

Minutes of the Annual Planning Workshop for Okavango River Basin, Namibia

Held at Ngandu Safari Lodge, Rundu

8-10 June 2011

Day 1: 8 June 2011

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Ndina Nashipili	Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry
E. Nambinga	Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources
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Moses T Mpareke	Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry
Alfons Siyere	OkBMC/ Basin Wide Forum
Kevin Roberts	Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry
Shishani Nakanwe	Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry
Dorothy Wamunyima	OkBMC/Namibia Nature Foundation/SAREP
Belda Mosepele	SAREP
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Gereon Hunger	Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry
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Marcus Kamburu	Mayana Community Water Point
John Mangundu	SEC
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Wynand Peypers	Rundu Tourism Forum/OkBMC
Bo Troedsson	River Eman CHA
Harold Khaebob	Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources
Noa Shapumba	Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources
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Abraham Nehemia	Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry
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1. Registration

Attendance list was provided and all present registered at 08h30

2. Welcome and Introduction

Mr. Abraham Nehemia welcomed all present at 09h00. In his introductory remarks Mr. Nehemia highlighted three aspects of Integrated Water Resources Management being, socio-economic, hydro-meteorological and environmental and biodiversity requirements. He further emphasised on the objective of the workshop which is to harmonise existing sectoral plans to come up with an integrated plan for Okavango River Basin. The integrated plan is crucial to avoid duplication, identify overlaps and gaps, and area for cooperation and collaboration.

In addition Mr. Nehemia gave a brief background on OKACOM, EPSMO, Diagnostic Analysis (TDA), Strategic Action Plan (SAP) and National Action Program (NAP).

3. Introduction of participants

Participants were requested to introduce themselves.

4. Program overview and Objectives

Ms. Doufi Namalambo took the participants through the workshop program before presented the Workshop Objectives. The overall objective being to come up with a consolidated an annual operational plan for the Okavango River Basin.

5. Setting the Scene and presentation of the NAP activities

Ms Laura Namene presented an overview of the NAP activities, giving brief background on the EPSMO project, the TDA and its output of SAP and NAP. Namibia's NAP Focus Areas are:

- ▶ The Basin Development and Management Framework (BDMF)
- ▶ Thematic Area (TA) 1: Livelihoods and Socio-economic Development
- ▶ Thematic Areas (TA) 2: Water Resources Management
- ▶ Thematic Area (TA) 3: Land Management
- ▶ Thematic Area (TA) 4: Environment and Biodiversity

6. Overview of SAREP programmatic, Objectives, KRAs and Activities

Mr. Steve Johnson presented an overview on the SAREP Project, its objectives and Key Result Areas (KRAs). He stated that the SAREP program is based upon the needs expressed by OKACOM at its meeting with USAID in 2008. The SAREP Inception Workshop resulted in the frame work upon with SAREP's 5 Year Plan, its 5 Key Result Areas (KRAs) and Annual Plan for 2011 were developed. As part of its contribution to the Okavango River Basin management SAREP has so far funded and facilitated the development of the NAPs.

SAREP's five Key Result Areas are:

- ▶ KRA 1. Cooperative management of shared river basin improved
- ▶ KRA 2. Biodiversity and ecosystem services monitored and protected
- ▶ KRA 3. Access to safe water supply and sanitation is increased
- ▶ KRA 4. RBOs manage basin resources in the context of global climate change
- ▶ KRA 5. Development planning capacities around river basins substantially improved at regional, national, and local levels

As part of SAREP support field facilitators will be employed through NNF which is one of the SAREP's three satellite offices the two being located in Maun and Menongwe to train and mobilize communities to take advantages of the support offered through SAREP.

Ms. Charlie Paxton gave a presentation on behalf of Robyn Tompkins on the capacity development and support offered towards water quality management one of such capacity building activities is the training that was given in February on Integrated Water Quality Model.

It was emphasised that established institutions should be utilized and/or strengthen in order ensure institutional memory and sustainability.

It was then highlighted that there is a need to create understanding amongst the basin stakeholders on the linkages of the Omatako-Omuramba to the Okavango River and when other sub-basins e.g. eiseb and omatako are going to be involved or formed.

It was also requested if SAREP can support the setting up of those sub-basins (eiseb or Omatako).

7. Ongoing and Planned activities

Representatives from different institutions were requested to present their on going and planned activities in the Okavango River Basin for the year 2011/2012.

Ministry of Lands and Resettlement

Mr. Chris Mujetenga presented the planned activities of MLR as follows:

Development of Integrated Land Use Plans

Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources

Mr. Noa Shapumba presented the planned activities of MFMR as follows:

Annual fish survey which of contacted twice a year before and after the rainy season. The surveys generally look at species diversity, habitat, sex, size and age.

In his presentation Mr. Shapumba highlighted challenges faced by his ministry which include:

Lack of internal capacity to accurately identify species, absence of proper data management system, lack of standardized survey methodology, inability response to emergencies and ineffective data/information sharing. He therefore recommend establishment of joint surveys.

Okavango Basin Management Committee (OkBMC)

Mr. Reinhold Kambuli presented the OkBMC annual plan which includes activities funded by MAWF and GIZ.

Namibia Nature Foundation (NNF)

Ms Dorothy Wamunyima presented the annual operational plan for NNF. In her presentation Ms Wamunyima highlighted completed, ongoing and planned activities.

Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry

Ms Cynthia Ortmann presented the ongoing and planned activities for MAWF. Her presentation covered the activities of the two Departments in the ministry, but provided more information on the activities of the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry.

8. Wrap up and closure

Ms. Doufi Namalambo wrapped up the meeting for the day.

Day 2: 9 June 2011

1. Recap of the previous day 8 June 2011

The meeting started off with welcoming and introduction of new participants, before the facilitator, Ms Doufi Namalambo presented a short summary of the deliberations on Day 1.

2. Preparation for group work

Ms Doufi Namalambo presented different models of annual plans. The workshop agreed to use the simpler template. The workshop was then divided into group works according to respective sectors available to work on their workplans and identify activities that are earmarked for the financial year 2011/2012 and also highlight areas where SAREP can intervene. Group work continued till after lunch when the groups were called in to present their annual workplan for the Okavango River Basin. Some groups worked until the end of day 2.

3. Group work feedback

Group works from MLR, MET and MFMR presented their planned activities for 2011/2012 which include the following

Negotiate land acquisition for the construction of community tourism hub, develop integrated land use plans and conducting fisheries surveys.

4. Wrap up of the day

Ms Doufi Namalambo wrapped up the day's proceedings and closed the workshop for the day

Day 3: 10 June 2011

1. Recap of the previous day 9 June 2011

The meeting started off with welcoming and introduction of new participants, before the facilitator, Ms Doufi Namalambo presented a short summary of the deliberations on Day 1.

2. Group work feedback continued

Group works from DRM, DWSSC and OkBMC presented their planned activities for 2011/2012 which include inter alia:

Rollo-out and provision of improved sanitation, expansion of water supply to displaced to communities, awareness raising on sanitation and general hygiene, conduction of water quality monitoring, hydro-census, water demand management, biodiversity surveys, declaring of Hochfeld as a water control area and expansion of hydrological monitoring network.

3. Way forward

The way forward was mapped out as follows:

3.1 Each sector/organisation should present their “plans” to regional heads/supervisors to amend/sanction it and hand it in to Laura before the end of **17 June 2011**

3.2 Establish contact people whom to follow up to get the revised plans – by Ndina

- a. MFMR – Noa Shapumba
- b. MET – Karel Ndumba
- c. MLR – Chris Mujetenga
- d. DWSSC – Moses Mpareke
- e. RM – Cynthia ortmann
- f. Forestry – Michael Otsub
- g. OkBMC – Dorothy Wamunyima
- h. Namwater – Keith Suukuta
- i. Rundu Town Council – Moyo (Check with other town council too)
- j. Kavango Regional council – Nauyoma?

3.3 A committee to compile a final draft integrated plan by end of June 2011. This is a temporary technical committee, the leaders will be appointed in due course by Mr. Nehemia until the permanent one is formalized.

Doufi Namalambo

Gereon Hunger

Winnie Kambinda

Laura Namene

Reinhold Kambuli (will act as the liaison between the committee and OkBMC)

Chris Mujetenga

Colgar Sikopo

Ben?

- 3.4 The draft consolidated plan will be circulated to all participants with a time frame for their comments– if funds are available a one day meeting will be called for to validate and approve the plan before **end of July**
- 3.5 Monitoring of the implementation of plan will be done by the committee under point 3 with the exception of Ms Namalambo
- 3.6 MAWF will appoint a National Coordinator of the NAP
- 3.7 MAWF will initiate the demarcation and the establishment of the other sub-basins within the Okavango-Omatako River Basin – Mr. Nehemia will contact colleagues at MAWF who are involved in the process of basin demarcation to get the ball rolling. Basin demarcation activities should be incorporated in the Annual Operational Plan under Institutional arrangement thematic
- 3.8 Once the plan is finalized a meeting will be held with SAREP to have a final negotiation on what they can fund
- 3.9 OkBMC will coordinate the activities between SAREP and the Basin once point 8 has been achieved
- 3.10 Reinhold will draft letters which will be signed by the Commissioner this is to request the appointed members of the OkBMC become actively involved and that these members remain permanent members.

9. Closure and date of next meeting

Ms. Dorothy Wamunyima thanked the participants for their contribution and deliberations through the workshop. She emphasised that sound management of the Okavango River Basin is important for Kavango as region, for Namibia as country and for Southern Africa sub region. Hence cooperation amongst stakeholders is very crucial to ensure that the river basin is management is a sustainable manner for the benefits of both present and future generations. She officially closed the meeting at 13h45.

ANNUAL PLAN FOR THE OKAVANGO RIVER BASIN WORKSHOP

DATE: 08 -10 JUNE 2011

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