

Farmer voices from sand rivers

Special session - online WaterNet symposium 2020

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Convened by Dabane Trust Bulawayo, Instituto Superior Politécnico de Gaza, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology, South-Eastern Kenya University, Mekelle University, and IHE Delft

This session brings together farmers, scientists, practitioners, development experts and policy makers that are passionate to improve the climate resilience of livelihoods and communities in the arid to semi-arid lands (ASALs) of Southern and Eastern Africa. Action research programmes have been running in four countries (Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique and Zimbabwe) to enhance productive use of the water from sand river aquifers. After introducing the research challenges and scope in earlier WaterNet symposia, this unique session takes a different angle and focuses entirely on farmers' experiences from these action research programmes. It will show videos with bottom-up stories from farmers from different African arid regions.

Chair/moderator: Louise Nkomo (Dabane Trust, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe)
Rapporteurs: Dr. Pooja Prasad (IHE Delft) and Annelieke Duker (IHE Delft)

Programme

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| 10.00 | Welcome and introduction (<i>Louise Nkomo</i>) |
| 10.10 | Farmer voices from sand rivers (farmers' videos): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May Gobo, Ethiopia (<i>introduced by Dr. Eyasu Yazew, Mekelle University</i>)• Olkeriai, Kenya (<i>introduced by Dr. Jeremiah Kiptala, JKUAT</i>)• Limpopo, Mozambique (<i>introduced by Sérgio Ponguane, ISPG</i>),• Shashane, Zimbabwe (<i>introduced by Sambulisiwe Maseko, Dabane Trust</i>) |
| 11.00 | Discussion on opportunities for further collaboration (<i>moderated by Louise Nkomo</i>) |
| 11.40 | Announcement of the winner of the Mzingwane WhatsApp video challenge (<i>Louise Nkomo</i>) |
| 11.45 | Conclusion and way forward (<i>Paulo Saveca, ISPG</i>) |

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