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THE FUTURE OKAVANGO PROJECT

General meeting 2011:

Incorporating stakeholder involvement and consolidating interdisciplinary initiatives and planning the interim evaluation report.



11-13 October 2011
Maun Lodge, Maun, Botswana

This workshop brings together all participants and stakeholders of the Future Okavango Project, with the following aims:

- Help develop inputs at policy-maker level
- Deepen project ownership among all participants
- Improve trust relationships among participants through formal and informal discussion
- Provide a platform for learning and exchange
- Gain information on other subprojects and intermediate results
- Find a common paradigm under which to carry out the analyses
- Develop a common understanding for the goals and desired project outputs
- Organise the interim evaluation report
- Develop interwoven strands for interdisciplinary cooperation

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TIME	TOPIC	TENTATIVE LEAD PERSONS
TUESDAY 11th OCTOBER 2011		
MORNING	Master of Ceremonies: Dr Casper Bonyongo/Felix Monggae	
0800	Registration 3 Table Victoria	All Participants
0900	Welcoming Remarks	Prof Ringrose
0915	The importance of TFO Project for the University of Botswana	Issac Mazonde Dir ORD Gaborone
0930	Background and structure of TFO project	Prof Juergens
0945	Keynote Address	Hon. Minister, Environment, Wildlife & Tourism
1015	Vote of Thanks	Dr Ribeiro
1030 –1045	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
STATUS OF RESEARCH ACTIVITIES		
Chair: Wellington Masamba Rapporteurs: Kgalalelo Thito and Cornelia Masiba		
1045–1055	Overview on the structure of TFO	Prof Juergens
1055–1120	SP01: Climate Change in the Okavango Region	Dr Weber
1120–1145	SP02: Impact of Land Management and Climate Change on Hydrology	Prof Wolski, Dr Helmschrot and team
1145–1210	SP03: Soil, Land use and Climate Change (nutrient cycling)	Profs Masamba, Eschenbach, Dr Groengroeft and team
1210–1235	SP04: Micro-nutrient cycling and land management	Drs Mubyana-John, Hurek and team
1235–1300	SP05: Impact of Land-use Change on vegetation cover	Manfred Finckh Drs Murray- Hudson, Bonyongo, and team
1300–1400	LUNCH	
AFTERNOON	Chair: Francisco Maiato, Lubango, Angola Rapporteurs: Aobakwe Lubinda and Dimpho Matlhola	
1400–1425	SP06: Cultural Knowledge and Valuation	Dr Proepper, KCS and team

1425–1450	SP07: Multi-layer natural resource governance	Profs Kirk, Korn, Mbaiwa, Dr Magole and team
1450–1515	SP08: Economic valuation of ecosystem services	Profs Nuppenau, Kgathi, Dr Mmopelwa and team
1515–1600	SP09.1 + SP09.2 GIS information processing for sustainable land management	Drs Fynn, Bonyongo and team Dr Wehberg
1600–1630	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
1630–1655	SP10: Capacity development & innovations	Dr Falk, KCS and team
1655–1720	SPC: Okavango Basin Information System	Prof Vanderpost and Dr Kralisch
1720–1750	GLUES project: Sustainable land management	Dr Paulsch
1900	JOINT BRAAI	

WEDNESDAY 12th OCTOBER 2011		
MORNING	ECOSYSTEM FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES – SCIENCE-STAKEHOLDERS-INTEGRATION	
	Chair: Dr Alexander Groengreoft Rapporteurs: Tiego Mpho and Mbiganyi Mashumba	
0830–0900	Anticipated policy implications of the TFO project	Drs Chonguica and Motsumi
0900–0930	(Re) identification of key stakeholders at all levels and their roles	Dr Klintenberg
0930–1000	Introduction: Ecosystem functions and services – background information for further discussion - towards a common understanding within the TFO team.	Dr Proepper
1000–1030	COFFEE	
1030–1100	Definition/overview of ecosystem functions in Okavango River Basin (ORB)	Dr Murray-Hudson and team
1100–1130	From ecosystem function to management using ecosystem services as an interface concept: listing main characterisation of main ecosystem services in Okavango River Basin	Dr Domptail et al.

1130–1200	Social-ecological systems for TFO and project synthesis – focus on key areas	Drs Bonyongo and Falk
1200–1300	Subdivision into groups (defined by most important ecosystem services) and start of breakaway group discussions	
1300–1400	LUNCH	
AFTERNOON	Chair: Eben Chonguica Rapporteurs: Keoitantse Sianga and Gaolatlhe Tsheboeng	
1400–1600	Group sessions: groups defined on 3,4 5 different ecosystem services 1. What is the potential for application of science results by stakeholders: Are intermediate products needed? 2. Scientists and Stakeholders: What are the mutual expectations?	
1600–1630	COFFEE BREAK	
1630 –	Group report back on ways forward towards information integration and its implications with regard to TFO project goals	Group leaders, all delegates

THURSDAY 13th OCTOBER 2011

MORNING	SCENARIOS AND TRADEOFFS	
	Chair: Namibian participant Rapporteurs: Charles Kabomo and Masego Dhliwayo	
0830–0840	The use of scenario building to reach overarching goals	Dr Paulsch
0840-0910	Scenario building methodology	Dr Domptail
0910-0920	GLUES scenarios and TFO	Kowalski
0920-0935	TDA EPSMO	Dr Morrison
0935-0950	Side scale scenarios and examples	Dr Groengroeft
0950-1020	COFFEE	

1020–1200	Group discussions: groups defined by (a) catchment, (b) Chitembo, (c) Mashari, (d) Seronga: 1. How to deal with a variety of scenarios and trade-offs? How to define optimum solutions and goals? 2. Applicability: How will scientific results be turned into application: Options, risks and limitations	All delegates
1200–1300	Group report back and further discussion	All delegates
1300–1400	LUNCH	
AFTERNOON	SYNTHESIS, GOVERNANCE AND THE ROAD AHEAD Chair: Angolan delegate Rapporteurs: Tiego Mpho and Aobakwe Lubinda	
1400–1500	Expectations on interim evaluation report logistics Presentation of template, deadlines and format	Drs Homburg and Proepper
1500–1600	Summary and discussion: Stakeholder expectations with regard to TFO outcomes Plenary discussion: Joint governance models	Prof Juergens, Dr Groengroeft and team
1700	Official closing of workshop – Vote of Thanks	OKACOM - Dr Chonguíca