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Our mission with this publication is to keep you abreast of the advancements and milestones achieved in our initiatives while offering foresight into the dynamic developments set to unfold throughout the year.

SADC-GMI LAUNCHES A BLOG PAGE, “The Well!”

We are excited to announce the launch of our new blog page, [The Well!](#). This platform is dedicated to sharing compelling stories and experiences that we, at SADC-GMI, encounter in our work. Through The Well!, we aim to amplify the voices of those who are the first-line custodians of groundwater—voices that often go unheard.

Our blog will feature narratives from communities and individuals whose lives are intertwined with groundwater, highlighting the essential role they play and the challenges they face. These stories, often overlooked, deserve to be shared and heard.

If you are interested in contributing to our blog or would like to collaborate with us, please reach out to Thokozani at thokozani@sadc-gmi.org or Ashley at ashley@sadc-gmi.org.

REMINDERS FOR THE 6TH SADC GROUNDWATER CONFERENCE

The 6th SADC Groundwater Conference, themed “**Promoting Peace Across Borders Through Conjunctive Water Management,**” will take place in Maseru, Lesotho, from 13-15 November 2024.

Call for Abstracts

Authors are invited to [submit abstracts](#) for both oral and poster presentations under the following sub-themes:

- Sub-Theme 1: Using Advanced Technologies
- Sub-Theme 2: Establishing Innovative Governance Structures
- Sub-Theme 3: Harnessing Data

Please indicate the sub-theme for your submission. The deadline for abstract submissions is 30 June 2024.

Registration Costs

- Early Bird Registration (Deadline: 20 September 2024): R 3 500
- Late Registration: R 4 500

For more information, contact us via email at thokozani@sadc-gmi.org or visit our [website](#).

UPCOMING CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

In line with our commitment to equip Member States with essential tools and knowledge, SADC-GMI has made capacity development a core focus area. This is vital in addressing regional capacity gaps and fulfilling our mandate.

Successful Training Sessions in 2024

Thus far, we have conducted **three** successful training sessions:

1. GIS and Remote Sensing Training – for all member states 
2. Transboundary Groundwater Governance and Management in River Basin Organisations – for all RBOs in SADC region 
3. NFG Members Training – for South Africa 

Upcoming Training Sessions in 2024

We have two imminent training sessions planned for the next four months, with potential for additional sessions:

1. **Environmental and Social Management Training:** Scheduled for **10 – 12 June**, this training aims to enhance the capacity of Environmental and Social Management Specialists on compliance as they implement SADC-GMI subgrant and Competitive Grant Projects.
2. **Borehole Sustainable Yield Tests for Groundwater Supply Training:** Scheduled for August with dates to be confirmed, this training aims to equip participants with the knowledge to design, plan, and conduct borehole yield tests, estimate well efficiencies, and understand their impact on long-term operation costs. It will also cover field procedures for step-drawdown and constant discharge rate tests, and methods to analyze aquifer pumping test data.

Check out our social media pages for more updates!



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



ENG. JAMES SAURAMBA

We are pleased to update you our stakeholder how we are progressing with the implementation of our flagship SADC regional groundwater programme funded by [CIWA](#) and [GEF](#) through the World Bank.

Currently, we are conducting studies to enhance our understanding of groundwater in the Coastal Sedimentary Basin aquifer shared between Angola and Namibia. Additionally, hydrocensus study projects are actively underway in [SONGWECOM](#) and [INMACOM](#).

The implementation of groundwater projects under the subgrant scheme is now at full speed in 9 of the 12 Member States active in the subgrant scheme. In the DRC, both the Kimpangu competitive grant project and the Madimba basic grant project are advancing well. Similarly, the project in Kazungula, Zambia, and the monitoring projects in Malawi and Eswatini are all moving forward successfully. In South Africa, the updating of the Polokwane province is also progressing very well.

We are optimistic that this momentum will continue as we proceed with our initiatives with the support of our stakeholders.

Warm regards,
Eng. James Sauramba