

MULTI-SCALE GROUNDWATER STRATEGIES IN AFRICA - SUPPORTING INNOVATION

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Time: 09:00 - 10:30 CEST

Location: A4

On-site & Online

This session explores key governance points that strategies need to include to foster an aligned, innovative and enabling space that can strengthen Africa's water security solutions and climate resilience.

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Programme

09:00	Introductions and setting of the scene
09:10	Overview of groundwater strategy developments within SADC (Phera Ramoeli, on behalf of SADC-GMI)
09:20	Panel presentations/ knowledge clinic: Trans-boundary water governance from institutional perspectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Ramaano, ORASECOM • Seifu Kebede, University of KwaZulu Natal, Centre for Water Resources Research • Jenny Grönwall, Sida
10:00	Facilitated discussion and audience Q&A: the similarities and differences the strategy development poses at different scales
10:20	Conclusion and wrap-up

Complex sets of criteria need to be considered if strategies for groundwater are to play a role in buffering the region from impacts such as climate change, while ensuring sustainable socio-economic development. This session focusses on governance and financing complexities for groundwater resources in Africa, that need consideration to sustainably mobilise the resource in the future.

An overview of groundwater strategy developments currently taking place across pan-African, regional, trans-boundary, and national scales across Africa will start the session. A primary objective is to address the fragmented nature of groundwater governance. This fragmentation necessitates deliberate strategy exchange between relevant institutions linked across geographic scales and transcending political boundaries.

The invited panelists are intricately involved across the scales of groundwater strategy development processes. The session thus offers a golden opportunity for strategic exchange and to identify the cornerstones of transformative groundwater governance. Through a knowledge clinic format, we will invite each panelist to highlight key governance complexities that they face at their scale of groundwater strategy development. The contributions will then feed a broader discussion on the similarities and differences the strategy development poses at different scales. The cornerstones of good practice groundwater strategies will form part of the session conclusions.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



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