

Extract on NEPAD SANWATCE Issues from the

Record of the 24th WRTC Meeting in Lusaka, Zambia on the 7-9 May 2013.

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4. **Review of the Implementation of Decisions from the last WRTC Meeting of 7th to 8th June 2012, Harare, Zimbabwe**

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4.8 NEPAD Southern African Network of Water Centres of Excellence

4.8.1 WRTC recalled that at its last meeting in June 2012, in Harare, it noted the presentation by the NEPAD Southern African Network of Water Centres of Excellence (SANWATCE) Secretariat for Southern Africa from the University of Stellenbosch in South Africa and observed that there are overlaps and duplication of efforts with Waternet.

4.8.2 WRTC also recalled that it urged the two institutions to start collaborating on these initiatives to create synergies and avoid overlaps in their activities.

Action Taken

4.8.3 WRTC noted that the Secretariat has facilitated the collaboration process between the two institutions and has called them to a joint planning meeting in Gaborone in April 2013 to avoid overlap and duplication of efforts.

4.8.4 WRTC also noted that both institutions have agreed amicably to focus on the two areas: Capacity building & Training (WATERNET), and Research & Technology Transfer (SANWATCE).

4.8.5 WRTC further noted that both institutions have agreed to conduct joint planning session and where possible implement joint programmes such as the Annual Symposium.

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5.2.9 Capacity Building and Training Programmes

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5.2.9.7 WRTC gave a conditional approval of the business plan presented by NEPAD SANWATCE (**SADC/WRTC/1/2013/5.2.9A**) subject to SANWATCE addressing the following issues:

a) To focus on Research & Development whilst Waternet focuses on Capacity Building and Training

- b) To ensure that the membership of NEPAD SANWATCE are inclusive of all SADC Member States.
- c) There should be a clear sustainability strategy
- d) There should be a clear mechanism of accountability and reporting to the WRTC

5.2.9.8 WRTC approved that SANWATCE be the Implementing Agency for the WARFSA project due to their comparative advantage in terms of mandate and expertise subject to fulfilment of the conditions in 5.2.9.7.

5.2.9.9 WRTC endorsed in principle the draft concept note on the implementation of the New WARFSA programme (WARFSA II) presented as document **(SADC/WRTC/1/2013/5.2.9B)**