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This workshop was held with the support of Global Water Partnership-Southern Africa who provided the funds to hold the consultative session. This was the first of two workshops to be held in Zambia the other will be held later this year on the Copperbelt province of Zambia. The need for development of the Regional and National Framework for Action (FFA) which would eventually give effect to the Regional Vision for Water Life and Environment is taken very seriously in Zambia as evidenced by the presence at the session of the Hon. Deputy of Energy and Water Development. Political support for the FFA process in Zambia is very strong. In addition the total number of participants invited was 35 and 30 managed to attend. This is further indicative of the interest that people have in water resources management in Zambia. This illustrates that institutions in Zambia will support the FFA Process and this will ensure that the Process achieves its objective.

The objective of the FFA Consultative session was:

- To start the process of developing a national Framework for Action (FFA) to achieve the Southern Africa Vision for Water, Life and the Environment in the 21st Century, with a view to producing a tentative FFA within the next two months.
- To explain clearly to the stakeholders sound water management principles and their involvement in the FFA process.
- To provide a forum for stakeholders to discuss freely, share experiences and make recommendations on how Zambia could work towards the FFA for Southern Africa Water Vision for Water, Life and Environment.

During proceedings three groups were made based on the eight sub-visions:

- Group 1: Equitable access to water of an acceptable quantity and quality and proper Sanitation for all and safe disposal (Sub-visions 2 & 3)
- Group 2: Food security for all households (Sub-vision 4)
- Group 3: A sustainable environment and energy security for all (Sub-visions 5 & 6)

All groups were required to discuss the sub-vision on Integrated Water Resources Development and Management (IWRM) since it was a cross cutting issue.

To avoid marginalisation it was decided that participants should chose which group they would feel most comfortable in. All three groups were satisfactorily represented. This made it easy for thorough discussion. The report backs were very stimulating and productive. Many issues were clarified and set into context. Additional issues were shared with participants to enrich the experience.

In general the consultations were very useful but participants felt that the workshop should have dealt with issues more deeply. They felt it was necessary to conduct further consultation and discussions to enable a greater number of stakeholders an

opportunity to put forward their views, which would fit in the overall FFA for Zambia. Further concerns expressed focused on the detailed information of the current situation on sub-visions in Zambia and some of the current initiatives taking place in the country. The participants emphasized the need for support in realizing Zambia's proposed actions. They felt too many sessions had been held regarding water resources management, which did not yield any financial support for implementation.

It was agreed that the proceedings of the workshop would be produced as soon as possible to enable participants to draw comments from their respective institutions and revert back to the FFA Contact person. It was further recommended that a national FFA committee should be established with a mandate to finalize the FFA report after all the stakeholder consultations have been made. This would help to quickly facilitate Zambia's input into the Southern Africa Water Vision.