

MINUTES OF MEETING

PROJECT : ADOPT A RIVER PROJECT
MEETING : ADOPT A RIVER NATIONAL TASK TEAM MEETING
DATE : 08 July 2010
TIME : 10H00 FOR 12H30
VENUE : DWA Offices Sedibeng 10th Floor

ATTENDEES:

R Cronje (National IWRM); H Moremong (National IWRM); D Mabada (Limpopo); N Mbhele (National IWRM); M Raborife (National IWSS); B Zondi (National DM Office); AM Lodi (National-Communication); N Mbele (National- Stakeholder Empowerment); M Reddy (National-SCU); W Roodman (National IWRM) MR Kganyago (Limpopo); HM Mabasa (Limpopo); M Makhabu (Limpopo); PV Mkhize(KZN); N Khanyile (KZN);Eastern Cape via video link – Guzana T, Mbandazayo X, Zenzile M;

APOLOGIES:

Gender and Disability Unit : Setati P
Mashishi J

CHAIRPERSON: R Cronje

SCRIBE: N Mbhele

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1	Rachalet welcomed all.
2	The agenda was approved
3	<p><u>Purpose</u></p> <p>The purpose of the meeting is to plan for the actual launches as the dates for the had been confirmed with the Deputy Ministers office and these dates are as follows: Limpopo 4th August 2010, KZN 13th August 2010 and EC 21st October 2010. The</p>

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	launch in EC will not be done by the Deputy Minister but by the Minister
4	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PROGRESS REPORT TO DATE.</u></p> <p><u>National</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt a River has been identified as one of the Deputy Ministers flagship projects. During the workshop held in May it was agreed with Regional Coordinators to roll out the project as requested by the Deputy Ministers office • The implementation plan was developed whereby KZN, EC and Limpopo were identified as the Regions that will be launching the flagship project during the women's month. The National office together with these Regions developed implementation plan and it's still working in progress because things keep on changing • The National office has adopted the implementation plan submitted by the Regions --Rivers had been identified where the launches and projects will be implemented. Luvuvhu River for Limpopo, Isipingo River for KZN and Buffalo River for Eastern Cape • In KZN initially two rivers were identified but with consultation with the Region it came to light that there are also other stakeholders like DUCT (Duzi/Umgeni Conservancy Trust that is implementing similar project. It was agreed that the Department (the Region) will be monitoring the project and report progress of the project to the office of the Deputy Minister even if this project is not going to be launched as a flagship project. The same with Umthatha river which was launched by the Minister in March 2010 during National Water, progress is still required on regular basis to update the DM as she is committed to the Adopt a River project and she wants to be engaged and be given information regularly in terms of knowing what is happening • National office has been engaging with the targeted Regions having consultative meetings. The Regions have already made some strides in terms establishment of steering committees or task teams that consist of relevant stakeholders in the Regions for the implementation of this project. Important to note is that these projects are women empowerment projects because

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	<p data-bbox="381 237 1477 327">consideration is given to the participation of women as beneficiaries because they will be receiving stipends</p> <ul data-bbox="336 349 1513 1111" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="336 349 1270 387">• The women will be doing cleaning activities at those river sites <li data-bbox="336 409 1473 551">• Regions will be employing 100 women and there is a concept paper that has been developed and the activities that they will be doing in terms of cleaning and monitoring <li data-bbox="336 573 1465 663">• Water boards have been appointed as implementing agents to fast track the implementation process. <li data-bbox="336 685 1509 828">• MOA currently in final stage, Legal Services have been consulted for their input into the contract that will be signed between the Department and Water boards as the implementing agents <li data-bbox="336 851 1422 994">• During the launch the women should be employed by then as the Deputy Minister will be handing them over to the Municipality to continue with the implementation of the project <li data-bbox="336 1016 1406 1106">• Budget in terms of the event or launches will come from the Department (Gender & Disability) unit <p data-bbox="288 1133 451 1171">Comments</p> <ul data-bbox="336 1193 1501 1440" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="336 1193 1501 1440">• EC feels relieved that the project is back on track and the Region has progressed fairly well in terms of the consultation with the stakeholders though the signing of MOU with Amathole Water is not yet finalised, therefore they need to clarify what their roles will be and also in terms of budget breakdown- who will be funding the events <p data-bbox="288 1518 686 1556">Feedback from comments</p> <ul data-bbox="336 1579 1509 2007" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="336 1579 1509 1668">• Water boards will be responsible for ensuring the selection of women; however the Regions and the Municipality involved have already selected the women <li data-bbox="336 1691 1477 1729">• Water boards and Municipality should align their activities and work together. <li data-bbox="336 1751 1193 1789">• Second role for the Water boards is project management <li data-bbox="336 1812 1187 1850">• Third role is in terms of reporting progress to the Region. <li data-bbox="336 1872 1230 1910">• Water boards should come up with a plan and cost involved <li data-bbox="336 1933 1422 2007">• MOU has been sent to each Region for input before is submitted to Legal service

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water boards should also form part of the steering committee or task team because they are implementing agents • Action plan has been drafted by Regions and the National office influence was to decrease stipends from 100 to 80 which need to be rectified again back to 100. • Water boards is there to assist Regions not the other way round <p><u>Limpopo:</u> reported that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task team has been composed of various stakeholders and is functional. • The action plan is also accepted although they still need to change few things • A meeting between Lepelle Water board and the Region was held and the other is schedule for the 9th of July 2010 • Still need to sit down with Communication section to discuss protocols as this is a Ministerial function • At first it was difficult to involve Municipalities but now everything is fine and Traditional leaders are also now on board <p><u>Eastern Cape:</u> reported that ;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • So far have managed to have two meetings with the relevant stakeholders including Councillors and Traditional leaders • Adopt a river programme it will be the first of this kind in a Region as the one in uMthatha is on water quality and water conservation management • Region have managed to task the councillors together with their local traditional leaders to go and identify beneficiaries and it was stipulated to them clearly on what is expected from them in terms of identification these women • The list of the selected or identified women is expected to be submitted during the meeting to be held in the Region as well as the protective clothing needs in terms of sizes and safety boots • The 100 women to be appointed will be distributed amongst the wards that are bordering the river

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In terms of training needs the Region have already prioritised water safety <p><u>KwaZulu Natal</u>: reported that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They visited Municipalities instead of councillors because it easy to go that route • Will use Red cross and Working for water for the training of women, and for Isipingo river the training is already been done • MOU with Umgeni Water is not yet signed • The venue is at uMlazi location and security is been organised for VIP's
5	<p>BUDGET</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The launch will be funded by the Gender and disability Unit with the assistance of what the Regions is willing to put • The Gender and disability will be leading the event as this is happening during the Women month • The budget of R5 000 000 is been allocated for Adopt a River project • R5 000 000 million will be divided amongst three Regions which KZ, L and EC • R70 per day will be paid to the women as stipends and be paid on monthly basis
6	<p>COMMUNICATION PLAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bheka to coordinate the signing of letters by the Deputy Minister • The launch or event should be published in the media • KZN requested that Water Waste Municipality also be invited as they are also hands on in terms of assisting in the project management • The launch will be advertised on a local as well as national newspapers • Advert will be issued a week before on a newspaper

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7	<p>WAYFORWARD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regions were requested to complete the Project Checklist or dashboard in order to make sure that all logistics as well as necessary arrangements are done in time It was mention that there will be weekly meetings to take place in order to track on progress with regards to the preparation of launches
8	<p>CLOSURE</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 12h30</p>