



HIGH LEVEL MEETING

Stampriet Transboundary Aquifer System (STAS)

**Governance of Groundwater Resources in Transboundary
Aquifers (GGRETA Project) - Phase 2**

3-4 November 2016

UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France

Room IX

- DRAFT AGENDA -



DAY 1 • Thursday, 3 November 2016

- **Objectives**
 - To celebrate the starting of the second phase of the Stampriet Aquifer Project Coordination (GGRETA Phase 2)
 - To highlight the pilot role of the three countries in paving the way for Water Cooperation in Africa
 - To underpin the role of science in decision making in the context of transboundary aquifers cooperation;

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| 14:00 | Registration |
| 14:30 | Opening of the meeting |
| 14:30-15:30 | Statements from National Authorities |
| <p>Chair of the session: Ms Alice Aureli, Chief of Section Groundwater Systems, UNESCO-IHP</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ms Blanca Jiménez-Cisneros, Director of the Division of Water Sciences, Secretary of the International Hydrological Programme, UNESCO • Video Message from H.E. Mr Mwai Kibaki, Former President of Kenya, UNESCO Special Envoy for Water in Africa, • Opening Statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ H.E. Mr Jean-Frederic Jauslin, Permanent Delegate of Swiss Confederation to UNESCO, Ambassador ▪ H. E. Mr Samuel Otsile Outlule, Permanent Delegate of Botswana to UNESCO, Ambassador ▪ H.E. Ms Frieda Nangula Ithete, Permanent Delegate of Namibia to UNESCO, Ambassador ▪ H. E. Mr Rapulane Sydney Molekane, Permanent Delegate of South Africa to UNESCO, Ambassador • Statements by High-Level Officials from the Ministries in charge of Water Resources Department in the Stampriet Transboundary Aquifer System (STAS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Thato Raphaka, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Land Management, Water & Sanitation Services (Botswana) ▪ Mr Abraham Nehemia, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry (Namibia) ▪ Mr Sifiso Mkhize, acting Director General, Department of Water and Sanitation (South Africa) • Introduction of the participants and adoption of the agenda |
| 15:30-16:00 | Coffee break |

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| 16:00-17:00 | Statements from Authorities |
| <p>Chair of the session: <i>Mr Youssef Filali-Meknassi, Programme Specialist, UNESCO IHP</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Canisius Kanangire, African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW), Executive Secretary ▪ Olivier Magnin, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) ▪ Mr Phera Ramoeli, Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), Head of Water Division ▪ Mr Lenka Thamae, Orange-Senqu River Commission, Executive Secretary |
| 17:00 – 18:00 | Presentation of the “Governance of Groundwater Resources in Transboundary Aquifers (GGRETA)” project - Phase 2 |
| <p>Chair of the session: <i>Mr Abou Amani, Chief of Section Hydrological Systems and Water Scarcity, UNESCO-IHP</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview and objectives of the Stampriet Aquifer Project Phase 2 (GGRETA2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Ms Alice Aureli, UNESCO-IHP</i> • The role of science in decision making in the context of transboundary aquifer cooperation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Mr Shaminder Puri, International Association of Hydrogeologists (IAH), Secretary General</i> ▪ <i>Discussion</i> • Closing remarks of the day and announcement of the second day programme <i>Mr Youssef Filali-Meknassi, UNESCO-IHP</i> <p style="text-align: center;">Message on Water Cooperation</p> |
| 18:00 | Closing |
| 18:30-19:00 | “Namibia Sun Pictures” Photo Exhibition at UNESCO ground floor – Hall Miro |
| 19:00-20:00 | Social Dinner, Restaurant “La Terrasse du 7eme” – 2 Place de l’Ecole Militaire |

DAY 2 • Friday, 4 November 2016

Objectives

- Technical presentations of GGRETA Phase 2 workplan
- Discussions among members of the Permanent Delegations to UNESCO, Government Officials, Representatives of Regional Organisations and Technical teams

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| 9:30-11:00 | Presentation of the “Governance of Groundwater Resources in Transboundary Aquifers (GGRETA)” project - Phase 2 (ctd) |
| <p>Chair of the session: <i>Mr Youssef Filali-Meknassi, Programme Specialist, UNESCO-IHP</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GGRETA Phase 1 main findings and achievements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Mr Piet Kenabatho, University of Botswana, STAS Assessment Report Coordinator</i> • GGRETA Phase 2 activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Mr Tales Carvalho Resende, UNESCO-IHP, STAS Case Study Coordinator</i> • Presentation of FREEWAT project: Development of a simulation model for the STAS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Mr Youssef Filali-Meknassi, UNESCO-IHP</i> • Background on existing coordination mechanisms looking forward to the GGRETA Phase 2 Legal and Institutional Component <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Mr Stefano Burchi, AIDA</i> • Water Cooperation and the STAS Coordination Mechanism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Ms Alice Aureli, UNESCO-IHP</i> • Discussion |
| 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break |
| 11:30-12:30 | Reactions to GGRETA Phase 2 workplan and way forward |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reactions from Member States • General discussion and feedback |
| 12:30-13:00 | Closing Remarks |
| <p>Chair of the session: <i>Ms Alice Aureli, Chief of Section Groundwater Systems, UNESCO-IHP</i></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final remarks by Member States <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mr Thato Raphaka, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Land Management, Water & Sanitation Services (Botswana) ▪ Mr Abraham Nehemia, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry (Namibia) ▪ Mr Sifiso Mkhize, acting Director General, Department of Water and Sanitation (South Africa) |