



National Workshop

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

18-19 July 2024
Venue TBC
Juba, South Sudan

AGENDA

Day 1 –18 July 2024

SESSION 1: INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW OF THE CONVENTIONS

- **Call of meeting in order**
- **Word of prayer from Christian Faith**
- **Word of prayer from Islamic Faith**
- **National Anthem & African Union Anthem**
- **Opening session (9:30am – 10:00am)**
- Welcoming remarks from Hon. Peter Mahal Dhieu, Undersecretary Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation of Republic of South Sudan (5 mins)
- Remarks by Ms. Sonja Koeppel, Secretary of the Water Convention (5 mins)
- Remarks by Ambassador of the European Union to South Sudan (5 mins)
- Remarks by United Nations Resident Coordinator in South Sudan (5 mins)
- Remarks by the World Bank representative (5 mins)
- Remarks by Hon. Pal Mai Deng, Minister, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation,
- Key note speech by H.E. Dr James Wani Igga, Vice President and Chairperson of Economic Cluster, Republic of South Sudan, Guest of Honour

Chair / Facilitator: Speaker TBC

Group Photo (20mins) – Tea/Coffee break

The overall goal and specific objectives of the workshop (5 Minutes)

- Mr Francis Wajo Focal Point for the Convention

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

- The overall goal and specific objectives of the workshop (5 Minutes)
 - *Mr Francis Wajo, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, South Sudan & National Focal Point to the Water Convention*
- *Why 2 UN global Water Conventions? Key provisions, similarities, differences & complementarities of both global legal frameworks for consideration by South Sudan (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)*
 - Ms. Sonja Koepfel, Secretary to the Water Convention
- *Activities and experience from the perspective of a Convention Party (12 mins)*
 - TBC

Discussion (30 Mins)

Chair / Facilitator: H.E. Dr James Wani Igga, Vice President and Chairperson of Economic Cluster, Republic of South Sudan

SESSION 2: SOUTH SUDAN'S WATER CONTEXT: NATIONAL & TRANSBOUNDARY

South Sudan's national and regional trans-boundary water management contexts and example of the Water Convention's role and relevance for South Sudan's trans-boundary agreements(11:45 am–12:30pm)

- *South Sudan's national water context (12 mins)*
 - Speaker TBC
- *Relationship between the Convention and South Sudan's Transboundary Basin Governance Arrangements (12 mins)*
 - Speaker TBC

Discussion (20 Mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Hon. Peter Mahal Dhieu, Undersecretary Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation of Republic of South Sudan

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 The Gambia to the Water Convention: transboundary water context, rationale of accession to both UN global water conventions and the value added (10mins)*
 - Mr Landing Bojang, Chief Hydrologist and Hydrological Adviser of The Gambia with WMO, Department of Water Resources, The Gambia

- *The experience of Uganda: context of accession to both UN global water conventions, the value add for Uganda, and developing a road map to accede to the Water Convention (10 mins)*
 - Dr Callist Tindimugaya, Commissioner for Water Resources Planning and Regulation, Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda (Virtual)
- *Relationship between the Convention and Transboundary Basin Governance Arrangements: Experience from the Lake Victoria Basin perspective (10 mins)*
 - Dr Masinde Bwire, Executive Secretary, LVBC

Discussion (30 Mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Mr Johan Gely, Head of Swiss Cooperation Office, South Sudan

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

Panelists

- SDC (Mr Johan Gely, Head of Swiss Cooperation Office, South Sudan)
- World Bank (Ms B. Patricia Kenyi Labina, Water Specialist - Consultant, South Sudan)
- GWP East Africa (Mr George Sanga, Regional Coordinator)
- NBI (TBC)
- UNDP (TBC)

Discussion (30Mins)

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

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

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

Key issues to address and milestones to cover in South Sudan'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)*
 - *Speaker TBC*

Cocktail reception@ Conference Venue

Day 2 – 19 June 2024

Arrival/Registration (9:00am-9:30am)
SESSION 6: BENEFITS & CHALLENGES FOR SOUTH SUDAN IN ACCEDING TO THE WATER CONVENTION(2)
Key issues to address and milestones to cover in South Sudan’s accession process (9:30-10:30am)
Plenary to discuss milestones and develop integrated road map (60 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rapporteurs report back (10 mins each)• Discussion (5 mins each)
<i>Chair / Facilitator: Mr. Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, Water Convention Secretariat</i>
Developing South Sudan’s integrated road map to accession (10:30-11.15am)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Basic common steps in the accession process summarized from previous experiences, as outlined in the Convention FAQs publication (5mins)</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mr Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, Water Convention Secretariat• <i>Sharing national road map to accession as well as key challenges and advice to share (10mins)</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Mr Landing Bojang, Principal Hydrologist and Hydrological Adviser of The Gambia with WMO, Department of Water Resources, The Gambia• <i>Legal requirements for South Sudan in the road map for accession (15mins)</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Representative of Office of Attorney General, South Sudan
Discussion (15 mins)
<i>Chair / Facilitator: Mr Francis Wani, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, South Sudan</i>
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)
<i>How does the Convention strengthen cooperation and how can it help South Sudan implementing transboundary water management: Experience from the East Africa perspective (10 mins)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr. Sylvester Matemu, Regional Manager, Nile Basin Discourse (virtual)
<i>Links with Convention meetings and global water processes such as COP29 (10 Mins)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ms. Sonja Koeppel, Secretary to the Water Convention
Sharing of the integrated Accession Roadmap and discussing the steps, milestones and responsibilities (20 Mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Francis Wani, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, South Sudan & National Focal Point of the Water Convention• Mr. Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, Water Convention Secretariat

Discussion (20 mins)

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

- Hon. Peter Mahal Dhieu, Undersecretary Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation of Republic of South Sudan (5 mins)
- Ms. Sonja Koeppel, Secretary of the Water Convention (5 mins)

Chair / Facilitator: Mr Francis Wani, Ministry of Water Resources and Irrigation, South Sudan

End of Day 2 / Workshop (1pm)

Lunch (1:00-2:00pm)