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Sharing the water resources of the Orange-Senqu River basin
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WHAT is ORASECOM?

It is the Orange-Senqu River Commission (ORASECOM) established in 2000 between Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and South Africa under the Protocol for Shared Watercourse Systems of the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

ORASECOM strives towards greater cooperation, strengthened regional solidarity and enhanced socio-economic development.
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HOW does it work?

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[Diagram showing council, secretariat, task teams, and flags of participating countries]
WHAT does it do?

Exchange of information and free flow of data
Consultations on basin projects and advice to national Governments
Development of a Water Resource Master Plan for the whole basin
Implementation of cooperation projects (AfDB, EU, GEF, GTZ etc)
Participation in River Basin Organisation networks
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Progress so far

• Rules of Procedure Agreed
• Prioritising project initiatives
• Phase 1 of preparation of IWRMP (Recording and sharing of available data)
• Setting up management structures for various new donor sponsored projects
• Attendance at various International Fora
• Feasibility Study for Permanent Secretariat
• Stakeholder Involvement initiative
Our MESSAGE!

- Ensure that there are drivers to the process
- Involve political leadership
- Respect national interests
- Be guided by people’s needs
- Strive towards adding value
- Ensure professional management
- Dedicate sufficient time
- Keep up a professional attitude, have respect and exercise tolerance
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Our PERSPECTIVE!

- Establish a permanent secretariat
- Accelerate project consultations
- Implement strategic water infrastructure projects in the basin
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