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- The Accounting Officer granted approval for the establish the NFG because this will assist the government in the implementation of National Groundwater Strategy and National Water Resource Strategy 3 (NWRS3)
- NWRS3 emphasis on creation of partnership in its implementation - crucial to align the NFG functions and priority actions to the government strategies.
- The participating stakeholders has been formally appointed by the Accounting officer.
- These stakeholders are mainly - Government agencies (MISA, CSIR, WRC, AgriSA, IUCMA, SANPARKS, GWD, etc) and universities mainly those that have incorporated geohydrology as study field in their curriculum and influential in groundwater through research work – we are still open to add more members.

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- SADC GMI is providing financial support for NFG meetings, workshops and for the formal launching .
- The NFG has been established, trained need the formal launching. The formal launching of the NFG will be done by the DWS through support of the SADC GMI.

What are the CHALLENGES ?

- National Focal Group model is the best innovation, however, there is a need to develop measures to strengthen and encourage voluntarily participation beyond project phase- NFG expected to develop the strategy which will also help to attract donor funding to support its activities
- Issues related to hosting institution and the secretariat still to be finalized- diverse nature of institutions involve in groundwater research and capacity building requires effective consultation.
- A need for resource mobilisation to sustain the important advocacy, information, coordination and support role of the NFG to DWS / Govt.