



11th SADC Multi-Stakeholder Water Dialogue

29 – 30 September 2025

Maseru, Lesotho

PROGRAMME



DAY 1 - SETTING THE SCENE: POLICY, VISION AND INSTITUTIONAL ALIGNMENT
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Time	Activity	Speaker/Lead(s)
08:30–08:50	Arrival and Registration of delegates	All
08:50–09:00	Arrival of the Minister and Dignitaries	
Opening Session Chair: Mr. Motoho Maseatile, Director, Department of Water Affairs, Lesotho		
09:00–09:05	Welcome & Housekeeping (Incl. Observing of Anthems)	Mr. Motoho Maseatile, Director Department of Water Affairs, Lesotho
09:05–09:10	Welcome Remarks	Ms. Relebohile Lebete Principal Secretary for the Ministry of Natural Resources of the Kingdom of Lesotho
09:10–09:20	SADC Secretariat Remarks	Ms. Mapolao Mokoena, SADC Director of Infrastructure
09:20–09:30	Remarks by GWPSA	Mr. Andrew Takawira, Interim Executive Secretary- Global Water Partnership for Southern Africa
09:30–09:40	Remarks by the German Embassy, Botswana	Ms Simone Goertz, Head of Economic and Development Cooperation
09:40–09:50	Remarks by EU Delegation Lesotho	Ms Anna Renieri - Head of Cooperation EU Delegation in Lesotho
09:50–10:00	Keynote Address	Honourable Mhloni Moleko, Minister of Natural Resources of the Kingdom of Lesotho
10:00–10:05	Observing of Anthems	All
10:05–10:40	Cultural entertainment Family photo and tea break	All, Guest of Honour
Beginning of Technical Session (Setting the Scene): Event Facilitator		
10:40–11:10	Presentation of Background Paper	Dr. Luke Wasonga, Background Paper Specialist
11:10–11:30	Reflections on the Background Paper	OKACOM - Mr Phera Ramoeli, and SADC TFCA Network - Mr. Steve Collins

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Session 1: Clarifying the role of water in regional economic corridor development and continental integrated corridor approach		
11:30–11:40	Presentation 1 – <i>Unpacking SADC’s approach to economic corridor development in the context of the water sector and the regional water policy</i>	SADC Water Division – Dr Dumisani Mndzebele
11:40–11:50	Presentation 2 – <i>Regional value chains in the context of the regional economic corridor development and frameworks (Vision 2050, RISDP, Industrialisation Strategy)</i>	SADC IDT – Mr Noel Lihiku
11:50–12:00	Presentation 3 – <i>Integrated corridor approach & PIDA projects, with reflections on water-related infrastructure dependencies.</i>	AUDA-NEPAD - Mr. Ibra Wahabou
12:00–12:10	Facilitated discussion	Facilitator
Session 2: Water’s Role in Corridor Development: Case Studies and Panel Reflections		
12:10–12:20	RBOs-driven Water Investments in Corridor Development	Mr. Rapule Pule - ORASECOM
12:20–13:00	Panel Discussion: Aligning water governance with corridor objectives; the role of RBOs, TFCAs, Power Pools, Regional Agri-food systems institutions; and ICT	<u>Moderator – Mr. Lenka Thamae</u> <u>Panelists:</u> SADC - Water Division- Dr Patrice Kabeya; Power Pool (SAPP - Mr. Steadmore Musenyi); Agrifood Systems (FANRPAN- Dr Tshilidzi Madzivhandila); Ecosystems – (SADC TFCA Network Mr. Steve Collins); RBO – (ZAMCOM Mr. Felix Ngamlagosi), Informations & Communications (SADC-ICT-Mr. Chisepo Lungu)
13:00–14:00	Lunch	
Session 3: Positioning and aligning the WEF Nexus for impactful contribution to the regional economic development corridor agenda		
14:00–14:10	TFCAs – RBOs Collaboration for Corridor Development	SADC TFCA Network - Mr Steve Collins
14:10–14:20	SADC Water Fund: SADC Water Fund: Investing in Climate-Resilient Water Infrastructure for Regional Economic Corridors	SADC Water Fund – Mr Chenge Chikara
14:20–14:30	Facilitated Audience Q&A	Facilitator
14:30–14:40	Strengthening Climate-Resilient Water Governance and Infrastructure in the Zambezi Basin: From WASH at Border Posts to Nexus-Based Corridor Investments	ZAMCOM – Mr. Felix Ngamlagosi

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14:40-14:50	Multi-Stakeholder Stewardship for Water Security: From Urban Hubs to Regional Corridors: NatuRes Project	NatuRes Project - Ms. Adjoa Parker
14:50-15:00	Facilitated Audience Q&A	Facilitator
15:00-15:30	Health break	
17:00	Day 1 end	

DAY 2 - INNOVATION, INVESTMENT, AND PARTNERSHIPS FOR CORRIDOR DEVELOPMENT
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08:30–08:50	Recap of Day 1 & Framing of Day 2	Facilitator/GWPSA
Session 4: Innovative climate-resilient and risk-informed water infrastructure solutions towards trade and regional value chains		
08:50–09:00	Lesotho Botswana Water Transfer Project (Lesotho–South Africa) & Noordoewer-Vioolsdrift Dam (NVD - South Africa and Namibia)	ORASECOM - Mr Thabo Hloele
09:00–09:10	Transboundary Water Infrastructure and Governance for Corridor Development: Lessons from the Incomati and Maputo Basins	INMACOM - Ms. Sindy Mthimkhulu
09:10–09:20	Facilitated Audience Q&A	Facilitator
09:20–09:30	Sustainable Groundwater Management in SADC Member States (Phase 2): contributions in supporting regional economic corridor development	SADC GMI - Eng. James Sauramba
09:30–09:50	Innovative water harvesting solutions for climate resilience and water security	IWMI (Nexus gains) and UNESCO – Dr Muchaneta Munamati
09:50–10:00	Facilitated Q&A with audience	Facilitator
10:00–10:30	Tea break	
Session 5: Financing Nexus Investments in Corridors		
10:30–10:40	SADC Secretariat paper on financing in economic corridors	Ms. Chitundu Malumba
10:40–10:50	Financing the Lesotho Highlands & Development Project	LHDA - Mr. Tente Tente
10:50–11:00	Facilitated Audience Q&A	Facilitator
11:00–11:10	Policies and Strategies for Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources in SADC economic corridors	SADC-FANR Director- Mr. Domingos Gove
11:10–11:20	Circular Food Systems in Africa (CFS) project	FARNPAN - Dr Tshilidzi Madzivhandila
11:20–11:30	Facilitated Audience Q&A	Facilitator

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11:30-11:40	ReNOKA Lesotho ICM Programme – Financing for Corridor Resilience	RENOKA - Mr. Makomoren Fanana
11:40-11:50	Financing Renewable Energy for Corridor Development: Regional Pathways to Nexus-Resilient Growth	SAPP – Mr. Steadmore Musenyi
11:50-12:00	Facilitated Audience Q&A	Facilitator
12:00–12:10	Okavango River Basin Sustainable Financing (Namibia, Botswana, Angola) - CORB fund	CORB Fund Secretariat – Mr. Innocent Magole
12:10-13:00	Panel Discussion: Financing Nexus Investments in Corridors Panelists: representatives of ICPs, Private Sector, DFIs & Ministries:	<u>Moderator:</u> Eng. Edvan Moyo <u>Panelists:</u> DBSA (Eng. Chenge Chikara), AIP (Ms. Sumbi M. Shimumbwa) Private Sector - Water Utility (Mr. Gift Monde)
13:00–14:00	Lunch Break	
Session 6: Institutional Alignment, Investment Opportunities, and Partnerships for Nexus-based Corridor Development		
14:00-14:10	Harnessing Science and Innovation for Water Security: Regional knowledge development in support of the SADC’s Regional Economic Corridor Enhancement Vision	SANWATCE – Ms Yenziwe Mbuyisa, Ms Zimbili Sibiya
14:10–14:20	Water, Knowledge, and Partnerships: Regional capacity development for advancing Climate-Resilient Economic Corridors	Waternet – Prof. Krasposy Kujinga
14:20-14:30	Facilitated Q&A with audience	Facilitator
14:30–15:45	Facilitated group discussions: Institutional and Policy Alignment Dialogues (3 Parallel by combined thematic focus Groups: Water & Transport; Energy & ICT; Food & Ecosystems; Climate Services (Cross-cutting: ICPs, Private sector, CSOs, Finance, Gender & Youth) <i>Guiding questions:</i> • <i>Where are the WEF Nexus linkages (synergies or trade-offs) most visible in your sectors?</i> • <i>What are the main barriers or gaps to effective alignment?</i> • <i>Institutional Alignment: How can SADC, AU agencies, national governments, and RBOs better coordinate corridor and Nexus planning?</i> • <i>Investment Opportunities: What corridor-linked water (green & grey), energy, and food/agriculture projects are ripe for financing?</i>	3 parallel groups (same groups as in Day 1) with 3 facilitators and 3 rapporteurs <u>Facilitators:</u> Mr Lenka Thamae Dr. Luke Wasonga Mr. Moses Ntlamelle

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	<i>Partnerships & Inclusion: What mechanisms can ensure equitable participation of private sector, CSOs, and local communities in corridor initiatives?</i>	
15:45–16:15	Report Back and Reflections	Rapporteurs and Facilitator
16:15–16:25	Partners reflections	EU
16:25–16:40	Outcome Statement	SADC Water Division
Closing Session		
16:40–17:00	Official Closing Ceremony	SADC Chair (or Vice Chair)