



The Sustainability Workshop courtesy of the SASSCAL Graduate Studies Programme in Intergraded Water Resources Management was facilitated by Prof Thomas Chiramba

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Short Summary of the Workshop

A total number of thirty-seven participants attended the workshop. The outcome of the Strategy Formulation Workshop will be utilised to expand research, innovation, and impact of the SGSP-IWRM portfolio, ensuring that it is linked to the current challenges. The main objective of the consultative workshop was to identify options that would improve the long-term sustainability and viability of the SGSP-IWRM for next coming years. The consultative workshop discussions were built on four building blocks: collaboration and diversity, visibility, impact and excellence.

The following key sustainability options were emanated from the discussions:

- Emphasis should be placed on challenge-driven approaches in the water sector, as well as changing roles of universities and establish university-industry partnerships.
- Building of stakeholder relationships while maintaining independence and the mandate of the SGSP-IWRM.
- The programme and research mandate should meet the needs of the industry and society.
- Ensure availability of feedback loops such as policy briefs and reports to industries, ministries, governments, and relevant stakeholders. This will attract more stakeholders' commitment to support sustainability of the SGSP-IWRM.

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