

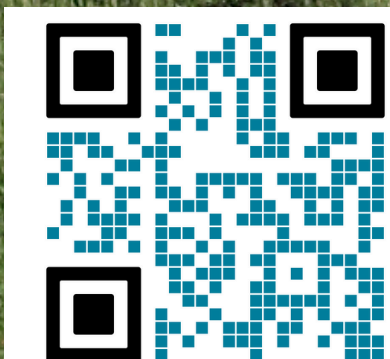
25th WaterNet/WARFSA/GWPSA Symposium

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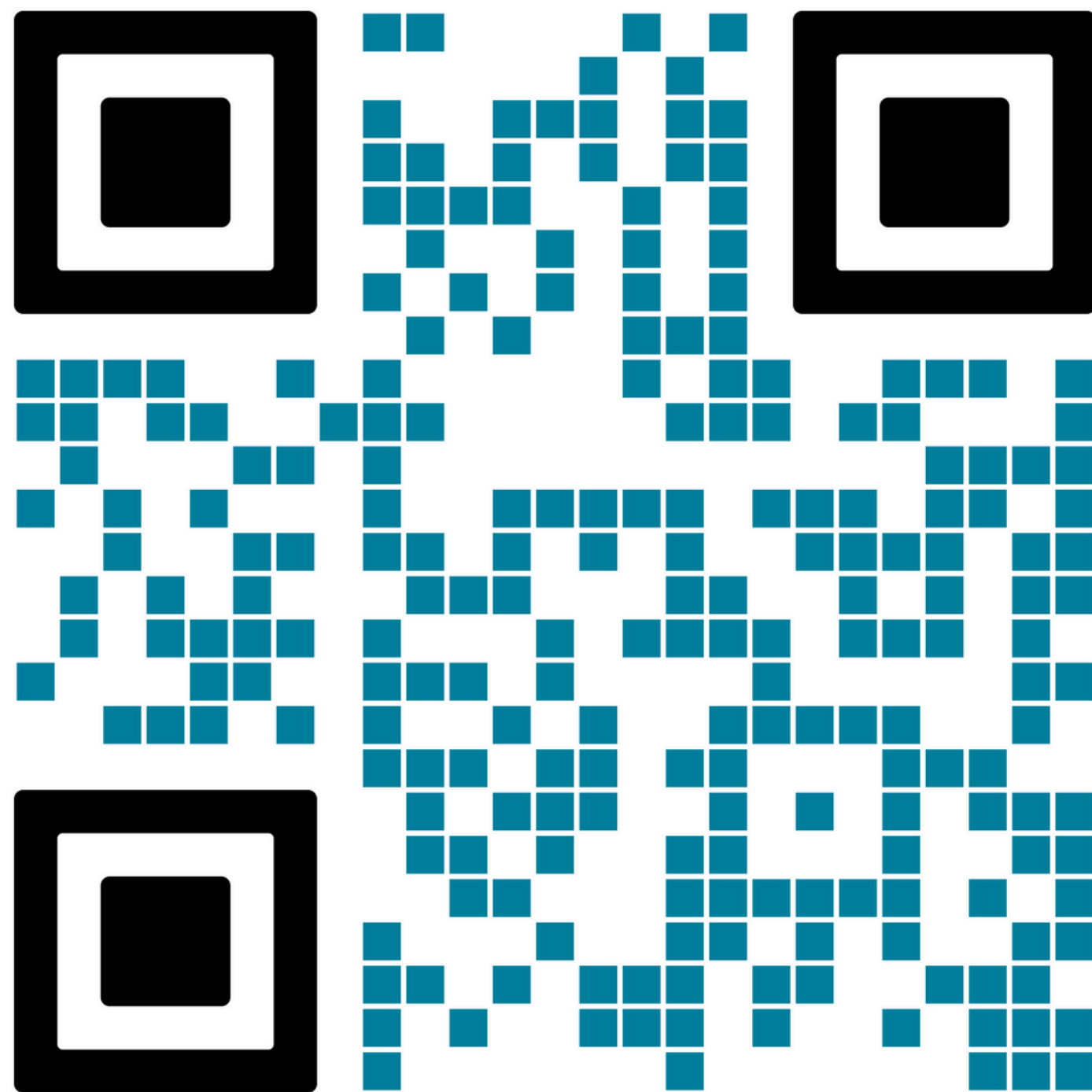
**Session Title: Partnerships for translating science to policy:
How science is informing the discourse around legal
frameworks and strategic planning in the Buzi, Pungwe, Save
Cuvelai, Kunene, and Limpopo River Basins**

Date: Thursday 31 October 2024

Venue: Molepe and Online



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Session Description

Theme: Water, Ecosystems, and the Environment.

Sub-theme: The value and potential of the ecosystem services approach for improved decision-making with an emphasis on integrative catchment planning.

Session Summary

The session seeks to value the potential of the ecosystem services approach for improved decision-making with an emphasis on integrative catchment planning. This will be done through partnerships for translating science to policy by informing the discourse around legal frameworks and strategic planning in the Buzi, Pungwe, Save, Cuvelai, Kunene, and Limpopo River Basins.

Conveners: Buzi, Pungwe, and Save Watercourses Commission (BUPUSACOM), Limpopo Watercourse Commission (LIMCOM) supported by UNDP-GEF, Global Water Partnership Southern Africa (GWPSA), International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Southern African Development Community Groundwater Management Institute (SADC-GMI), WaterNet

Session Programme

Session Chair

**Dr. Eddie Riddell,
GWPSA**

10:30 - 10:35

Welcome and Introductions

**Mr Davison Saruchera,
IUCN**

10:35 - 10:40

Opening Remarks

**Mr. Andrew Takawira,
GWPSA**

10:40 - 10:55

**Keynote Address 1 :
The role of data, information,
science, and evidence in
decision-making and policy
formulation for the
implementation of the
BUPUSA roadmap**

**Mr Elisha Madamombe,
(GWPSA/BUPUSACOM)**

10:55 - 11:10

**Keynote Address 2 :
Learning from its neighbours
whilst developing the
Limpopo Basins' diagnostic
plan: preparing the roadmap
for transboundary capacity
to achieve future
sustainability**

**Mr Sergio Siteo,
LIMCOM**

11:10 - 11:25

**Presentation 1:
Strengthening integrated
water resources
management in the Cuvelai
and Kunene River Basins
through TDA Consultations.**

**Mr Silvanus Uunona,
GWPSA**

11:25 - 11:40

**Presentation 2: EFlows
Knowledge Base, Stakeholder
Engagement, and Capacity
Building for the Pungwe
Environmental Flows
Management Framework**

**Mr Alfred Misi/ Mr Jose
Malanco,
(GWPSA/BUPUSACOM)**

Session Programme

11:40 - 11:55	<p>Presentation 3: An evaluation of the groundwater resources of the Buzi, Pungwe, and Save basins to inform the Strategic Action Programme</p>	<p>Dr. Kevin Pietersen, SADC-GMI</p>
11:55 - 12:00	<p>Presentation 4: Introduction to MSC research work for the BUPUSA Transboundary Diagnostics Analysis</p>	<p>Prof. Krasposy Kujinga, WaterNet</p>
12:00 - 12:10	<p>MSc research Presentation : An analysis of the implications of Gold Panning on Water Resources in the Buzi Basin and Synoptic research on the environmental impact of artisan gold mining on water quality in the Buzi And Pungwé Rivers Basins in Manica, Mozambique.</p>	<p>Mr. Nehemia P. Phiri, MSc Student, University of Zimbabwe Ms. Piedade Lucas Alexandre, MSc Student, Eduardo Mondhlane University</p>
12:10 - 12:25	<p>Panel discussion</p> <p>How can research institutions and institutions of higher learning position themselves to respond to the needs, priorities, and challenges of transboundary cooperation within the SADC region?</p>	<p>Facilitator: Mr Davison Saruchera, IUCN</p> <p>Responding Capacity Development and Research institutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SADC GMI: Eng. James Sauramba, • WaterNet: Prof. Krasposy Kujinga/Prof. Jean Marie Onema, • Eduardo Mondhlane University: Dr Clemecio Nhantumbo, • University of Zimbabwe: Dr Webster Gumindoga
12-25 - 12:35	<p>Session summary</p>	<p>Ms. Shuvai Zvakasikwa, IUCN</p>
12:35 - 12:45	<p>Closing remarks and way forward</p>	<p>Dr Loreen Katiyo, GWPSA</p>

Speakers and Panelists



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