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Report of the Transboundary and International Water Partnership Commission 7

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COMMISSION OBJECTIVE:

To provide new thinking (and actions) in transboundary water cooperation, in particular with a view to enhance transboundary water investments, taking into account shared aquifers, governance model and gender issues.

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- Overview of RSA cooperation in trans-boundaries
 - RSA international obligations
 - Legal framework (Protocol, UN Conventions, bilateral and transboundary agreement with other riparian states Botswana, eSwatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia and Zimbabwe.
 - Emerging issues to be developed on shared aquifers and governance thereof
- Inclusive cooperation where women, youth and people living with disabilities are represented in the Transboundary institutions;
- Financing and water investments models, sustainable infrastructure development and capacity building

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KEY ISSUES IN COMMISSION THEME

- a. Governance model of transboundary water cooperation in order to strengthen water cooperation
- b. Financing and water investments
- c. Transboundary cooperation on shared aquifers (groundwater management)

RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS

Subtheme	Issues raised	Recommended actions	By whom	Target
Strengthening of Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited mandate of RBOs Lack of proper communication Slow decision making Role of women and youth 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review mandate of RBOs to include investment mobilization Develop Communication strategy for transboundary water resources Raise community awareness on mutually agreed matters Strengthening Regional Cooperation (alignment and political will) Implement women in water Diplomacy for transboundary resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DWS, RBOS and partners SADC SIWI 	2022/23

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Financing and Water Investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inadequate monitoring and tracking of investments performance Lack of funding for technical feasibility studies Effective water pricing Human Capacity (Multidisciplinary teams) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tracking investment and mobilization finance tool (Implement AIP-PIDA Water investment score card AUDA-NEPAD) Establish/strengthening joint project preparation unit Multi-level approach to water pricing Early engagement of feasibility and planning with finance experts Deliberate capacity building programme for youth and women. Blended finance mechanism(public private financing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DWS/RBOs GWP/AUDA NEPAD TCTA Infrastructure SA DFIs SIWI 	2022/23

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Transboundary groundwater management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of attention on transboundary groundwater Limited data availability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To enhance mandate, knowledge, understanding and use of groundwater in RBOs Framework for data sharing and management across basin countries Make data on aquifer potential available to local communities and farmers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DWS, SADC GMI and partners 	2022/23

Thank you