

# Sharing the Water Resources of the Orange-Senqu River Basin

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Dear Mr. Good,

## **ENDORSEMENT LETTER – GEF PROJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME FOR THE ORANGE-SENQU RIVER BASIN (PDF-B)**

1. The Orange-Senqu River Commission (ORASECOM) decided at its meeting on 15 May 2004 in Pretoria, South Africa, to seek GEF support to finance the incremental costs of an environmental management project on the Orange-Senqu River, complementing the baseline activities of the four riparian countries. With UNDP support, ORASECOM has developed a concept note for GEF funding, meeting the requirements of the GEF focus area on integrated land and water management.
2. At its meeting in Gaborone, Botswana on 17-November 2004, the Commission reviewed and endorsed the above project concept. The proposal addresses issues that ORASECOM deems highly important to achieve sustainable management of the Orange-Senqu River basin within the framework of the objectives of the Southern African Development Community (SADC).
3. The Orange-Senqu River is an internationally important watershed in Southern Africa and faces many threats at the transboundary level. The proposed project will assist both ORASECOM and all the riparian countries to improve the management of the shared water resources in the basin by following an integrated water resource management approach.

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4. The Commission would like to request that the GEF include the proposed project in its pipeline as a concept under the International Waters focus area, with UNDP as the designated GEF Implementing Agency.
5. I would gratefully appreciate it, if you could facilitate the approval of funding for the project.

Yours faithfully,



**Balisi Bernard Khupe**  
**STANDING CHAIRPERSON OF THE ORASECOM AND**  
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**SUBJECT: GEF ORASECOM PROJECT: LETTER OF COUNTRY ENDORSEMENT**

Dear Mr Good

Attached please find a fax copy of the original letter that will be sent by mail.

Regards

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LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT - IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME FOR THE ORANGE-SENQU RIVER BASIN

1. As GEF Focal Point in Namibia, I hereby wish to inform you that the aims and objectives of the abovementioned GEF project meet the priorities and requirements of the Namibian Government in terms of transboundary water management. The Government is therefore committed to in the implementation of the proposed project
2. The project will support several strategic objectives as set out by Orange-Senqu River Commission (ORASECOM) in order to achieve the sustainable management of the Orange River Basin. It will also assist the riparian countries to strengthen regional cooperation within the framework of the Southern African Development Community.
3. The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Rural Development will be the responsible institution for the project implementation in Namibia and the UNDP will be the Implementing Agency.
4. The proposal and the activities it seeks to undertake are hereby endorsed by copy of this letter.

Mr. Teofilus Nghitila  
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Yours faithfully,

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Attention: Mr. L. Dikobe

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME  
FOR THE ORANGE-SENQU RIVER BASIN**


I refer to the above mentioned project submitted to us by the Coordinator, International Waters Unit.

As the GEF Focal Point I have thoroughly studied the proposal and I am satisfied that it will benefit the environment. It is a much needed initiative which will bring about an integrated water management approach to improve management of the basin resources.

I fully endorse the proposal for submission to the Global Environment Facility for funding.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

  
Mushanana L. Nchunga  
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Dear Sir,

**RE: ENDORSEMENT LETTER FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME FOR THE ORANGE – SENOU RIVER  
BASIN**

- In my capacity as the GEF Focal Point for Lesotho, I wish to report to you that the aims and objectives of the mentioned GEF project meet the priorities and requirements of Lesotho Government in terms of transboundary water management. The Government is therefore committed to the implementation and success of the proposed project.
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- The project will support several strategic objectives as set out by Orange Senqu River Commission (ORASECOM) in order to achieve the sustainable management of the Orange River Basin. The project will assist both the ORASECOM and all the riparian countries to strengthen regional cooperation within the framework of the Southern African Development Community by following an integrated water resource management approach.
- The Ministry of Natural Resources will be the institution responsible for the project implementation in Lesotho and UNDP will be the Implementation Agency.
- This letter serves therefore to endorse the proposal and activities of the ORASECOM project



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Dear Mr Good


**ENDORSEMENT OF THE UNDP/GEF PDF B PROJECT PROPOSAL: IMPLEMENTATION  
OF THE STRATEGIC ACTION PROGRAMME FOR THE ORANGE-SENQU RIVER**

I hereby wish to inform you that the above-mentioned project has been channelled through the various mechanisms that have been established to evaluate GEF projects.

It is clear from the recommendations received that this project has a broad based government support and it meets South Africa's national priorities in terms of its international waters commitment. It presents a unique opportunity to link the objectives of international waters mitigation with issues of economic development.

Given these recommendations, I therefore grant my endorsement for this project and would appreciate it if you facilitate the approval for its funding.

Yours sincerely

  
A  
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DATE: 31/01/2005