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# BUILDING BRIDGES TO STRENGTHEN GROUNDWATER DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

SADC Groundwater  
Management Institute's  
innovative governance  
model

**28 AUGUST**

**Time: 09:00 - 10:00 CEST**

**Location: Online**

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## PROGRAMME

09:00	<p>Introductions and setting of the scene <i>Ruth Beukman, OneWorld Associate</i></p>
09:05	<p>Overview of governance and institutional arrangements (NFGs) in SADC <i>James Sauramba, SADC-GMI</i></p>
09:15	<p>Panel Session: Moderated Knowledge Clinic on the experiences of establishing NFGs in different southern African contexts (5 minutes each)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. National Focal Person - Malawi NFG</li> <li>2. National Focal Person - South Africa NFG</li> <li>3. National Focal Person - Tanzania NFG</li> <li>4. Belynda Petrie, OneWorld</li> </ol>
09:45	<p>Moderated discussion and audience Q&amp;A</p>
10:00	<p>Conclusion and wrap-up <i>Ruth Beukman</i></p>

Innovative governance and institutional arrangements must adaptively address rising water scarcity. Transboundary and national (ground)water institutions stand to strengthen groundwater governance. National Focal Groups (NFGs) enabled by the Southern African Development Community Groundwater Management Institute (SADC-GMI) facilitate multistakeholder collaboration, to foster sustainable groundwater development and access to finance.

The session will begin with institutional presentations covering alternative governance arrangements, followed by a panel discussion, and concluding with an interactive discussion between panellists and the audience. Speakers and panellists will give input on alternative NFG models and case studies of multistakeholder partnerships and institutional arrangements. The session will provide a critical opportunity to examine emerging models, share experiences and insights, and further explore approaches for advancing transformative groundwater governance.

Participants will learn from the experiences of alternative models in southern Africa and explore the potential for adapting and/or upscaling these to other countries and regions. This knowledge sharing based session will enable all participants to leapfrog the experiences of countries gained from SADC-GMI and OneWorld's journey of facilitating the establishment of NFGs in most SADC Member States.

The session will distil the necessary conditions of successful groundwater governance models for building bridges that blend needs and skills of multi-scalar and multidisciplinary actors. It will position the key roles that make up the integral components of successful bridge building in any water scarce region, such as citizen science, and blended finance approaches.

## SPEAKERS



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