

Status Of South Africa WIOSAP Demo Projects

Meeting minutes

Date: 12th August 2021

Venue: Microsoft Teams

Opening

The meeting was called to order at 10:00Hrs EAT with Dr. Jared welcoming all in attendance and thanking them for creating time to attend the meeting. This was followed by a brief introduction of all in attendance.

The purpose of this meeting was to get the updates of the two demonstration projects in South Africa, challenges they are facing and technical as well as the communication support they may need for the convention.

Min 01: Source to Sea

- Yazeed mentioned that they had lost lots of implementation time due to the restrictions caused by COVID-19 pandemic and retaliated that the extension that was granted to the project would go a long way in helping finalize most activities. He mentioned that they had conducted interviews and were waiting for the new project coordinator to start working in September 2021. He mentioned that the post they advertised is a two-year contract and project coordinator would be doing the work beyond the project period stated in the amendments. He added that by October they would be able to report on most of the project activities.
- He highlighted that they were in the process of contracting a service provider and were requesting their general director to extend the current service provider to continue working. This would reduce the time needed for competitive tendering process for the execution of activity 2: deployment of litter recovery resources; activity 3: Monitor and evaluate the types and quantities of litter collected and activity 4: identification and implementation of at least 1 waste management intervention in the project proposal are to be assigned to the service provider.
- Yazeed mentioned that activities 1, 5 and 6 (i.e Investigating areas of litter concern, undertaking educational activities and awareness raising campaigns and undertaking a review of pilot project interventions) would be done internally since they have a colleague who is familiar with the project areas. Jared mention that there was need to implement the project within the framework of regulations in South African.
- A partnership with Swedish Marine and water agency have been secured and a detailed assessment of plastic pollution flows coming down the Amgeni River has been jointly done. He mentioned that similar assessments would be done in the other rivers of interest to the project. He mentioned that they were in discussions with municipalities to help in solid waste management.
- Yamkela retaliated that COVID-19 had impacted the project implementation.

Min 02: Improvement of marine Water Quality through enhanced estuarine management

- Yamkela mentioned that there was progress on the project and noted that situational analysis had been done in all the project sites. On developing a common water quality monitoring program to measure and report the status of the estuaries for different users, he highlighted that in collaboration with the department of water and sanitation they have worked on this deliverable and there was a report developed for this piece of work. He mentioned that there were recommendations for adoptive management and that they settled for development of floating wetlands.
- He mentioned that there was a technical committee that would oversee the implementation of estuary management plan on the site. He noted that this was in addition to the Project steering committee that had been established. He mentioned that they added and contacted other partners to provide education and awareness in the community.
- He noted that on improvement of compliance and enforcement, they identified that the municipal sewerage infrastructure is not good and that industries discharge untreated effluent on the rivers at night hence the need to collaborate and work on monitoring the water quality. He mentioned that they would submit the status of the budget spending so far.

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Jane mentioned that there was need to submit the progress report to help in reporting. There being no other matter, the meeting was closed at 11:00Hrs.

Appendix: In attendance List

In attendance

No.	Name	Affiliation
1.	Sumaiya Arabi	DEFF
2.	Mpho Ligudu	DEFF
3.	Yamkella Mngxe	DEFF
4.	Yazeed Peterson	DEFF
5.	Jared Bosire	UNEP
6.	Jane Ndungu	UNEP
7.	Angela Joan Patnode	UNEP
8.	Nathan Majwa	UNEP