

LoGo Water is an EU funded project that brings together African and European researchers along with local governments from Southern Africa, for jointly contributing to support local governments to improve water resources management in the region.

Local governments join LoGo Water

Second project meeting in Maputo, Mozambique

Six of the eight local governments that will participate directly in LoGo Water were introduced into the project during the second project meeting. Representatives of Cidade do Xai-Xai and Cidade do Chowke (Mozambique), Bulawayo and Breitbridge (Zimbabwe) and Pretoria and Makhado (South Africa), participated in the meeting held from 25 to 29 July 2005 in Maputo, Mozambique, and hosted by the country office of IUCN – The World Conservation Union. During the session, the local governments' representatives and project partners contributed with their specific experiences and knowledge to ensure that the project duly addresses the key issues concerning water management in the region.

The meeting was also an opportunity to organise a first session where water management stakeholders from Mozambique were made aware of the aims of the project, raised awareness, and fostered support and future activities of the

local governments in the project.

On the last day, partners and local governments participated in a field trip to the cities of Xai-Xai and Chokwe in the Limpopo River Basin. The trip was particularly appreciated by the

participants as it helped to strengthen the links between all those involved in the project. Furthermore, it contributed to make all aware of the connections between the different cities and towns that share the same river basin. The next partner meeting will take place in February 2006 in Cape Town, South Africa.



Irrigation channel, Cidade do Chowke

Decoding water terminology

List of most relevant terms

Successful communication depends on clearly understanding the words and concepts being used. This is in many cases a challenge, especially in communication between people from different areas of expertise and distinct cultural backgrounds. This is why one of the first milestones of the LoGo Water project was the development of a glossary of the most relevant terms concerning water resources management.

The document gives definitions in a non-technical language of the most relevant terms thus facilitating contacts within partners, local governments and stakeholders. Although developed in the context of LoGo Water, the list can also be of good use for all others working on water resources management.

The first version of the document has been produced by the International Water and Sanitation Centre (IRC) and issued in May 2005. It is available for download on the LoGo Water website.

Example of a relevant term found in the list:

Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM): "IWRM is a process which promotes the coordinated development and management of water, land and related resources, in order to maximise the resultant economic and social welfare in an equitable manner without compromising the sustainability of vital eco-systems (Global Water Partnership, 2000 - Integrated Water Resources Management)."



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How to get involved

Are you interested in the LoGo Water project?

You can be kept up-to-date on its implementation and the latest water-related news, and benefit from the shared increased knowledge on the water topic! Read here how to get involved:

As a *researcher*: participate in the Consultative Workshops in August 2006! These events will bring together local governments and stakeholders in the Limpopo River Basin, to collect views and opinions concerning the project topic. If you wish to be invited please inform us or wait for the respective form, which will be available on the LoGo Water website in March 2006.

As a *local government*: attend the International Seminar in August 2007! Here, the results of the project will be presented and the further uptake of the tools will be discussed. The registration form will be available on the website in March 2007, but meanwhile you can express your interest by sending an email to logowater@iclei.org.

For all people *interested* in the project, you can also:

Sign up to our newsletter and stay posted on the latest news and achievements of the project. All you need to do is send an email to logowater@iclei.org and include in the subject line: SUBSCRIBE LOGO WATER NEWSLETTER.

Contribute to the project output and results by sending us input and comments to logowater@iclei.org. All the major project output will then be made available via the project website.

The knowledge and experiences of local governments in IWRM

Work under way

Over the years there have been a wide range of experiences and measures involving the participation of local governments in IWRM around the world. Taking stock of existing scientific knowledge on this matter and the state of the international debate is a key starting point for the LoGo Water project in its aim to support local governments in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region to improve their



The Limpopo river

participation in IWRM.

This work is currently being done by the project. The first draft will be available in January 2006, led by the International Water and Sanitation Centre (IRC), with the support of other partners. The partners are now looking into the latest results of research carried out world-wide that are relevant to the specific issue. At the same time, they are putting special attention to research done on river basins in Southern Africa and Europe.

This document will be a key milestone to the project as it will collect the first set of information on the core topic and provide essential ground for the next actions to be undertaken.

The realities of IWRM in the SADC region and Europe

Coming up tasks

What is the current situation of local governments' involvement in IWRM in the SADC region? This is the key question that will be addressed in the upcoming work. This activity will move from a world-wide perspective of the available knowledge towards a close look on the realities of the focal region of the project, i.e. SADC.

The document is expected for March 2006 and will focus on the situation in the *Limpopo river basin countries* (Botswana, Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe). This will be possible through the co-operation with the two associated local governments per country and also through work in the field. The information gathered will constitute very relevant knowledge for the future actions.

Despite the significant differences, the realities and examples from other regions including industrialised countries may also be valuable by providing information for the next steps of the project. Therefore, the current involvement of *European local governments* in IWRM will be analysed and a document

expected in March 2006 will be produced. The analysis will focus on three European river basins: the Rhine, the Ebro and the Danube. The results can then be assessed for their applicability to the reality of the SADC countries by taking into account their specific conditions.

Next partner meeting in February 2006

The first draft of these two documents will be discussed during the third partner meeting in February 2006. The partners and the associated local governments will meet to revise what has been accomplished thus far, set benchmarks and share tasks for the next activities. The meeting will take place in Cape Town, South Africa, just before the ICLEI World Congress 2006. The LoGo Water partners will meet on 23 February and will be joined by the local governments on 25 February. From 27 February to 3 March, partners can attend the ICLEI World Congress 2006, where sustainable water resources management will be one of the broad themes (for more information, see www.iclei.org/worldcongress.2006).

General info on LoGo Water

The **aim** of the LoGo Water project is to support local governments in the Southern Africa region to actively engage in Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM). The project's **approach** is based on the close collaboration between nine organisations from Southern Africa and the European Union and eight towns in the Limpopo river basin between January 2005 and December 2007. The expected **outcome** is a significant improvement of the capacity of local governments to fulfil their role in the adoption of sound integrated water resources management solutions and thus contribute to the achievement of the water-related Millennium Development Goals. Nine partners and eight local governments **implement** the LoGo Water project.

The **partners** are: ICLEI European Secretariat (ICLEI ES), Germany · Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH-W), United Kingdom · Foundation for a New Water Culture (FNCA), Spain · International Water and Sanitation Centre (IRC), Netherlands · ICLEI Africa Secretariat (ICLEI AS), South Africa · Institute of Natural Resources (INR), South

Africa · Institute of Water and Sanitation Development (IWSD), Zimbabwe · Kalahari Conservation Society (KCS), Botswana · The World Conservation Union-Mozambique Office (IUCN), Mozambique.

The **Associated Local Governments** are: Beitbridge Rural District Council and Bulawayo City Council (Zimbabwe) · City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality and Makhado Local Municipality (South Africa) · Municipal Council of the City of Chokwe and Municipal Council of Xai-Xai (Mozambique) · Serowe/Palapye District Council and Selebi-Phikwe Town Council (Botswana).

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