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Transboundary Water Management



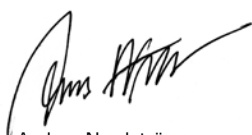
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Invitation


The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) offers, as part of its bilateral development assistance, Advanced International Training Programmes of strategic importance to the social and economic development in the participants' countries. The International Training Programmes are specially designed for persons qualified to participate in reform processes of strategic importance on different levels and holds a position in home organisation with mandate to run processes of change. This methodology is based on the assumption that your country wish to carry out changes and are willing to invest own resources to achieve these changes. In the long-term perspective the programmes shall contribute to institutional strengthening and capacity development in the participants' countries.

Training is focused on support to individual or team plans for change. The plan shall be well established in the participant's organisation and is a basic part of the programme concept.

In this brochure you will find information on the specific objectives for this particular programme, its content and structure, and how and when to apply. You will also find an application form.



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Transboundary Water Management (TWM)

Water is essential to all kinds of human development and livelihood support systems. Transcending most political and administrative boundaries, the available freshwater and the benefits it generates must be shared among individuals, economic sectors and sovereign nations.

The water management challenges are becoming increasingly complex. New and growing demands increasingly strain scarce and erratic supplies and cross thematic, cultural and political boundaries.

A dialogue on water and associated benefits from the entire basin area and its role in development provides a means for building trust among the parties in a region and making cooperative water management solutions possible. Ultimately sharing water creates an opportunity for influencing regional politics in the direction of increased regional co-operation to lay a foundation for social and political stability, economic prosperity and poverty alleviation.

This training programme provides a meeting place for professionals involved in water issues around the world, with the aim of building both personal and institutional bridges. The training programme further draws on regional and global experience from transboundary water resources management and discusses legal frameworks and novel techniques for enhancing the broad benefits of shared waters.

Programme Objectives

The overall objective is that the participants identify the advantages of collaborative transboundary water management strategies and improve their ability to apply these strategies in their respective organisations.

Specific Objectives

- Improve the participants' ability and skills for collaborative transboundary water management
- Influence the participants' home organisation to effectively fulfil their mandate in terms of transboundary water management activities
- Support emerging and ongoing transboundary water-related management processes in which the participants are involved.

Contents

The training programme comprises a wide range of management and institutional aspects of TWM.

Individual project

Each participant will as a central part of the programme undertake an individual project. This project shall focus

on a TWM process, in which the participant is currently involved. It shall be established in the participant's organisation. The individual project forms the backbone of the individual learning process during the training programme. Support to the individual project will be provided by the programme facilitation team and by peer to peer interaction with fellow participants via group discussions, e-mail and internet based forums.

Presentations on Transboundary Management

- Legal aspects
- International conventions
- Data management and exchange
- Processes of dialogue and trust-building
- The role of TWM for regional peace and stability
- Financial mechanisms across boundaries (polluters pay, benefit sharing etc.)
- Challenges and opportunities for investing in water infrastructure
- Panel discussion with drafters of a basin-wide transboundary water

management agreement

- Transboundary stakeholder participation processes
- Climate Change Adaptation Issues.

Case Studies

- Presentations of relevant TWM case studies from different river basins of the world
- Field visit to the Incomati River Basin, an on-going TWM case example.

Role Play

- An extensive role-play with focus on stakeholder interaction, negotiation techniques and conflict management. The participants play the roles of different stakeholders in the process of setting up a river basin commission.

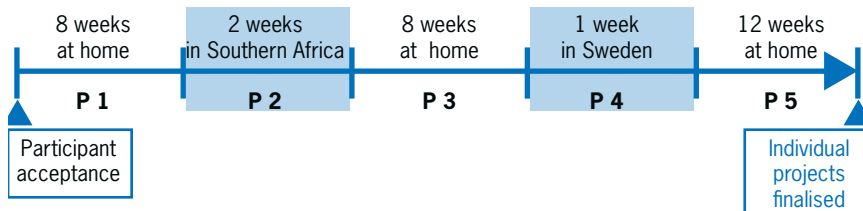
River Basin Commissions

- Development and implementation of basin commissions and transboundary water commissions
- Presentation by The Helsinki Commission, HELCOM, on large-scale transboundary processes of the Baltic Sea

– Examples from the Mekong River Commission and the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR).

Programme Structure

The training programme consists of five compulsory phases (P 1–5) based



on the development of the participants' individual projects.

Phase 1 – Preparation phase where the participant establishes an informal working group and prepares a short presentation of the transboundary process chosen for her/his project. A start-up workshop is held at the participant's home organisation, attended by a representative of the programme facilitation team.

Phase 2 – Meeting in Mozambique with various presentations, interactive learning modules, role play and presentation of participants' individual project. The National Directorate of Water (DNA) will host the programme. A visit is made to Incomati River Basin shared by Mozambique, South Africa and Swaziland. Here the Komati Basin Water Authority (KOBWA) hosts the participants and shares its practical experiences of managing a basin on a transboundary scale. Supporting the development of the individual projects is the focal point.

Phase 3 – Intermediate phase where the participants, at their home organisation, are further developing their individual projects, in collaboration with their respective working group. Each participant is supported through e-mail contact with the facilitation team and other participants.

Phase 4 – Meeting in Sweden including continued group and individual work on the individual projects as well as presentations by Swedish TWM expertise.

Phase 5 – Wrap-up phase where the participant finalises her/his individu-

al projects. Each participant plans and conducts a seminar with their informal working group to share experiences and lessons learned from the training programme and to reflect on future opportunities for improved networking and institutional change.

Date and Place

The programme commences in January 2009 after the participants have been accepted. The two weeks scheduled meeting in Mozambique and Swaziland will be conducted March 23–April 3, 2009. The one week scheduled meeting in Sweden will be conducted June 8–12, 2009.

Management and Staff

Ramboll Natura and the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) are overall responsible for the implementation of the training programme. Mr Peter Qvist-Hoffmann is the Programme Director, Mr Anton Earle of SIWI is the Co-Director and Daniel Malzbender of ACWR is the Regional Co-ordinator. The meeting in Mozambique and Swaziland will be implemented in close collaboration with the African Centre for Water Research (ACWR) together with DNA and KOBWA.

Participation

Applicants should hold an academic degree and have at least five (5) years professional working experience.

The programme is intended for decision makers, planners, specialists or managers from organisations involved in transboundary water resources management i.e.

- Relevant Ministries and Government departments;
- International water commissions and regional cooperation bodies;
- Research organisations;
- Non-Governmental Organisations;
- Consultancy firms.

Target Region:

Invited countries in Africa, Asia,

Europe Latin America and Middle East.

Target Group:

Only candidates with an official nomination by an eligible authority or organisation will be accepted. To achieve good gender balance, women are encouraged to apply. In case of two applicants from the same institution, at least one should be a woman.

Due to the character of the programme family members are not allowed to accompany participants to the programme.

Language Requirements

The training programme will be conducted in English. Participants shall have proven proficiency of the English language in writing, reading and speaking. An English language-test should be made with an official body in the home country of the applicant, unless the applicant can provide other documentation to support her/his ability. The Swedish embassies/consulates do not carry out language tests but may be able to recommend appropriate language institutes for conducting tests.

Communication

As most communication with the programme secretariat will be made by e-mail, it is important that the applicant has a well functioning personal e-mail address in regular use, which is accessible through the Internet.

Application Process

**Closing date for application is
October 31, 2008.**

Applications submitted after the closing date will not be considered.

Applications should be written using the special form attached and include a recent photograph and required information and documents. An electronic form can be downloaded from www.rambollnatura.se. The application should be approved by the official nominating authority in the country.

The application should be submitted to the nearest Swedish Embassy/Consulate. If there is no Swedish

Embassy/Consulate in the applicant's country, the application should be submitted directly to the Programme Secretariat. A copy by e-mail or fax to the Secretariat is recommended. Selected applicants will be notified by e-mail or fax. Once accepted, the applicant must confirm participation. An invitation letter will be sent out, containing additional information on the programme and the practical arrangements.

Cost of Participation

The costs of the programme is divided between a participation fee and accommodation costs. The participation fee covers all training costs such as lectures, literature, documentation, study tours (including travel from Mozambique to Swaziland) and certain social activities. The accommodation costs include board and lodging. The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) will cover both the participation fee and accommodation costs. Personal expenses are not included.

International travel costs to and from the meeting in Mozambique are not covered by Sida. The participants shall find

funding and make their own travel arrangements from their home country to Mozambique.

Sida pays for international travel costs in connection with the meeting in Sweden and Ramboll Natura will make all the travel arrangements. The participant, however, carries costs incurred in travelling to the nearest international airport as well as costs for visas and any local airport taxes and departure fees.

Accommodation

Hotel accommodation is arranged for the full duration of both scheduled meetings (Southern Africa and Sweden).

Visas

Participants are responsible for obtaining all visas necessary for their journeys and stays during the training programme. The visa should be valid for the whole meeting period and the passport should be valid for three months longer than the entry visa. It should be noted that the programme requires a multiple entry visa to Mozambique and Swaziland and a single entry visa to Sweden. Inquiries on

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Swedish visas should be directed to respective Swedish Embassy/Consulate, alternatively other Schengen representation. Participants visiting other countries on their way to or from Sweden must ensure that correct visas are obtained before leaving their home country, especially for countries not included in the Schengen agreement. The costs for obtaining visas (for both Swaziland, Mozambique and Sweden) are carried by the participant.

For more information about visa to Sweden, please look at: www.migrationsverket.se/english.html

Insurance

All participants are covered by a group insurance during the scheduled meetings in Southern Africa and Sweden. This insurance includes costs for medical care in the event of acute illness or accident. Medical and dental check-ups are not included.

Halving poverty by 2015 is one of the greatest challenges of our time, requiring cooperation and sustainability. The partner countries are responsible for their own development. Sida provides resources and develops knowledge and expertise, making the world a richer place.



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RAMBOLL Ramboll Natura AB is an international consulting company in the field of sustainable development, with focus on environment and natural resources management, including forest, land and water. The Ramboll group employs more than 7,500 people. Ramboll Natura is also offering training programmes in IWRM and Education for Sustainable Development.

SIWI Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI) is a policy institute that contributes to international efforts to find solutions to the world's escalating water crisis. SIWI organises the World Water Week in Stockholm, administers the UNDP Water Governance Facility and the Swedish Water House, and works in a number of international water projects, above all within the policy development and capacity building areas.

ACWR The African Centre for Water Research (ACWR) aims to play a facilitative role in promoting transboundary dialogue – the mutual exchange of ideas to resolve common challenges. To achieve this aim the ACWR works in tandem with national governments, inter-governmental bodies, development partners, civil society and the private sector through brokering a safe experimental space in which the various actors can explore positive-sum options.

KOBWA The Komati Basin Water Authority (KOBWA) is a bi-national company formed in 1993 through the treaty on the Development and Utilisation of the Water Resources of the Komati River Basin signed in 1992 between the Kingdom of Swaziland and the Republic of South Africa.

DNA Direcção Nacional de Águas (DNA), National Directorate for Water, in Mozambique is in charge of water resources management and water supply.