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FRONT ROW, FROM LEFT: Ms Christine Aitana; SGSP-IWRM Administrator and Accounting Assistant; Prof Omotayo Awofolu SGSP-IWRM Director; Prof. Julien Adoukpe, Director of WASCAL; Prof Harmony Musiyarira; Executive Dean Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment, NUST; Prof. Kouévi Gabin Ananou, Head of the Coordination Team for Climate Competence Centres for WASCAL and SASSCAL at Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt e. V. (DLR) in Bonn, Germany; Dr. Joel Botai, Chairperson of the SASSCAL Scientific Advisory Committee; Dr. Budzanani Tacheba, Director of Science, Technology, and Capacity Development, SASSCAL Regional Office; Dr. Layla Hashweh, Coordinator of SGSP-IWRM at the International Centre for Water Resources and Global Change (ICWRGC) and Ms Bianca Mutale, Executive Personal Assistant to Executive Director of SASSCAL, pictured with the SGSP-IWRM Secretariat and the PhD students.

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SGSP-IWRM Internal Evaluation Meeting

The SGSP-IWRM Evaluation meeting, held at the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST), marked a pivotal moment for the implementation development of the programme. The evaluating team was led by Prof. Kouévi Gabin Ananou representing the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). The meeting brought together a diverse group of key partners and prominent funders, SASSCAL and ICWRGC. The primary objective of this evaluation was to assess the programme's achievements to date and identify key areas for future growth and enhancement.

The evaluation focused on a detailed evaluation of the programme's scientific and academic outcomes, analysing both its successes and challenges. By extracting valuable lessons learned and identifying best practices, the evaluation provided crucial insights for successful implementation and achieving the objectives of the programme. In addition to the academic and scientific evaluation, a comprehensive assessment of the programme's financial and administrative processes was conducted to ensure that resources are used effectively and efficiently.

Furthermore, the evaluation team provided insights for the enhancement of the SGSP-IWRM programme. Examples of these insights include expansion of recruitment strategy, diversifying academic offerings and considering the incorporating fees paying students as avenue for alternative funding model as sustainability strategy. A key area of focus was the potential for expanding access to the programme, particularly by exploring the possibility of incorporating fee-paying students or those supported through alternative funding models. This proactive approach aims to broaden the programme's reach and ensure its long-term sustainability.

The outcomes of the evaluation exercise will be of immense value for the success of the programme and will play a critical role in shaping the future of the SGSP-IWRM programme. By continuing to align with the evolving needs of its stakeholders and advancing integrated water resources management globally, the programme is well-positioned to build on its successes and address emerging challenges with renewed focus and strategic direction.

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