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In the Photograph: The SASSCAL Graduate Studies Programme in Integrated Water Resources Management (SGSP-IWRM), PhD students.

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SGSP-IWRM PhD Colloquium: A Milestone in Research and Academic Progress

The SASSCAL Graduate Studies Programme in Integrated Water Resources Management (SGSP-IWRM) hosted a pivotal student colloquium, offering PhD students a platform to present updates on their research work and share the challenges they are currently facing. This session was not only an opportunity for students to receive valuable feedback but also a critical moment to address any obstacles that could potentially hinder their research.

During the colloquium, the director of SGSP-IWRM, Prof Omotayo Awofolu, encouraged students to remain proactive in overcoming challenges and emphasised the importance of staying on track with their research. His advice underscored the significance of diligence and persistence, ensuring that students continue to make steady progress as they approach key milestones in their academic journey. In addition to the research updates, the colloquium served as an important platform for discussing essential academic matters. Topics such as structured work plans, thesis submission timelines, and the overall academic trajectory were carefully addressed, offering students the guidance they need towards completion of their studies. This meeting marked a pivotal moment in the students' academic progression, reinforcing the importance of sustained effort to meet their research and academic goals.

In a significant development, we are pleased to announce that a no-cost extension of the current cohort of the SGSP-IWRM has been approved by the Southern African Science Service Centre for Climate Change and Adaptive Land Management (SASSCAL) and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, (BMBF) till December 2025. This extension not only strengthens the programme's ability to foster societal relevant research but also reinforces SASSCAL's unwavering commitment to capacity building and sustainable development within the water resources management sector. With this extension and the ongoing success of the SGSP-IWRM program, we are confident that it will continue to drive innovative research, contribute to the sustainability of global water resources management, and make a lasting impact on the field.

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