundary water allocation, while recognizing that each allocation context is unique, and allocation is simply one option.



REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON WATER ALLOCATION KEY OBJECTIVES

- ❑ In response to interest expressed by countries in accession, from Southern Africa on the topic of transboundary water allocation along with WEF E Nexus and the development of agreements and other arrangements, a workshop under the Programme of Work Area 3.3 of the Water Convention was convened at David Livingstone Hotel in Livingstone Zambia from 15-16 April 2024

OBJECTIVE: The overall objective of the workshop was to increase capacity, support exchange of information and good practices, and promote the Handbook on transboundary water allocation under the framework of the Water Convention



WORKSHOP OUTCOME/WAYFOWARD

The Transboundary Water Allocation Workshop in Livingstone, Zambia, provided an opportunity for constructive dialogue, knowledge sharing, and collaboration among stakeholders involved in transboundary water management.

- ✓ Dynamic group work with negotiations of allocation agreements using hypothetical basin scenarios based on similar challenges and issues being faced in the region.
- ✓ Strengthening connections and synergies between most of the SADC countries, river basin organisations and organisations working at the intersection of transboundary water allocation, water-energy-food-ecosystem Nexus and legal/policy frameworks.
- ✓ Inter-regional exchanges of novel approaches to allocation in water scarce contexts between SADC region and other regions facing similar challenges such as Central Asia & Western Europe