

Transboundary Water Cooperation Workshop Series

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Water Cooperation and Benefit-Sharing in the
Nile, SADC/Zambezi Basin and the Mekong involvement

General Perspectives & Benefit Sharing in the Zambezi River Basin

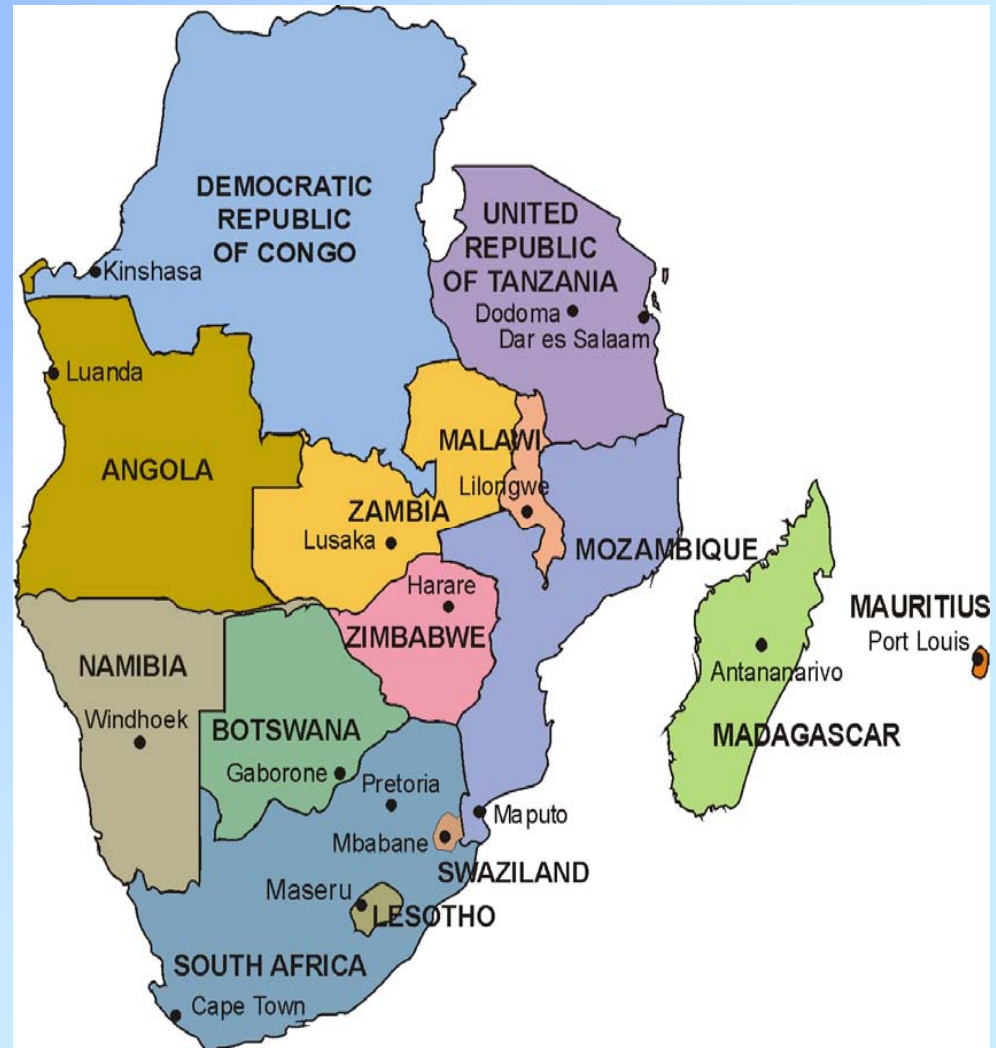
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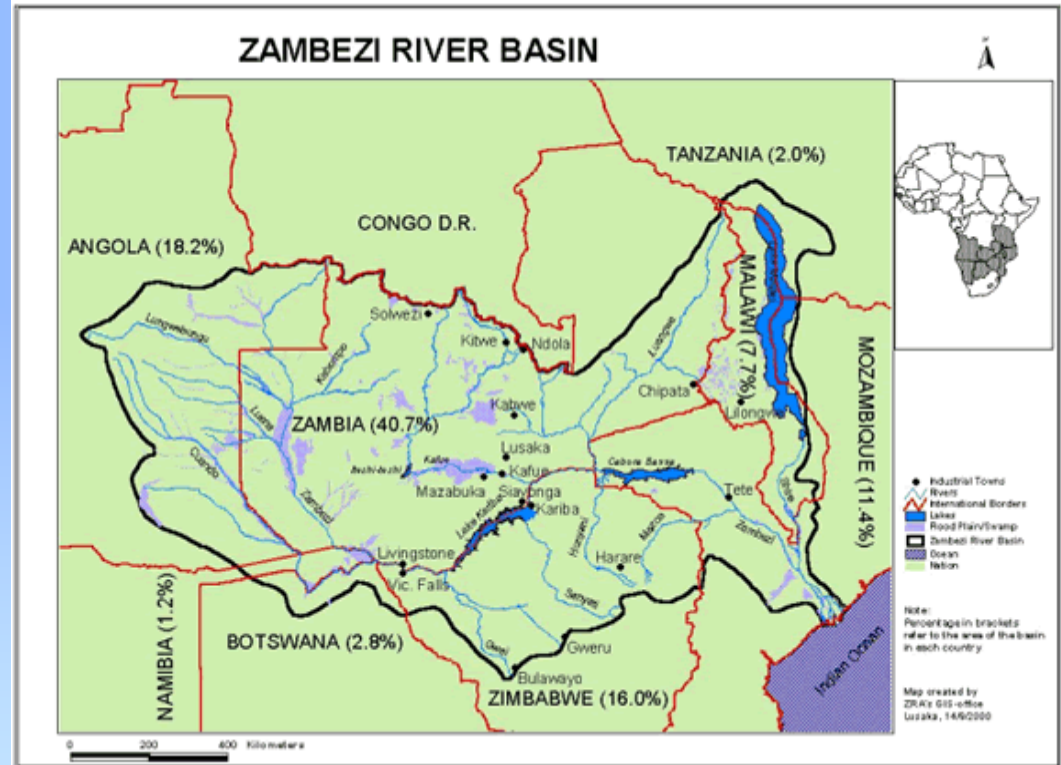
Presentation Overview

- Zambezi Background
- Basin wide Cooperation
- ZAMCOM Process
- Benefit Sharing Opportunities
- Challenges/Way Forward



Zambezi Background

- ❑ Africa's 4th largest river
- ❑ Largest Flow into Indian Ocean
- ❑ Basin Area: 1,360,000 km²
- ❑ River Length: 2,700 km
- ❑ M.A.R: over 200 Billion m³
- ❑ Population: over 40 Milln
- ❑ Vast Potential for Benefit sharing & Economic Development



Basin-wide Cooperation

❑ 1987 ZACPLAN Adoption

- ❖ Previously, 1980 Advent of SADCC Common Agenda Attained
- ❖ ZACPLAN, Basin Level structured approach IWRM Cooperation

❑ ZACPLAN – Integrated, 19 projects (ZACPROs) in 2 categories

- ❖ Priority projects - ZACPRO 1 to ZACPRO 8
- ❖ Complementary projects - ZACPRO 9 to ZACPRO 19

❑ ZACPLAN Focus

- ❖ Sustainable development & environmental protection

❑ ZACPLAN Spin-offs & Regional Impact

- ❖ Protocol on Shared Watercourse Systems (1995)/revised (2000)
- ❖ Establishment of the SADC Water Sector Coordinating Unit (1996)
- ❖ Adoption of the first Regional Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) on IWRDM (1999)
- ❖ 1993 Kick started ZACPRO 6 phase 1 but stalled in 1998

❑ 2001 Resumption of ZACPRO 6 Phase 2 Resumed (2001)

- ❖ ZAMCOM : Resumption of the negotiations, signature & ratification
- ❖ Development of Zambezi Basin IWRM Strategy (ZAMSTRAT)
- ❖ Establishment of Zambezi Water Resources Information System (ZAMWIS)

ZAMCOM Progress

- ❑ 2004, Agreement signed by 7 of the 8 riparian States
- ❑ To date, four riparian States have ratified the Agreement
- ❑ Internal consultations have progressed in other Member States
- ❑ 2 additional ratifications required to operationalise the Agreement
- ❑ An interim ZAMCOM Secretariat expected to be established soon
- ❑ July 2009, adoption of an Interim ZAMCOM Governance Structure
- ❑ Hosting Member State for IZS identified

Benefit Sharing Opportunities

- ❑ Basin-Wide Knowledge sharing benefits through IWRM strategy
- ❑ ZAMWIS real-time water resources information benefit sharing
- ❑ Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) benefit sharing opportunities
- ❑ Multi-sector Investment Opportunities Analysis
 - ❖ World Bank Initiative to assess benefits of regional cooperative & joint Investment as opposed to unilateral development

Challenges & Food for Thought

- ❑ Sovereignty vs basin wide Cooperation
- ❑ Shared Benefit vs Costs balances
- ❑ Differences in economic development levels amongst riparians
- ❑ Benefit sharing at unilateral/bilateral level vs basin wide perspectives
- ❑ Attain Technical/political consensus on Benefit/cost sharing
- ❑ Translate Benefit Sharing ideals to legal/political/social/ dimensions
- ❑ Strengthen a more broader multi-sectoral interactions/networking at national and regional levels

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For your Attention*

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