

Water for the XXI Century

OUR VISION AND THE EQUITABLE AND
SUSTAINABLE USE OF WATER FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, REGIONAL
INTEGRATION AND THE ECONOMIC BENEFIT
FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

-FROM VISION TO ACTION

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Sub-Vision on Equitable and Sustainable Socio Economic Development in Southern Africa

- A healthy future for the population of the region
 - Environmentally sustainable social and economic development
 - Global commitment to eradicate poverty.
 - To fulfill this commitment water has the potential to improve life quality for all.
 - In order to attain the objective of this global commitment development has to be family centered.
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Sub-Vision of Equitable and Sustainable Socio Economic Development in Southern Africa.

- This vision puts certain demands to the water sector
 - However, this sector on its own can not determinate the desired results of the equitable and sustainable development .
 - This can only be achieved as a result of a process which widely shared, people centred, and takes into account the social realities of the region.
 - Significant improvements within the water sector will contribute to this result .
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- As a result of its economic, social and environmental value, water has its costs and its not priceless.
 - The necessary investment in infrastructure and its maintenance, the social impact of the choices of water users and the environmental impact contribute to these costs.
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- Proposed actions:
 - Regional Cooperation and Integration
 - Promotion of public/private participation in the economy
 - Promotion of public/private participation in the water sector taking into account the social dimension
 - Good Governance and accountability
 - Effective education about health and hygiene
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Sub-Vision of Equitable and Sustainable Socio Economic Development in Southern Africa

- Improvements in training and education in terms of relevance, quality and access
 - Establishment of efficient Institutional Mechanisms
 - Promotion of equitable Trade and investment
 - Diversification of the additional economy
 - Programs to involve women's and young in all the aspects of decision making in the whole economic sphere
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Proposed actions:

Regional Cooperation and Integration

- For the countries in the region (undertake integrated Management and Development of common rivers)
- Promote agreements;
- Dissemination of information at stakeholders level, about the impact of droughts and floods (stakeholders should know their responsibilities regarding the rationalization of water resources)
- Countries should ensure that stakeholders have access to water and the necessary information;
- Create an appropriate framework for Stakeholders participation in the development programs of the region.

Regional Cooperation and Integration

- Awareness of the importance of cooperating in the management of transfrontier water resources as conflict prevention elements as well as regional integration and unity promotion factors
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Proposed Actions:

- Promote Private sector participation:
 - In the discussion of the negotiating documents
 - In the streamlining of positions (consultations)
 - Ensure feed-back.
 - Negotiation and implementation of Agreements
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Proposed Actions:

Promotion of public/private partnerships

- SADC should encourage the use of economic incentives to ensure private sector involvement
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Proposed Actions: Good Governance

- Development of guidelines on transparency, inclusion and accountability in the decision making process.
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Effective education on health and hygiene

- Fight against water related diseases (cholera and diarrhea's, bilharzias) from the schools
- Public awareness about the consequences of inadequate sanitation
- Introduction of education material related to water (its importance) having as a focal point of the process the schools.

Establishment of Effective Institutional Mechanisms

- Promotion of the establishment of local level institutions (Schools, Hospitals, industrial centers at grassroots level);
 - Involvement of the communities in the planning process;
 - The establishment of regional institutions such as Basin Commissions, Joint Commissions to allow for the establishment of a regionally integrated economy should be promoted
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Promotion of equitable Trade and Investment

- Study the concept of virtual water and its negative impact on the weaker economies of the region.
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Diversification of the additional economy

- Investigate the possibility of SADC engaging itself in the support of investment mobilization for the sector and of comparative advantages of production diversification.
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Involvement of women and the youth

- Improvement of the water supply system to allow woman to dedicate themselves to other domestic tasks, and above all, to allow children, girls in particular, to have enough time to study.
 - Promote the involvement of the youth in SADC's activities
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- Thank you very much for your attention!!
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