



SWPN Steering Committee Meeting and Forum

June 9, 2016, 10:00 – 12:00

SAB World of Beer, Johannesburg South Africa

Opening and welcome

The meeting opened with introductions, a brief overview of South Africa's water challenges and the work of the SWPN, and an outline of the meeting's purpose.

Project progress, new working groups, and stakeholder feedback

Water-Use Efficiency and Leakage Reduction Working Group

Engagements with Kenya are under way through the 2030 Water Resources Group (WRG) partnership to replicate the No Drop model.

No Drop project

Phase 2 of the No Drop project was successfully concluded in September 2015. Phase 3 will focus on practical support to municipalities based on No Drop audit findings. Scoping is under way in Umhlathuze Local Municipality for a potential SWPN/Transnet partnership project. South 32 is already working with the municipality and would like to be more involved in the project.

The following comments were made:

- Projects to close the water gap need to be aligned.
- The 2030 WRG could support sourcing of additional project preparation funding, for example from organizations such as the Public-Private Infrastructure Advisory Facility.
- Thought needs to be given to rolling out water conservation and water demand management initiatives on a large scale.
- A group of CEOs who regularly meet with Pravin Gordhan may be of assistance, together with Business Leadership South Africa and the National Treasury, in rolling out the project.

Effluent and Waste Water Management Working Group

Mine Water project

Phase 2 of the Mine Water project concluded in September 2015. The project also involved an additional deliverable – a business plan to guide the activities of the proposed mine water coordinating body. Recruitment of the coordinating body project manager will be finalized in June 2016 and the first meeting will take place on June 30, 2016. Eskom has provided the first 100,000 South African rands to support project implementation.

The Mine Water Project for Irrigation's first reference group meeting is scheduled for June 30, 2016 and will be combined with the first meeting of the mine water coordinating body.

The following comments were made:

- A communication strategy is needed to communicate this work.
- A similar strategy could be used for the Vaal River System. Anglo Gold Ashanti is interested in replicating the coordinating body model for the Vaal River System.

Municipal Effluent and Reuse project

The SWPN is partnering with the Embassy of Denmark to host an innovation day based on the South Africa/Denmark Memorandum of Understanding on Water signed in 2015. This will take place on October 7, 2016 (day two of the annual SWPN Water Stewardship event).

The following comments were made:

- The working group will develop the project concept for wastewater and effluent treatment and reuse using the findings of the Green Drop.
- The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) needs to be showcased at the event.
- It may be a challenge to integrate Europe's offerings with the Water Resource Commission's (WRC's) ongoing work.

Water Stewardship Working Group

The working group's inaugural meeting took place on January 28, 2016. The group identified a project to support the DWS in developing a water stewardship policy.

Agricultural Supply Chain Working Group

Water Administration System project

Phase 1 was completed in September 2015. The second phase is under way, which involves supporting six irrigation schemes. It was agreed that the DWS and SWPN logos would be used in all branding, particularly on the project website. One of the key lessons learned from this project was the importance of measuring water losses.

Vaalharts project

The reconstituted Vaalharts project steering committee will drive rehabilitation, preparatory work, and critical repairs. The committee will oversee the project's implementation. One meeting participant commented on the growing peanut and olive markets, which provide opportunities for local economic development within the Vaalharts.

Skills Development and Transformation Working Group

The working group's inaugural meeting took place on November 27, 2015. It is funding the development of a placement strategy for the National War on Leaks Program. It is also facilitating the establishment of a municipal excellence forum to tackle key issues identified in the No Drop assessment.

Sanitation Working Group

The working group held its inaugural meeting on March 17, 2016. It has identified various projects for consideration (some linked to existing working groups). Nicole Kranz has been appointed chair of the working group.

The following comments were made:

- Water efficiency in sanitation and closing the water gap should be key focus areas.
- The WRC is about to launch a five-year grand challenge, which has the possibility for SWPN involvement. The proposal will be forwarded to the SWPN.

SWPN communications and stakeholder engagement

The SWPN has held 174 engagements, including project meetings, working group meetings, and strategic engagements with stakeholders. It has also published newsletters, press releases, and participated in various radio shows.

SWPN finances and funding requirements

Detailed information on the SWPN finances was included in the packs distributed. The drought relief fund has received and ring-fenced 200,000 South African rands. The DWS will follow up with its CFO on its contribution to the SWPN.

SWPN funding model and governance

A half-day session was proposed to address:

- Succession and change in leadership
- Funding requirements (for example, proposed two-year commitments)
- Member benefits.

The SWPN funding model has been tabled as one of the recommendations to Cabinet for consideration in the revision of the Official Development Assistance strategy.

Key strategic actions

The key strategic priorities for closing the water gap are:

- Continuing the current portfolio of six projects
- Expanding the SWPN
- Increasing the funding base
- Improving communication (events, stakeholder engagement).

It was suggested that the SWPN should be cautious about responding to every opportunity.

General comments and conclusion

- One participant noted the importance of developing a strategy on behavior changes in water usage and suggested that the SWPN should, in addition to tangible technical projects, also address the softer issues related to long-term water sustainability.
- There are opportunities for the SWPN to leverage 2030 WRG activities in Africa and co-develop solutions with country partners.
- The Southern Africa Business Forum desk is looking at regional water projects in partnership with the Southern African Development Community Secretariat. The SWPN may be used as a model for partnership engagements at regional level.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 23, 2016.

Appendix 1: Participant list

Name	Organization
Ritva Muhlbauer	Anglo American
Lindiwe Lusenga	DWS
Paul Herbst	DWS
Nandha Govender	Eskom
Charles Lindstrom	Exxaro
Nicole Kranz	GIZ
Lynette Chen	NEPAD Business Foundation
Andre Fourie	SABMiller
Muzi Chonco	SABMiller
Josephine Gustafsson	SIWI
Clinton Lee	South 32
Michelle Proude	SWPN
Zama Siqalaba	SWPN
Jay Bhagwan	WRC
Absent with apologies:	
Ian Hirschfeld	Coca-Cola
Margaret-Ann Diedricks	DWS
Pieter Viljoen	DWS
Mongezi Vetu	Exxaro
Geoff Rothschild	NEPAD Business Foundation
Ravi Pillay	Nestlé
Sanjeev Raghbir	Nestlé
William Moraka	SALGA
Martin Ginster	Sasol
Dhesigen Naidoo	WRC