



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

17 June (full day) & 18 June 2024 (half day)

The Rainbow Towers Hotel and Conference Centre

Harare, Zimbabwe

AGENDA

Day 1 ☐ 17 June 2024

DAY 1		
SESSION 1: ACCESSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL WATER CONVENTIONS		
<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. Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, Water Convention Secretariat	0920hrs - 0930hrs
	Mr. Jobst von Kirchmann, Ambassador of the European Union to Zimbabwe	0930hrs ☐ 0940hrs
	Mr. Edward Kallon, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for Zimbabwe	0940hrs ☐ 0950hrs
Key Note Address: Zimbabwe Accession to the UN global water conventions	Hon. Dr. Anxious Jongwe Masuka, Minister of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water & Rural Development	0950hrs - 10100hrs
(Group photo 20min) Morning Tea Break 1010hrs ☐ 1030hrs		

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	1030hrs – 1050hrs
The institutional framework supporting the 1992 Water Convention, its Programme of Work and implementation on the ground, including the 10 th Meeting of Parties	Ms. Diane Guerrier, Environmental Affairs Officer, Water Convention Secretariat	1050hrs - 1105hrs
Activities and experience from the perspective of Estonia	Mr Harry Liiv, Special Envoy for Water, Estonia, Chair of the Bureau to the Water Convention	1105hrs – 1120hrs
Zimbabwe's municipal laws and obligations under International Law: should Zimbabwe accede to the global conventions (swot analysis)?	Mr. Shamiso Mtisi, Environmental Law Lecturer, University of Zimbabwe	1120hrs- 1135hrs
Q&A /Discussion (35 min)		
SESSION 2: ZIMBABWE'S WATER CONTEXT: NATIONAL & TRANSBOUNDARY <i>Chair / Facilitator: Eng Taurayi Maurikira, Chief Executive Officer-ZINWA</i>		
<i>Zimbabwe's national and regional transboundary water management contexts and example of the Water Convention's role and relevance for Zimbabwe's transboundary agreements</i>		
Relationship between the Convention and Zimbabwe's Transboundary Basin Governance Arrangements: Example of the BUPUSA Agreements, Benefits assessments on cooperation briefs and activities	Mr Elisha Madamombe, Acting Executive Secretary for the BuPuSa Commission	1210hrs ☐ 1225hrs
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	1225hrs ☐ 1240hrs
Q&A /Discussion (20min)		
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 <i>Chair / Facilitator: Felix Ngamlagosi, Executive Secretary, Zambezi Watercourse Commission (ZAMCOM)</i>		

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	1400hrs ☐ 14100hrs
Sharing the journey on Zambia's accession to the UN Water Convention	Mr Stanley Hantambo, Principal Water Officer - International Waters, Department of Water Resources Development, Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation, Zambia	1410hrs ☐ 1420hrs
Sharing the journey on Botswana's accession to the UN Water Convention	Ms Ireen Madilola, Principal Water Engineer, Ministry of Lands and Water Affairs, Botswana	1420hrs ☐ 1430hrs
Q&A /Discussion (30min)		
Afternoon Tea Break: 15:00hrs ☐ 15:15hrs		
SESSION 4: The Water Convention: Panel discussion on regional perspectives and practical application in Q&A format <i>Moderator: Mr Darlington Tshuma, Legal Advisor, Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development.</i>		
PANEL 1 (15:15 – 16:50hrs including 1h for panelists, 35 mins for Q&A with audience)		Interactive moderated Panel discussions followed by 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"> • BUPUSA (Mr. Elisha Madamombe, Acting Executive Secretary) • LIMCOM (Mr. Manyangadze) • ZAMCOM (Mr Felix Ngamlagosi, Executive Secretary) • GWPSA (Dr Pinimidzai Sithole, Programme Officer) 	
SESSION 5: WRAP UP		
Conclusions from Day 1 and Outline of Agenda for Day 2	Mr Norest Ndawana, Zimbabwe National Focal Point to the Water Convention	16:50hrs ☐ 17:00hrs
End of Day 1		
COKTAIL RECEPTION @ 18:00 hrs		

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SESSION 6: WATER CONVENTION MEETING OF THE PARTIES & PROGRAMME OF WORK		
<i>Chair / Facilitator: Mr. Nesbert Shiriuru, Director National Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Pollution Coordination, Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development, Zimbabwe</i>		
Arrival/Registration (0900hrs-0900hrs)		

Plans for upcoming Convention MOP and Programme of Work areas specifically Financing Transboundary Water Cooperation, including planning in next triennium	Ms. Diane Guerrier, Environmental Affairs Officer, Water Convention Secretariat	09:00hrs-09:10hrs
Focus on POW Area: Transboundary Water Allocation and lessons from the Southern Africa regional workshop of April 2024	Mr Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, Water Convention Secretariat With Mr Stanley Hantambo, Principal Water Officer - International Waters, Department of Water Resources Development, Ministry of Water Development and Sanitation, Zambia	09:10hrs-09:20hrs
(40 mins for Q&A with audience)		
SESSION 7: BENEFITS & CHALLENGES FOR ZIMBABWE IN ACCEDING TO THE WATER CONVENTION <i>Chair / Facilitator: Dr James Tsabora, Senior Lecturer at the University of Zimbabwe</i>		
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	10:00hrs-10:05hrs
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	10:05hrs-10:15hrs
<i>Legal requirements for Zimbabwe's road map for</i>	Ms. Patience Rashai, Office of Attorney General, Zimbabwe	10:15hrs-10:25hrs
EXPLANATION OF GROUP WORK	Mr. Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, Water Convention Secretariat	10:25hrs-10:30hrs
Working in Groups - Tea/Coffee break (1030hrs - 1045hrs)		
Discussing Zimbabwe's next steps in the implementation of the conventions		
Break out Groups (1 Rapporteur each group)	Discuss: Key milestones, actors and challenges for Zimbabwe in implementing the conventions. How to address needs, gaps and synergies. Potential benefits of accession short, medium and long terms.	10:30hrs-11:15 hrs
Report back in Plenary by Rapporteurs from the break out Groups	Each group (approx. 6 groups) presents for 5 minutes on highlights of the 3 main discussion items and then 5 minutes Q&A <i>Next steps in the accession and implementation of the conventions</i>	11:15hrs-12:00hrs
SESSION 8: NEXT STEPS IN ACCESSION AND PLANS FOR FUTURE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONVENTIONS <i>Chair / Facilitator: Eng Bezzel Chitsungo, Director; Water Resources Development and Utilisation, Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development, Zimbabwe</i>		

Sharing next steps in the accession process and future planned activities for implementation of the conventions	Mr Norest Ndawana, Zimbabwe National Focal Point to the Water Convention	12:00hrs-12:15hrs
Q&A in Plenary	All	12:15hrs-12:45hrs
Remarks and Closing	Mr. Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, Water Convention Secretariat Eng Tinayeshe Mutazu, Chief Director; Water Resources, WASHP and Irrigation Development Directorate, Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Rural Development, Zimbabwe	12:45hrs-13:00hrs
End of Day 2 workshop		
Lunch		