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## DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE GROUND WATER HYDROLOGY COMMITTEE (GWHC)’S 4TH MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER 2017, AT INDABA LODGE, IN GABORONE, BOTSWANA, AT 09:00-17:00 HRS

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| **#** | **Item** | | **Time** | **Responsibility** | |
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| 1 | **Welcome** | | 09:00-09:05 | Host Country | |
| 2 | **Attendance and Apologies** | | 09:05-09:10 | All | |
| 3 | **Adoption of the Agenda** | | 09:10-09:15 | All | |
| 4 | **Approval of Minutes of the Last GWHC Meeting (Definitive Conferencing Centre, Isando, May 2017)** | | 09:15-09:30 | All | |
| 5 | **Matters Arising from the Last Meetings of GWHC, TTT and Council**  5.1 Matters Arising from the Last Meeting of GWHC (Definitive Conferencing Centre, Isando, May 2017)  5.2 Matters Arising from the Last Meeting of TTT (Definitive Conferencing Centre, Isando, May 2017)  5.3 Matters Arising from the Last Meeting of Council (Heja Lodge, Windhoek, August 2017)[[1]](#footnote-1) | | 09:30-09:40  09:40-09:50  09:50-10:30 | Secretariat  Secretariat  Secretariat | |
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|  | **Tea/Coffee Break** | | **10:30-11:00** | **All** | |
| 6 | **Implementation of the Orange-Senqu River Basin Integrated Water Resources Management Plan (2015-2024) : Groundwater Components** | | | | |
| 6.1 | Update on the Development of the Full-size Regional Project for Implementation of the Orange-Senqu River Basin Environmental Sustainability Strategic Action Programme (SAP) | | 11:00-11:10 | Secretariat | |
| 6.2 | Update on GIZ Support on Improved Understanding of Groundwater Systems in the Basin (2016 to 2018) | |  |  | |
| 6.2.1 | Draft Terms of References (TORs) on Documenting Groundwater Recharge, Preparation of a Framework for Monitoring of Important Features in Selected Transboundary Aquifers, Establishment of a Groundwater Focused Information System at the Secretariat, and Preparations for a Joint Familiarization Survey of Selected Transboundary Aquifers by the GWHC | | 11:10-12:00 | Secretariat/GIZ | |
| 6.2.2 | Discussion of the ORASECOM Gender Mainstreaming Strategy[[2]](#footnote-2) | | 12:00-12:30 | Secretariat/GIZ | |
| 6.3 | Other Groundwater Initiatives with Opportunities for Joint Actions | |  |  | |
|  | 6.3.1 Update on Implementation of Sustainable Management of Groundwater Resources in the SADC Region Project (Groundwater Development & Management Programme (GDMP)-Phase II) | | 12:30-13:00 | SADC-GMI | |
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|  | **LUNCH** | | **13:00-14:00** | **All** | |
|  | 6.3.2 Update on implementation of Phase II of the UNESCO/Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) Funded Project in Groundwater Resources Governance in Trans-boundary Aquifers (GGRETA Project) | 14:00-14:30 | | | Dr Piet Kenabatho, University of Botswana |
| 6.4 | Update on the Implementation of the National and Basin Wide Groundwater Actions in the IWRM Plan  6.4.1 Re-development and rehabilitation of the MaTsheng wellfield (Strampriet Transboundary Aquifer System)  6.4.2 Review, Evaluation and Optimisation of the National Water Resources Monitoring (NWRM) Network | 14:30-15:00  15:00-15:30 | | | Botswana  South Africa |
|  | **TEA/COFFEE BREAK** | | **15:30-16:00** | **All** | |
|  | 6.4.3 Overview of the Implementation of the National and Basin Wide Groundwater Actions in the IWRM Plan | | 16:00-16:30 | Secretariat | |
| 7 | **Any Other Business** | | 16:30-16:40 | All | |
| 8 | **Date and Venue of Next Meeting** | | 16:40-16:50 | All | |
| 9 | **Closure** | | 16:50-17:00 | Chairperson | |
|  | **END OF MEETING** | | **17:00** | **All** | |

1. Including discussing strategy for implementing Council’s decision on nesting of the Stampriet Aquifer System (STAS) Multi-Country Cooperation Mechanism (MCCM) under ORASECOM [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. The main purpose of this agenda item is to discuss whether the Strategy is adequate as it is or whether there may be a need to advice Council to review it, including reasons for such as recommendation. This is in view of the fact that this was developed mostly as a desktop work during the consolidation of the ORASECOM’s IWRM Plan, in 2014, and the consultant had recommended that a more consultative strategy was needed. It has also come to the attention of the Secretariat that other SADC River Basin Organisations (RBOs) are revising their own Gender Mainstreaming Strategies and GIZ is willing to support such review exercise, if needed. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)