

Development of water accounting and its policy uses in Africa

Centre for Applied Research and
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Background to session

- Second session on water accounting in Africa
 - First one in Mauritius
- Community of practitioners of Water Accounting in Africa
- Jointly organised by GWP-SA & CAR
- WA growth:
 - Led by SEEA but complementary methods in place: WA+ and Water audit
 - More countries: Botswana, Mauritius, Madagascar, Namibia, Rwanda, South Africa? Others??
 - More programmes: WAVES, SADC-RSAP, AU, GDSA
 - Increasing policy applications – linkages (SADC & AU)

Objectives

- Share experiences on water accounts and their policy applications being carried out in countries;
- Share new developments and initiatives in water accounting;
- Discuss ways to promote the use of water accounting in countries and shared river basins as a tool for managing the sustainable use and development of water resources

Item	Presenters - panellists	Duration
1.Introduction of the WA session	CAR (Arntzen)	13.30 – 13.35
2. Up-date on new WA project developments in Africa	GDSA (Tiego) IHE (Vd Zaag) WAVES (Setlhogile)	13.35 – 14.05
3. Results from country water accounting: Botswana, Madagascar, Namibia, Rwanda	Namibia (Mwapo) Botswana (Dimpho) Rwanda (Pule on behalf of Munyaneza/ Uwera) Madagascar (Rakotobe)	14.05- 15.00
4. Water Accounting in Regional Strategic Action Plan 4	SADC (Mndzebele)	15.00 – 15.15
5. AU Priority Action Plan 2016-2025 and Water Accounting	AU Commission (Mbaziira)	15.15 – 15.30
Tea-coffee break		15.30 – 15.45
6. Panel & plenary discussion about policy applications of WA in Africa	Panellists: SADC (Ramoeli), AU (Mbaziira), MMEWR-Botswana (Obakeng) & ORASECOM (Thamae)	15.45 - 16.30
8. Community of Practitioners of Water Accounting in Africa	CAR (Setlhogile) & WaterNet	16.30 – 16.35
8.Wrapping up & closure	GWP-SA (Takawira)	16.35 – 16.45

Panel discussion

Panellists:

- Mr. P. Ramoeli – SADC, Water Division
- Mr. R. Mbaziira – AU
- Mr. Lenka Thamae – ORASECOM
- Dr. O. Obakekeng – Botswana, Ministry of Minerals, Green Technology & Energy

Questions for the discussion

- How can water accounts be used in policy decision making?
- What are the priorities for the accounts;
- How would you link up with policy makers and other stakeholders to communicate the accounts?