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**Seminar on Water and Sanitation in Southern Africa Development
Community (SADC): Innovative Approaches for Resource Mobilization and
Policy Implementation.
Lusaka, Zambia,
10 - 13 December 2008.**

Provisional Annotated Agenda

Day one

08:15 -08:45 Registration

08: 45-09: 20 Agenda item 1: Opening session: *welcoming statements* (ECA-SA), *statement* (ADB), *opening statement* (Government representative of the Republic of Zambia)

09:20-09:45 Keynote address on the Africa Water Vision (AU-SARO).

09:45 - 10:00 Participants` self-introductions, objectives, expected outcomes and organization of work

10:00 - 10:15 Agenda item 2: *Election of the Bureau*

10:15 - 11: 15 Coffee/tea break and press conference

11:15 - 11:45 Agenda item 3: “The SADC Regional Programme on Water Supply and Sanitation” (SADC Secretariat)

The presentation will outline the SADC Regional Programme on Water and Sanitation and its effort to contribute to the socio-economic growth through promotion of good public health and provision of sufficient water for economic activities while protecting the environment. The presentation will focus on the programme`s elaboration process, its focus and importance, discuss challenges related to implementation process and recommend interventions to enhance WASAT development in the subregion.

11:45 - 12:30 Agenda item 4: “Issues paper on water and sanitation in Southern Africa” (ECA-SA)

The presentation will discuss the current status of WASAT in the subregion and the on-going effort and initiatives in promoting WASAT development in Southern Africa focusing on issues, challenges and lessons drawn. The presentation will make recommendation on the way forward for the attainment of WASAT related MDGs and other sustainable development commitments.

12:30 - 13:15 Agenda item 5: “Sustainable financial support for Water and Sanitation programmes, projects and policies in Southern Africa: Issues and challenges” (African Water Facility-AfDB)

The presentation will discuss the issues and challenges related to the available funding mechanisms for water and sanitation plans, programmes, policies and projects in Southern Africa, based on the African Water Facility experience. The presenter will discuss the lessons learnt and propose recommendations to strengthen WASAT financial sustainability in the subregion.

13:15- 14: 30 Lunch

14:30 – 17:00 Agenda item 6: Presentations on selected themes

14:30-15:00 “Water supply and sanitation to household through NGOs and community initiatives to safeguard human health and environment: lessons from the Mvula (Mvula Trust)

The discussant will present Mvula Trust experience in promoting community based water and sanitation initiatives, its approaches and the role of NGOs in the process. The presentation will focus on issues and challenges and pertinent recommendations aimed at strengthening community and NGOs based WASAT activities.

15:00- 15:30 “Improved sanitation facility, gender and education linkages: lessons from Southern Africa” (Plan International Malawi)

The presentation will discuss issues and challenges related to the gender dimension in water, sanitation, hygiene and education (WASHE) and draw lessons from the Southern Africa experience. It will make recommendations on women active participation in water and sanitation projects definition, implementation and monitoring and the promotion of hygiene education to ensure sustainability to the services and facilities provided.

15:30-16:00 “Issues and challenges on integrated Water and Sanitation in Southern Africa” (IWRM Centre –UNZA)

The presentation will discuss the concept of integrated water and sanitation and its implementation in Southern Africa identifying emerging issues and key challenges. Recommendations will be made to ensure social, economic, institutional and environmental sustainability to WASAT programmes in the subregion.

16:00-16:30 coffee/tea break

16:30-17:00 “DBSA developmental financing and support to the water sector in Southern Africa : Lessons learnt ”(DBSA)

The presentation will outline DBSA`’s activities to support the water sector in Southern Africa, discuss the issues and challenges faced by the water sector projects, and draw lessons toward the sustainable development of water and sanitation initiatives and the improvement in the Bank`’s services within the subregion.

17:00-17:30 “Indigenous Private Sector Development and Public-Private Partnerships in Water and Sanitation Services Provision” (UNICEF)

The presentation will outline experiences and opportunities for public-private partnerships for water and sanitation service provision and hygiene promotion, as well as experiences in developing indigenous private sector capacity to deliver services. The

discussant will tease issues and challenges and outline lessons drawn from the existing Public-Private Partnership initiatives on WASAT at the global, regional, subregional and local levels.

17:30-17:45 Guidance on Group Work

Day two

09:00-11:00 Group Work

The plenary will be divided into two discussion groups focusing on the following nominated discussion themes: (1) *Water and sanitation delivery and provision* and (2) *mechanism for sustainable resources mobilization for water and sanitation programmes in southern Africa*.

11:00-11:15 coffee/tea break

11:15- 12:00 Group work continued

12:00 - 12:30 Group (1) Presentation to plenary

12:30 - 13:00 Group (2) Presentations to plenary

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14: 00-15:30 Consolidation of the recommendations (Secretariat and Group rapporteurs)

15:30-15:45 Coffee/tea break

15: 45-16:30 Consolidation of the recommendations continued

16:30 - 17:30 **Agenda item 7:** Plenary presentation and adoption of the recommendations

17:30 - 17:50 **Agenda item 8:** AOB.

17:50 - 18:15 **Agenda item 9:** Closing remarks