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**Theme: Adaptive Regulation -
Addressing Emergent Issues**

3RD AFRICA WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION REGULATORS CONFERENCE

Date: 24-26th September 2024

Venue: Sunbird Mount Soche, Blantyre, Malawi





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23 – 27 September 2024

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Conference Day 1: Tuesday 24th September 2024, 08:30 hrs

Time	Aspect	Description	Responsible
08:00		Registration of participants	Support Team
08:30	Opening Ceremony	Remarks and Introductions	Facilitators
08:40		Welcoming Remarks	ESAWAS Chairperson
08:50		Welcoming remarks	WASAMA President
09:00		Remarks – Ministry of Water and Sanitation	Principal Secretary
09:10		Opening Speech Minister of Water and Sanitation	Guest of Honor
09:30		Keynote Presentation- addressing emergent issues through adaptive regulation	Executive Secretary, ESAWAS
09:40		Keynote Remarks – <i>emerging issues impacting service provision</i>	Executive Director, AfWASA
09:50		Keynote Remarks – <i>strengthening regulation to respond to emergent issues</i>	Director AHWS/AWF, African Development Bank
10:00		Group Photo	
10:30		Tea Break	



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Sector Financing and Commercial (Business) Orientation			
11:00	The role of the regulator in attracting / unlocking investments for WASH including private sector	<i>Discusses the role of the regulator in sector financing framework (3Ts) and practical considerations for financing the sector (with lessons from green bond by TANGAUWASA)</i> Presentation with open discussion	<i>Exaudi Maro</i> Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA), Tanzania
12:00	FSM Business Model Adopted in Lusaka Water Supply and Sanitation Company-Zambia	<i>Delves into supporting/promoting commercial/business orientation in management of WSS services as a business enterprise</i> Presentation with Panel discussion (AfDB, AfWASA, Blantyre Water Board-Malawi)	<i>Joy Mwansa Banda</i> Lusaka Water Supply and Sanitation Company- Zambia
13:00	Lunch Break		
Rural WSS: Regulatory frameworks and service delivery models			
14:00	Towards universal safely managed drinking-water: WHO Guidelines for drinking-water quality: small water supplies	<i>Practical recommendations of WHO Guidelines for drinking-water quality: small water supplies on the establishment of drinking water quality regulations and standards for small / non-networked systems</i> Presentation with Q&A	<i>Jennifer De France</i> World Health Organisation
14:45	From Community to Professional: Improving Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Service Delivery	<i>Initiatives, including regulatory approaches, that are being undertaken to professionalise the rural water supply and sanitation management which has been under Community-Based Management Models (CBM)</i> Presentation	<i>Edith Malemba</i> Ministry of Water and Sanitation - Malawi
15:00	Establishing a framework for regulation of rural water supply – Area service provider model	<i>Presents the current management of rural water systems and new framework requirements to achieve professional management and maintenance of rural water supply facilities.</i> Presentation	<i>Eng. Christopher Tumusiime</i> Water Utility Regulation Department of Ministry of Water and Environment (WURD) - Uganda
15:15	Rural WSS Regulation: A case study of Ekiti State, Nigeria	<i>Ekiti State initiative of delegating rural water supply and sanitation to WASH Committees and how the regulatory guidance and strategy enhanced the implementation of the model.</i> Presentation	<i>Eng. Osalade Ayodele</i> Ekiti State Water and Sanitation Regulatory Agency (EK-WASRA) – Nigeria
15:30	<i>Plenary- Q&A and open discussion on regulatory frameworks and approaches for Rural WSS and small water supplies</i>		
16:30	End of Day//		

18:00 Niyel Inspire Fellowship Slingshot Cocktail



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Conference Day 2: Wednesday 25th September, 08:30hrs

Time	Aspect	Description	Responsible
Off-grid/Non-networked WSS			
08:30	Enhancing service delivery through sector reorganisation and Unified ERP system	<i>Regulatory and service provision reforms undertaken to advance CWIS, extension to low-income communities and integrated systems for service delivery</i> Presentation	<i>Chola Mbilima</i> National Water Supply and Sanitation Council (NWASCO) – Zambia
08:45	Regulation of alternative sanitation options in low-income urban settlements: A case study of Zimbabwe	<i>Regulatory changes underway to improve sanitation service delivery in Zimbabwe. These include the development of Minimum Service Delivery Standards and operationalisation of Water and Wastewater Regulator</i> Presentation	<i>Taurai Maja</i> Department of National Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Coordination- Zimbabwe
09:00	<i>Q&A</i>		
09:30	A novel approach to grouped emptying services for onsite sanitation in informal settlements - Nairobi, Kenya	<i>Presents a new emptying approach that aims to optimise transport efficiency by grouping requests of emptying and utilising smaller emptying demand. It also highlights potential regulatory and policy interventions to enhance safe emptying services</i> Presentation	<i>Hiroaki Tomoi</i> London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine- UK/Nagasaki University- Japan
09:45	A roadmap for advancing sanitation regulation	<i>The roadmap builds on practical experiences from countries with advanced progress in implementing sanitation regulation to provide stepwise process for inclusive sanitation regulation</i> Presentation	<i>Batsirai Majuru</i> World Health Organisation
10:00	<i>Plenary- Q&A and open discussion on regulatory frameworks and approaches for Off-grid/Non-networked WSS</i>		
10:30	Tea Break		



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Sector monitoring and Data Systems Strengthening			
11:00	Improvement of water and sanitation regulatory framework for a better regulation through GIS	<i>The role of GIS mapping for WSS infrastructure planning in Burundi highlighting the integration of GIS mapping in regulatory practices to enhance governance, accountability and better outcomes of WSS services</i> Presentation with Q&A	<i>Dieudonne Sibomana</i> Autorite de Regulation des secteurs de l'Eau potable et de l'Energie (AREEN) - Burundi
11:45	Using data analytics and visualization to inform better WSS service decision making	<i>Data visualisation dashboard developed by Athena Infonomics to address the issues related to data fragmentation and discrepancy, misalignment of mandate and lines of accountability, and analytical infrastructure investments among others</i> Presentation with Q&A	<i>Eunice Namirembe</i> Athena Infonomics
12:30	<i>Plenary- Open discussion on data systems strengthening</i>		
13:00	Lunch		
ESAWAS Outputs			
14:00	Data Maturity Assessment Framework	Tool for targeted investments in data systems and management	<i>Chisanga Chanda</i> ESAWAS
15:00	Service Resilience and Emergency Preparedness Tool	Tool for assessing and planning interventions for shocks and stresses to WSS	<i>James Manda</i> AFUR <i>Elisabeth Nahimana</i> ESAWAS
15:45	Service Provider + Regulator Engagement Platform	Enhancing dialogue between Utilities and Regulators	<i>Joan Asiimwe</i> ESAWAS
16:30	End of Day//		



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Conference Day 3: Thursday, 26th September 08:30hrs

Time	Aspect	Description	Responsible
08:30	Integrity in WSS	<i>Integrating Integrity considerations in WSS regulation and service provision</i> Presentation with open deliberation	Ivan Zupan Water Integrity Network
09:30	Support for strengthening WSS regulation and service provision within countries and institutions	<i>Initiatives on Utility regulation and reforms</i> Panel discussion with Q&A	The African Development Bank UNICEF WSUP BMGF
10:30	Tea Break		
11:00	Status updates on the Status of Regulation in Africa	<i>Dialogue on general pressures and advancements in regulation across Africa</i> Open discussion	ESAWAS
12:30	Closing Session		WASAMA
13:00	Lunch Break and End of Conference		
17:00	<i>Departure for Dinner</i>		

18:00 Dinner for all delegates at Game Haven: Dress Code- Smart Casual

Day 4: Friday 27th September, 09:30 hours: ESAWAS Annual General Meeting (Closed Session for Members and Observers)