



ORASECOM

JBS-1 Public Events

October – November 2010





PURPOSE OF EVENTS



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- Five public participation events planned
 - To create awareness about the importance of water for life
 - Encourage the perception of 'our shared river'
- Opportunity for
 - Interaction between stakeholders /local officials and the specialists in sample teams
 - Find out more about ORASECOM and the river system
- Survey teams will explain
 - How and why they will sample surface and ground water, sediment, bird eggs and fish, as well as organisms found along the bottom of rivers
 - How these samples will be used to assess a wide range of water quality, aquatic ecosystem health and habitat parameters
 - How this information will form the baseline for the current condition of the Orange-Senqu River Basin





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- Events are aimed at
 - Local officials and key stakeholders groups or organisations
 - Target school and learner groups
 - Media
- Posters and banners on display & information brochures / educational material will be available
- MiniSASS water quality sampling demonstrations
 - Specifically for target schools and learner groups but other guests from morning information session may also engage if they wish
- Evening seminars may be arranged at some sites
 - Opportunity for local scientific community to engage with the specialists in the sampling teams





DATES AND VENUES



ORASECOM

- Parys (Free State South Africa)
 - 29 October
 - Khaya iBhubesi Lodge
- Upington (Northern Cape South Africa)
 - 2nd November
 - Wastewater treatment works / Purification works
- Rosh Pinah (Namibia)
 - 4th November
 - Sendelingsdrif
- Maseru (Lesotho)
 - 10th November
 - Maseru Polytechnic site
- Tsabong (Botswana)
 - 19th November





AGENDA FOR EVENTS



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- 8:45 – 9:15 Dignitaries and invited guests arrive
- 9:15 – 10:15 Speeches
- Welcome from host nation (Commissioner)
 - Affinity to the river (Local Dignitaries)
 - What ORASECOM is about (Secretariat)
 - What the JBS is all about and what the public participation aims to achieve (Secretariat)
- 10:15 – 10:45 Teas and refreshments for invited guests
- 10:45 – 12:00 Question and Answer session
- 14:00 – 15:30 MiniSASS sampling with local Eco-Schools / Polytechnic students at local river sampling site
(Sample of groundwater will be taken with dignitaries at Tsabong)





- Secretariat to send invite to Commissioners
 - Commissioners to invite other dignitaries and participants at each site
- IPS (WaterWire) publishing articles about JBS-1 and PR Events
 - General awareness and information
- Member states to cover costs of Commissioners, Member State Officials and/or other representatives
- Travel and accommodation costs at agreed sites will be covered for
 - 2 Core Team members from each member states
 - Secretariat representatives
- Teas and “goodies bags” to be provided for dignitaries and invited guests at each event
- Travel costs and MiniSASS kits for schools covered





PARYS EVENT



ORASECOM

- Event on 29th Oct
 - Core team to fly in Jhb and drive to Parys on 28th Oct
 - Return to Jhb on 29th
 - Fly home on 29th or 30th Oct
- Participants from Core Team?
 - Participation may be limited by budget
- Participation from Member State Officials?
- Invitees
 - ✓ Friends of the Vaal
 - ✓ Orange Vaal River Yellowfish Conservation and Management Association
 - ✓ Councillors
 - ✓ Rand Water Board
 - ✓ Key environmental NGOs
 - ✓ Media – broad
 - ✓ CMA
- MiniSASS in afternoon
 - ✓ Aha - Setjhaba Primary (Grade 7)





UPINGTON EVENT



ORASECOM

- Event on 2nd Nov
 - Core team to fly into Jhb and to Upington on 1st Nov
 - Drive to Rosh Pinah on 3rd Nov
- Participants from Core Team?
- Participation from Member State Officials?
- Invitees
 - ✓ Councillors
 - ✓ Upington Municipality Water Treatment
 - ✓ Kalahari East Water Board (Upington)
 - ✓ Kalahari West Water Board (Upington)
 - ✓ Key environmental NGOs
 - ✓ Media
 - ✓ CMA
- MiniSASS in afternoon
 - ✓ Oranje Oewer Intermediate (Grade 8)
 - ✓ Intermediere Skoolleerkras (Grade 9)





ROSH PINAH EVENT



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- **Event on 4nd Nov**
 - Team to drive from Upington on 3rd November (8 hour drive)
 - Team to continue to collect water quality at Noordoewer and Bloupits
 - Two options for Core Team to return
 - Team splits and some drive direct back to Upington on 5rd Nov
 - Whole Team drives via Noordoewer and Augrabies and return to Jhb on 7th Nov (extra 2 days)
- **Participants from Core Team?**
- **Participation from Member State Officials?**
- **Invitees**
 - ✓ Orange Fish Basin Management Committee includes:
 - Water affairs, DEES, etc
 - NamWater
 - ✓ Local authorities (Rosh Pinah, Mariental, Keetmanshop, Gibeon, Bethanie, Karasburg, Koes, Tses, Noordoewer , etc)
 - ✓ Irrigation farmers association
 - ✓ Rafting business representatives
 - ✓ Mines
 - ✓ Local CBOs / NGOs (SPAN, etc)
 - ✓ Selected journalists
- **MiniSASS in afternoon**
 - ✓ Hoeksteen Primary School (Grade 7)
 - ✓ Rosh Pinah Private Academy (Grade7)





MASERU EVENT



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- Event on 10nd Nov
 - Team to fly in to Jhb and Maseru 9th November
 - Return 11th Nov
- Participants from Core Team?
 - Participation may be limited by budget
- Participation from Member State Officials?
- Invitees
 - ✓ City Council
 - ✓ Lesotho National Development Corporation DWA, Forestry, other govt departments?
 - ✓ Media
 - ✓ National University Students?
 - ✓ Private sector?
- MiniSASS in afternoon
 - ✓ 2nd year Polytechnic (30 – 40 students from water engineering dept)





TSABONG EVENT



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- Event on 19th Nov
 - Team flies to Gaborone on 18th Nov and drive to Tsabong (5 hours)
 - Return to Gaborone and fly home on 20th Nov
- Participants from Core Team?
 - Participation may be limited by budget
- Participation from Member State Officials?
- Invitees
 - ✓ Govt departments – Water Affairs, Geological Surveys, Agriculture, other?
 - ✓ Village leaders, Trusts (eg Khawa, BOROVAST (Strooisendam) and local authorities
 - ✓ Local CBOs / NGOs
 - ✓ Head teachers (and few students)
 - ✓ Ambassador (EU)
 - ✓ Selected journalists
 - ✓ Scientific community (eg from Gaborone)
- No MiniSASS
- Groundwater sample taken by dignitaries

