

## Regional Water Day

11 July 2006

### Background

GWP SA holds its Consulting Partners meeting annually – the GWP SA CP meeting serves as the annual general meeting for the GWP partners in the southern Africa region. This year the meeting will be held in Gaborone, Botswana and will be hosted by the Botswana Country Water Partnership. For the first time GWP SA will organize a Regional Water Day back to back with the CP meeting the Regional Water Day will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2006 and will serve a dual purpose –

- To give the regional stakeholders a chance to understand and appreciate ongoing initiatives in the region in terms of sustainable water resources management.

The Regional Water Day is expected to –

- Explore integration opportunities amongst various regional partners undertaking regional initiatives.
- Increase the overall understanding of the progress of various regional initiatives in the region
- To disseminate opportunities created to the SADC region by various players promoting sustainable water resources management
- Create a platform for regional partners to share experiences, network and encourage collaboration

### Organization of the Regional Water Day

GWP SA will invite a number of regional partners to showcase their work in the region. The Regional Day will have three main components –

- **Mini – Water Fair:** Regional partners will have a chance to participate in a Mini-Water Fair by booking for a table to exhibit the work that they are doing. Partners will be encouraged to bring poster presentations showcasing their work, books and any information to disseminate to stakeholders. The Mini – Water Fair will run for the whole day in the Main Conference Room at Gaborone Sun Hotel in Botswana.
- **Presentations:** Regional Partners will also have a chance to make presentations on the work that they are doing in the region. The presentations will run as two parallel sessions. Participants will have an opportunity to move freely between the two sessions
- **Closing Ceremony:** At the close of day GWP SA and the Botswana Country Water Partnership will host Botswana stakeholders and regional partners for a closing ceremony of the Regional Water Day.

GWP SA will be inviting the following organizations to participant in the Regional Water Day on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2006.