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## **Framework for Action Workshop**

**Proceedings of the Stakeholders Workshop**

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## **Namibia Water Partnership (NWP)- Framework for Action Workshop**

### Stakeholders workshop

#### **1. Introduction**

The objective of the workshop was to bring together all stakeholders in the Namibian water sector for the purpose of soliciting views on developing a Framework for Action (FFA) for Namibia. This follows the adoption of 8 subvisions for the Southern Africa Vision for water, life and environment in 2000. Each country in SADC has to initiate consultations leading towards developing a Framework for Action for achieving this vision, of which the outcome will feed into the regional strategy. The aim of the workshop was to exchange and share information in order to achieve the Namibian Framework for Action.

#### **2. Program**

The program of the day was in the following order:

1. Registration
2. Welcoming Remarks- Mary Seely (DRFN)
3. Opening Speech by the PS-MAWRD
4. Presentations on sub-visions
  - Integrated Water Resource Development and Management- Ben van der Merwe (ENVES)
  - Equitable access to water of acceptable quantity and quality-Ben van der Merwe (ENVES)/ Louise Shixwameni (OPM)
  - Security from natural disasters- Guido van Langenhove (MAWRD)
  - Proper sanitation and safe waste disposal- Mr Naholo (MoHSS)
  - FFA Process- Jean Boroto (GWP-SA)
  - Proposal for FFA on selected Sub-visions- ACAMDReT
5. Discussions on the FFA report
6. Group work
7. Report back and discussions
8. The way forward
9. Closing remarks

#### **3. Welcoming speech**

Dr. Mary Seely, the Executive Director of the Desert Research Foundation of Namibia where the Namibian Water Partnership Secretariat is based, welcomed everybody to the stakeholders' workshop and thanked everybody for taking their time to attend the workshop. Dr. Seely elaborated on how the workshop can play an important role in the development of the Namibian Framework for Action and expressed her hope that the workshop will prove to be fruitful. She in turn welcomed

**the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Rural Development, Mr. K. Kahuure, who gave the opening speech.**

### **3.1 Opening speech**

*By the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Rural Development, Mr. K. Kahuure.*

Members of the water sector, government officials, members of the water committees, members of utilities and other water supplying agencies, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen

First of all I would like to welcome you all to this workshop to launch the first step towards achieving the Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) principles in Namibia and Southern Africa.

Water is fundamental to all social and economic activities in Namibia as elsewhere. Water is also an essential resource to all Namibians both in the context of satisfying their basic survival and health needs, and to support the whole range of productive activities that contribute to the country's development, this includes subsistence agriculture and livestock herding to sophisticated industrial and manufacturing industries. In order to ensure sustainability, water resources management and water services should be run according to Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM) principles.

The Global Water Partnership (GWP) was established in 1996 to promote the concept of integrated water resources management (IWRM) by facilitating dialogue at global, regional, national and local level to support stakeholders in implementing IWRM and to support countries in the sustainable management of their water resources.

The GWP works through a decentralized and inter-connected global network of member institutions, called GWP Partners, which are organized on a regional and country basis in Water Partnerships. These Water Partnerships work to help reorient the activities of existing institutions and organizations managing or using water resources to adopt and implement IWRM approaches as a means of achieving water security. They do this by facilitating the exchange of information, knowledge, experience and practice of IWRM among these groups, helping them identify critical knowledge needs at their respective levels, and designing programs for meeting these needs.

The GWP Partners can be government institutions, training and research institutions, companies and organizations in the private and public sectors, civil society including non-governmental organizations, international and professional organizations, and bilateral and multilateral development agencies.

In 2000, at The Hague (The Netherlands) during the World Water Forum 2, the southern African vision for water, life and environment was adopted. The time horizon for this vision was set for 2025. This SADC vision was adopted with 8 sub visions.

The sub-vision statements are as follows:

1. Equitable and sustainable social and economic development in southern Africa
2. Equitable access to water of an acceptable quantity and quality
3. Proper sanitation for all and safe waste disposal
4. Food security for all households
5. Energy security for all households
6. A sustainable environment
7. Security from natural disasters
8. Integrated water resource development and management

From these sub-division statements each country was asked to develop a Framework for Action (FFA). GWP Southern Africa (GWP-SA) was the first regional partnership to be launched in June 2000 and it was also chosen by SADC to facilitate the implementation of IWRM approaches in southern Africa.

The Namibia Water Partnership (NWP) was launched in February 2001 by the Honourable Minister Helmut Angula, Ministry of Agriculture Water and Rural Development (MAWRD). The NWP partnership creates an information sharing platform for stakeholders. One of the objectives of the NWP is to avoid duplication of inter-related projects executed by different organisations. Once information is freely available to stakeholders this will result in a better use of natural and financial resources of the country, since problems such as repetitive projects will be avoided.

The Namibian FFA process is led by the Government of the Republic of Namibia, through the MAWRD. The FFA process is therefore a step forward with integrated water resource management in Namibia and the SADC region as a whole. This is a continuation of the work of the Namibia Water Resource Management review, whose approach in water sector review was geared towards IWRM and sector coordination. The NWP Steering Committee has selected four of the eight sub-divisions on which the Namibian FFA process will focus. These focus areas are:

1. Integrated water resources development and management
2. Equitable access to water of acceptable quantity and quality
3. Proper sanitation for all and safe waste disposal
4. Security from natural disasters

With these few words, I now have the pleasure to declare this workshop officially opened and I hope you will make a valuable contribution to the proceedings of this workshop.

#### 4. List of Participants

As it was a stakeholders' workshop, interested and potential people/organizations within the Namibian water sector were invited to the workshop:

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## **5. Purpose of the workshop**

The purpose of the workshop was:

- a) to evaluate the Framework for Action (FFA) report
- b) to comment on the FFA report
- c) to improve on the final FFA report
- d) to work towards a common vision

## **6. Presentations**

1. Mr. Ben van der Merwe of Environmental Engineering Services gave a short overview on the Integrated Water Resource Development and Management sub vision. **(see Annexure 1)**
2. Mr. Ben van der Merwe gave an overview on the equitable access to water of acceptable quality and quantity sub vision. His presentation focused on access in the urban areas. **(see Annexure 2)**
3. Mrs. Louise Shixwameni of the Office of the Prime Minister gave an overview on equitable access to water of acceptable quality and quantity with special focus to rural areas. **(see Annexure 3)**
4. Mr. Guido van Langenhove of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Rural Development presented the Namibian situation on the sub vision on security from natural disaster (including droughts and floods). **(see Annexure 4)**
5. Mr. Naholo from the Ministry of Health and Social Services presented an overview on the sub vision, proper sanitation and safe waste disposal. **(see Annexure 5)**
6. Mr. Jean Boroto of the Global Water Partnership, Southern Africa, made an introduction on the purpose of a Framework for Action for Namibia. The purpose for such consultations is to contribute towards developing a Framework for Action to achieve the Southern Africa Vision for Water, Life and Environment. **(see Annexure 6)**
7. Messrs Mburugu Richard and Muhapi Samson, presented the FFA report which was based on all the four sub visions selected for Namibia. Mr. Mburugu made his presentation on two sub visions, namely: equitable access to water of acceptable quality and quantity and the integrated water resource development and management.

Mr. Muhapi Samson made his presentation on two sub visions, namely: proper sanitation and safe waste disposal and security from natural disasters (including floods and drought).

Their findings took note of the progress made so far in the Namibian water sector and also highlighted the need for policy and legislation review so that they could be consistent with one another (**see annexure7**).

## **7. Group work**

After the presentations, the stakeholders were divided into four groups, each group assigned to one sub vision. Using the Framework for Action developed by the Consultants, they were tasked to participate in sessions to contribute towards a common vision for a Namibian Framework for Action. The groups were mandated to make changes, recommendations and suggestions into the specific sub vision components. After the group discussions, each group posted group findings on a pin-board and made presentations (report back) to the stakeholders who weighed in with their own observations. (**see Annexure 8**)

## **8. The way forward**

Mr. Jean Boroto commended the method used in the workshop as it was a meaningful and useful consultative way to solicit opinions and views of stakeholders, especially the group discussions and the report back. He advised the Namibian water sector to work closely with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on IWRM issues.

He also mentioned that the next step will be the Regional workshop scheduled for 28 to 29 October 2004 in Johannesburg.

## **9. Closing remarks**

Dr. Mary Seely closed the workshop and thanked the participants for their effort, emphasizing on the contributions made by all present.