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Partners to Advance Sustainable Financing Solutions for shared Transboundary Resources in Southern Africa

25 November 2025: The Southern African Development Community (SADC) will convene representatives from its Member States, River Basin Organizations (RBOs), Transfrontier Conservation Areas (TFCAs), development partners, civil society, International Cooperating Partners (ICPs), and financial institutions for the inaugural Transboundary Water and Landscapes Sustainable Finance Bootcamp.

This regional gathering, taking place on 26–27 November in Muldersdrift, South Africa, will explore and unlock innovative financing solutions for shared watercourses and biodiversity resources across Southern Africa.

Several RBOs and TFCAs in Southern Africa operate within the same geographical landscape and face similar challenges, highlighting the need to strengthen joint project implementation to ensure effective conservation and water security benefits.

The Bootcamp, to be held under the theme “Sustainable Finance Bootcamp Sustainable financing for joint impact in River Basin Organizations and Transfrontier Conservation Areas of southern Africa, with a focus on the Great Limpopo,” aims to deepen understanding of sustainable finance principles and their practical application to nature conservation in transboundary contexts.

It will showcase innovative finance solutions and provide participants with opportunities to explore how these can be adapted to diverse catchments and landscapes, with key lessons from the Blyde and Olifants sub-catchments located in the Great Limpopo.

Through plenary and training sessions, as well as hands-on break-away discussions, participants will be encouraged to apply practical models such as tax incentives, environmental funds, and bonds to their own contexts.

The event also aims to catalyze new partnerships and foster collaboration among institutions, while encouraging innovation and replication of successful approaches to unlock long-term financing for shared management of water and land-based ecosystem resources.

The Bootcamp initiative is convened by the Sustainable Finance Coalition, the Global Water Partnership Southern Africa (GWPSA), and the Conservation International, with financial support from the German Government, under the SADC-German Transboundary Water Management (TWM) project and Global Affairs Canada through Conservation International.

The Limpopo Watercourse Commission (LIMCOM) and the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Conservation Area (GLTFCA), serve as focal points and are co-convening the event.

Speaking ahead of the event, LIMCOM and GLTFCA noted that: “This Bootcamp is a timely opportunity to mobilize resources and partnerships that will ensure that our shared basins and conservation areas are managed sustainably, equitably and for the benefit of all.”





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