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Report on Global Water Partnership Southern Africa Ambassadors' Reception

November 2019, Pretoria, South Africa

Global Water Partnership Southern Africa (GWPSA) hosted a high-level Ambassadors Reception at its offices in Hatfield, Pretoria on the 5th November 2019, the second and final day of the 13th annual Consulting Partners' Meeting. A summary of the proceedings of the Consulting Partners' Meeting is provided on page 5 of this report.

The reception, the first in an annual series entitled *Road to 2030: Mobilising water investments in Africa*, was used as an opportunity to communicate the launch of the Global Water Partnership (GWP)'s 2020-2025 strategy, framed within the regional context of *Mobilising Investment for a Water Secure Southern African Region*.

Key outcomes included:

1. Announcement of new GWPSA and Africa Coordination Unit Chair, His Excellency President Jakaya Kikwete
2. Communication of the goals of GWP 2020-2025 strategy - *Mobilising Investment for a Water Secure World*
3. Establishing alignment of GWPSA 2020-2025 goals against those of the African Union Agenda 2063, the Regional Economic Communities, and the African Development Community
4. Communication of key activities undertaken by GWPSA during the period 2014 - 2019
5. Expression of support by the SADC Secretariat to its partnership with GWP
6. Expression of support to WEF-Nexus as a sustainable approach to water resource management by the South Africa National Department of Water and Sanitation
7. Communication of opportunities for water investment in the Africa free-trade area

A full list of attendees is provided in Annex 1 of this report.



Announcing Incoming GWPSA Chair

H.E. President Jakaya Kikwete



Global Water Partnership Southern Africa and African Coordination Unit introduced the incoming Chair His Excellency President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete, who will take over from Dr Kuiri Tjipangandjara from 2020.

His Excellency was the fourth President of the United Republic of Tanzania from 2005–2015. President Kikwete will lead GWPSA and Africa Coordination Unit in the implementation of the organisation's new 2020–2025 strategy.

As GWPSA–ACU Chairman, His Excellency President Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete also serves as Chair of the Africa Water Investment Programme (AIP), which aims to transform and improve the investment outlook for water security and sustainable sanitation for a prosperous, peaceful, and equitable Africa.

The AIP aims to mobilise water investments towards the implementation of SDG 6 on water and sanitation in Africa by 2030. The programme is an outcome of the High Level Panel on Water, which was co-convened in 2016 by the UN Secretary-General and World Bank President.

In February 2019, the African Ministers' Council on Water adopted the AIP and requested GWP to mobilise partnerships for its implementation in collaboration with the African Development Bank, the African Water Facility, AUDA–NEPAD and other partners.

Summary of speeches

Honourable David Mahlobo: Deputy Minister for Water and Sanitation, Republic of South Africa

South Africa's Deputy Minister for Water and Sanitation, David Mahlobo, expressed that the Water-Energy-Food-Nexus Framework is an integrated approach to the implementation of water, energy and food related projects, and has a positive impact on attainment of multiple SDGs, most importantly SDG 2 (zero hunger), SDG 6 (clean water and sanitation) as well as SDG 7 (affordable and clean energy), with the attendant objective of optimisation of national resources use.

He added that the finite nature of water is a significant global risk, given population growth, urban migration, and climate change. GWPSA has a pivotal role in promoting dialogue on the key challenges in water as well as facilitating the brokering of knowledge and strategies in the water sector.

Dr Kuiri Tjipangandjara, Chair: GWPSA

Dr Kuiri Tjipangandjara, outgoing Chair of Global Water Partnership South Africa, reiterated GWPSA's commitment to the mandates of the African Union Agenda 2063, the Regional Economic Communities, and the African Development Community.

Dr Tjipangandjara highlighted the importance of water security in the region, against a back drop of climate change adversities and the need for collective action to address these challenges. He stressed GWPSA's readiness to support states to ensure effective management of water resources. Finally, Dr Tjipangandjara invited partners to collaborate with GWP in the implementation of the new strategy.

Mapolao Mokoena, Director of Infrastructure: SADC Secretariat

Ms Mapolao Mokoena, Director of Infrastructure at the SADC Secretariat, said that the GWP Strategy 2020-2025 and the SADC priority on water infrastructure development will support collaboration and a stronger partnership between GWPSA and SADC Secretariat, building on from the successful implementation of the SADC Transboundary Water Programme, the SADC Multi-stakeholder Dialogue, and the Water-Energy-Food-Nexus Framework.

Ms Mapolao Mokoena noted that GWPSA had supported the successful implementation of the SADC Transboundary Water Programme, the SADC Multi-stakeholder Dialogue, and the Nexus Concept. She applauded the partnership between GWPSA and the DBSA SADC Regional Water Fund as a progressive step to assist member states mobilise investments.

Dr Monika Weber-Fahr, Executive Secretary: Global Water Partnership

Executive Secretary of the Global Water Partnership, Dr Monika Weber-Fahr highlighted the key tenets of the GWP Strategy 2020-2025 which included mobilising for a water secure world, promotion of multi-stakeholder action by bringing voices to the table and stimulating collective action. GWP will continue to act as a convener of “a safe space” for difficult conversations, explore, pilot and advise all stakeholders.

She noted that by 2030, the global population will grow by 6% and that by then, the world will require 50% more food, 50% more energy and 30% more fresh water and hence the need for concerted action now. She also warned of the deteriorating water quality across the globe as the damage it poses to future generations may be irreparable. She emphasised the need for collaboration in the 286 trans-boundary basins (across 150 states) and 600 trans-boundary ground water aquifers.

The key tenets of the GWP Strategy 2020-2025



Alex Simalabwi, Executive Secretary: GWPSA

Global Water Partnership Southern Africa Executive Secretary, Alex Simalabwi, updated the attendees on the following GWPSA activities:

- Facilitation of the SADC Transboundary Water Programme
- The Integrated Urban Water Security Management Programme
- The Water Climate and Development Programme in Africa, in cooperation with the African Union and African Ministers' Council on Water
- The Flood and Drought Management Programme in partnership with the World Meteorological Organisation
- Provision of Support to states on GCF readiness Programme
- Strengthening of the SADC Country Water Partnerships
- Supporting the Development and Implementation of the SADC Water-Energy-Food Nexus Framework

Investment and Collaboration in the Water Sector

Presentation by Remigious Makumbe, GWPSA Special Advisor

The SADC Free Trade Area and the African Continental Free Trade Area were launched in August 2008 and June 2018 respectively, with the objective to ensure that 90% of goods traded across SADC and the African continent move duty free across borders. These free trade areas are accompanied by the reduction of Non Tariff Barriers to trade across corridors, promotion of free movement of persons as well as stimulation of industrialisation across Africa through the establishment of cross border value chains.

Intra-Africa trade is set to increase from 7% in 2010 to 52% by 2022.

Trade liberalisation across Africa remains the best stimulant for industrialisation, economic growth and ultimately, wealth creation. Across all these initiatives, investment in water infrastructure remains pivotal to growth in industrialisation, enhanced trade and poverty reduction in Africa.

There is a need to enhance water abstraction, water storage, irrigated land, domestic water supply, sanitation coverage and installed hydro-electric power capacity, as means to achieve industrial development, intra-Africa trade and enhanced access to water. Water is at the core of the attainment of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, African Union Agenda 2063, African Development Bank High Fives, the SADC Regional Strategic Action Plan for Water, and the GWP Strategy 2020-2025.

As part of the implementation of the GWP Strategy 2020 - 2025, GWP would support global efforts to mobilise investments in water, underpinned by youth participation, gender mainstreaming and private sector participation in water investment as well as highlighting the importance and cost of delivery of water which is currently misconstrued. GWP would also continue to promote the Water-Energy-Food Nexus framework as well as support states to access climate financing for key water projects.





Ambassadors and GWP Strategic Partners at the Event



Summary of GWPSA 13th Consulting Partners Meeting

4-5 November 2019, Pretoria, South Africa



Group photo of 13th Consulting Partners' Meeting

The GWPSA 13th bi-annual Consulting Partners meeting was held on the 4th and 5th of November 2019 in Pretoria, South Africa under the theme *Mobilising Investments for a Water Secure Southern Africa Region*.

The Consulting Partners' Meeting was attended by delegates from the African Union Commission, the SADC Secretariat, Development Partners and Funding Agencies, GWPSA Strategic Partners with whom GWPSA has programmatic alliances, the GWP Global Executive Secretary and CEO, as well as invited delegates from the 16 SADC Member States.

The GWPSA Steering Committee, Regional Technical Committee, Expert Reference Group members and the GWPSA Secretariat staff also participated in the meeting.

The Consulting Partners meeting reflected on the implementation of GWPSA strategy 2014-2019 and served to launch the 2020-2025 GWP Strategy, entitled *Mobilising Investments for a Water Secure World*, and explored avenues for the SADC region to advance the global water security agenda.

The following meeting objectives were achieved:

- Launch of GWP 2020-2025 Strategy
- Communicating GWPSA regional work programme 2020-2022
- Conducting the 2019 Annual General Meeting of GWPSA
- Strengthening understanding of the regional work programme and opportunities for the SADC region
- Communicating opportunities for accessing finance for Climate Resilient Investments in the region
- Sharing Country Water Partnerships and Partners engagement on the new GWP strategy and Regional Work Programme development

Annex 1: List of Participants

Global Water Partnership Southern Africa & Africa Coordination Unit (GWPSA-ACU) was honoured to host the following participants at the *Road to 2030: Mobilising water investments in Africa* high level event.

H.E. Mr. David Mahlobo – Deputy Minister, Department of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation, South Africa
Ms. Sonya Koppe – Deputy High Commission: Australia
Dr. Wolfgang Thill – Deputy Head of mission: Austria
Mr. Tomohiro Seki – Chief Representative, Japan International Cooperation Agency South Africa Office
Ms. Sachiko Oe – Japan International Cooperation Agency
Ms. Lerato Sibisi – Japan International Cooperation Agency
Ms. Mamotebang Ntokoane – Kingdom of Lesotho Embassy
H.E. Ms. Veronique Haller – Chargée d’Affaires: Switzerland
Mr. Gerhards Pienaar – Deputy Head: Switzerland
H.E. Mr Richard Lupembe – Embassy of Tanzania
Ms. Mapolao Mokoena – SADC Secretariat Director of Infrastructure
Dr. Inga Jacobs-Mata – IWMI South Africa Country Representative
Dr. Kuiri Tjipangandjara – GWPSA Chairperson
Eng. Munashe Mvura – GWPSA Vice – Chairperson
Mr. Gabin Lulendu – GWPSA Board Member
Ms. Emelda Dlamini-Magagula – GWPSA Board Member
Adv. Bokang Makututsa – GWPSA Board Member
Mr. Elton Laisi – GWPSA Board Member
Eng. Kelvin Chitumbo – GWPSA Board Member
Mr. Harsen Nyambe – African Union
Mr. Jose Neto – Angola
Mr. Charles Reeve – CRIDF
Mr. Leonard Magara – CRIDF
Dr. Harrison Pienaar – CSIR
Mr. Ashwin Seetal – CSIR
Mr. Graham Chingambu – DBSA SADC Regional Water Fund Manager
Mr. Manuel Chidziva – DBSA
Mr. Luvo Dumse – Department of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation
Mr. Siboniso Ndlovu – Department of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation
Ms. Thozama Mbelebele – Department of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation
Ms. Yvonne Ibebeke – DRC
Ms Maria Amakali – GWP Namibia
Dr. Victor Kongo – GWP Tanzania
Mr. Frederik Pischke – GWPO
Dr. Monika Weber-Fahr – GWPO Executive Secretary
Mr. Alex Simalabwi – GWPSA Executive Secretary
Mr. Len Abrams – GWPSA Reference Group
Mr. Piet Heyns – GWPSA Regional Technical Committee
Dr. Davison Saruchera – IUCN
Mr. Ngoanamathe Nthathakane – Lesotho
Mr. Zvikomborero Manyangadze – Mozambique
Dr. Belynda Petrie – OneWorld
Mr. Lenka Thamae – ORASECOM Executive Secretary
Mr. Kule Chitepo – Resilient Waters
Mr. Tinashe Mutooredzanwa – Resilient Waters
Mr. Wonder Jonamu – Resilient Waters
Mr. Dumisani Mndzebele – SADC
Ms. Diana Kimbute – Tanzania
Mr. Graham Paul – USAID
Mr. Nick Tandi – World Bank
Mr. Michael Mutale – ZAMCOM Executive Secretary
Mr. Gerald Mundondwa – Zimbabwe

About Global Water Partnership Southern Africa

The Global Water Partnership Southern Africa is one of 13 regional networks that make up the Global Water Partnership (GWP), bringing about solutions that are both tailored to local conditions and informed by local experiences and good practices from across the continent. The Global Water Partnership Southern Africa offers practical advice for sustainably managing water resources to 16 countries in the Southern African Development Community region. The regional network manages activities and convenes stakeholders in the SADC region and at pan-African level to address issues that have an impact on water security.

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