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Groundwater Resources Governance in Transboundary Aquifers (GGRETA Project)

Stampriet - Kalahari/Karoo Aquifer Case Study

REGIONAL TECHNICAL SEMINAR on PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

UN HOUSE, Windhoek (Namibia)

21-23 May 2014

DRAFT Agenda

DAY 1 • Wednesday, 21 May 2014

Objectives

- To follow-up the GGRETA project context, objectives, methodology and organization;
- To start the three countries' joint project data collection and processing requirements: hydrogeological, socioeconomic and environmental and legal and institutional;
- To operationalize the teams of national specialists.

9:00-9:20	Opening Session	
	Welcome remarks from participating countries	Mr Abraham Nehemia, Under-Secretary, Department of Water Affairs, Government of Namibia Ms Cecilia Barbieri UNESCO Office in Windhoek OIC and Representative

	Message from participant countries	Mr Peloteshweu Phofuetsile, Deputy Director, Department of Water Affairs, Government of Botswana (To be confirmed) Mr Fortress K. Netili, Senior Hydrogeologist, Council for Geo-Science South Africa
9:20-12:30	Session 1 – Introduction to GGRETA Project	<i>Chair:</i> Ms Aina Iлека, Chief Hydrogeologist, Department of Water Affairs, Government of Namibia
9.20-9:50	Follow-up and review of the GGRETA project: international context, project objectives, related activities	Mr Andrew Ross, Senior Groundwater Advisor, UNESCO
9.50-10:00	Discussion	
<i>10:00-10:30</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:30-11:15	Review of the GGRETA project design, methodology, data and indicators	Mr Geert-Jan Nijsten, Senior Researcher, International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC)
11:15-11:30	Discussion	
11:30-12:00	Presentation and consideration of the GGRETA project workplan and organization roles and responsibilities including national experts	Mr Andrew Ross
12.00-12.30	Discussion	
<i>12:30-13:30</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:30-17:00	Session 2 – GGRETA Project: Stampriet case study: data collection and processing	<i>Chair:</i> Mr Fortress K. Netili, Senior Hydrogeologist, Council for Geo-Science South Africa
13:30-14:15	Hydrogeological, environmental and socioeconomic data requirements and sources	Prof Jurgen Kirchner, Senior Hydrogeologist, Regional Project Coordinator
14.15-15:00	Discussion	
<i>15:00-15:30</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15.30-16:00	Legal and institutional data requirements and sources	Mr Stefano Burchi, Senior Legal Specialist, AIDA
16:00-16.30	Discussion	
16:30-17:00	Closing discussion - issues arising during the day	

DAY 2 • Thursday, 22 May 2014

Objectives

- To discuss the availability of different types of national data in Namibia, Botswana and South Africa relating to the parameters and indicators for the GGRETA project;
- To follow up data harmonization and communication within the project.

9:00-12:45	Session 3 – Discussion of the matrix for data collection and interventions from national experts	<i>Chair:</i> Mr Piet Kenabatho, Senior Lecturer, Department of Environmental Science, University of Botswana
9:00-9:15	Introduction to Day 2	Mr Geert-Jan Nijsten
9:15-11:15	Climatic, geological and hydrogeological data availability, types and sources (parameters and variables A,B and C) Namibia Botswana South Africa Questions and discussion	10 minute presentations by national specialists followed by questions and discussion
11.15-11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:30-12:45	Environmental and socioeconomic data availability, types and sources (parameters and variables D and E) Namibia Botswana South Africa Questions and discussion	10 minute presentations by national specialists followed by questions and discussion
12:45-13:45	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:45-16:30	Session 4 – Discussion of the matrix for data collection and interventions from national experts (contd.) and data harmonization.	<i>Chair:</i> Mr Stefano Burchi
13:45-15:00	Legal and institutional data availability, types and sources (parameters and variables F) Namibia Botswana South Africa Questions and discussion	10 minute presentations by national specialists followed by questions and discussion
15:00-15:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	

15:30-16:30	Data collection and harmonization, and communication within the project; methodology	Mr Geert-Jan Nijsten
16:30	Closing of the day	

DAY 3 • Friday, 23 May 2014

Objective

- To discuss the work plan for the project, especially data collection, processing and harmonization

9:00-12:30	Session 5 – Actions to be taken	<i>Chair:</i> Mr Youssef Filali-Meknassi, Science Programme Specialist, UNESCO Office in Windhoek
9:00-9:30	Introduction to Day 3 and follow-up on the workplan for the project	Mr Andrew Ross
9:00-12:15	Further discussion and debate on data collection and processing and actions to be taken (questions, doubts, etc) Agreement and adoption of the workplan Organization of next regional technical meeting	
12:15-12:30	Wrap up of the day	