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STRENGTHENING TRANSBOUNDARY WATER MANGEMENT INSTITUTIONS: THE CASE OF THE ORANGE-SENQU RIVER COMMISSION

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Teach a man to fish,
and you feed him for
life...



WHERE IS THE ORANGE-SENQU RIVER?



STRENGTHENING ORASECOM TO GIVE EFFECT TO ITS MANDATE

- ① ***ORASECOM is limited to giving advice and recommendations to Parties***
- ② ***The Parties can ‘assign’ functions to ORASECOM***
- ③ ***It is empowered to undertake studies so it can provide viable advice and recommendations.***
- ④ ***Advice must include costing – and apportionment of costs.***
- ⑤ ***The Agreement does not affect the rights and obligations arising from existing bilateral Agreements.***



WHAT DOES A STRONG ORASECOM LOOK LIKE?

A Strong ORASECOM will

- 1. Provide “implementable” advice and recommendations to Parties.**
 - consistent with financial and resource constraints
 - allowed within law
 - realise the vision of the SADC protocol
 - support National Developmental Trajectories
 - be seen to be equitable and reasonable
- 2. Would provide a level playing field for Delegations and Task Teams to raise issues and concerns**
- 9. Foster active discussion of new approaches to improve the livelihoods of all the people of the basin.**
- 10. Facilitate access to finance and technical support for implementing recommendations**



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A Strong ORASECOM will;

- 5. Provide clear guidelines on “equitable and reasonable” sharing of water and benefits from water use – as well as “significant harm”***
- 6. Demonstrate how the water resources of the Basin can improve the livelihoods of all its people.***
- 7. Provide for the protection of the water environment across the whole basin.***
- 5. Strengthen regional cooperation across all sectors, and will set the bar high for regional cooperation.***
- 6. Provide a repository for information on the transboundary water resources issues of the basin.***



THE KEY MESSAGE

Strengthening Transboundary Institutions capacity to give effect to TWM must be done within the political, social and legal context of that particular organisation





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and you teach him to
lie in a boat and drink
beer all day!!!

THANK YOU

