



SIDE EVENT DESCRIPTION FORM 2.

10TH WORLD WATER FORUM

This Session Description 2 is for the specified program of the side event. Please complete this form no later than 22nd of April 2024.

**The session description 1 (online form) is separately requested for the session coordinators to deliver a concise session outline with the contact info and the logistical requests.*

Session Code and Title:

Side Event S45

Transboundary Water Cooperation: Water for Peace, regional integration and prosperity - Namibia's Experience

Side Event Coordinators (Name, Position, Organization, email, mobile number): Maria Amakali, Director, Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform - Namibia, maria.amakali@mawlr.gov.na, +264812900823

Session coordinator and moderator:

Maria Amakali and Selma Kalili

Session Description including objectives and expected outcomes (500 words maximum):

Globally as the demands for freshwater surpasses the supply and costs rise, water has become a strategical commodity and a powerful tool in international water negotiations requiring both political and diplomatic dimension to water resource management. Namibia shares 5 of the 14 transboundary rivers found in Southern Africa. Cooperation over transboundary surface and groundwater is not only essential for sustainable economic development but also crucial for climate action, conflict prevention, and the promotion of peace. Namibia's wealth experience in transboundary water cooperation can be dated back to the 19th century pegged to its border agreement.

During panel discussions and presentations, international experts, diplomats, and water commissioners, especially women, will share their insights on what works, how it works, why it works and the tangible benefits derived from these cooperative efforts. Water managers, politicians, young water diplomats and women are expected to attend. The conclusion of this event should emphasize the acknowledgment that, even amidst climate change, peaceful resolutions are attainable for the fair distribution of shared resources and that more than anything is catalysts for peace.

Detailed Session plan : *F/M indicates Female or Male

ESTIMATED TIMING	ITEM DESCRIPTION / ROLE	SPEAKERS	SPEAKERS STATUS (OK OR TBC)
8h30- 8h35	1. Grounding and intro by the moderator , with some general interactive questions (5 min)	Ms Maria Amakali, Deputy Executive Director, Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform	Ok, F

8h35 - 8h45	2. Key Note Address: Water Security for Peace and Prosperity	Honourable Carl H.G. Schlettwein, Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR) (10 minutes)	Ok, M
8h45 - 8h55	3. Case Study 1: Namibia Experience in Transboundary Water Cooperation success stories	Ms Ndiyakupi Nghituwamata, Executive Director and Leader of Namibia Delegation to the River Basin Commissions, MAWLR	Ok, F
8h55 - 9h05	4. Case Study 2: Transboundary water cooperation and coordination for peace and prosperity in the Orange-Senqu River Basin	Mr Executive Secretary, Orange-Senqu River Commission (ORASECOM)	Ok, M
9h05 - 9h15	5. Case Study 3: The role of women in water diplomacy and transboundary management – Case for ZAMCOM and ORASECOM	Ms Bogadi Mathwangwane: Director, Department of Water Affairs in Botswana and member of Woman in Water Diplomacy	Ok, F
9h15 - 9h25	6. Case Study 4: Water Convention as the global framework for transboundary water cooperation	Mr Remy Kinna, Legal Officer, Water Convention Secretariat, UNECE	Ok, M
9h25 - 9h45	7. Q&A with the Panelists (20 min)	Moderator	Ok, M
9h45 - 9h55	8. Conclusion and closure	Ms Selma Kalili	Ok, F, Youth

Additional information:

We require coffee, for at least 50 people