

# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

between  
**Africa Groundwater Network**  
**AGW-Net**  
and  
**Institute of Water and Sanitation Development (IWSD)**  
**Harare, Zimbabwe**

The Africa Groundwater Network (AGW-Net) and the Institute of Water and Sanitation (IWSD) are two institutions that agree to cooperate for their mutual benefit.

## **The parties to this MoU.**

AGW-Net is a network of people across Africa with an interest in groundwater. It is a network established under the umbrella of CapNet ([www.capnet.org](http://www.capnet.org)), a UNDP program. AGW-Net has no legal status and does not operate a bank account. The network is governed by a set of guidelines for governance that are approved by its steering committee and membership. (annex 1).

IWSD is a legally constituted regional non-governmental organization (NGO) based in Harare. It is also a member of the Waternet, a capnet member network. Its mission is to address the issues of sustainable development in water resources, waste management, environmental integrity, poverty reduction and gender through capacity building.

## **The objectives of the cooperation.**

### **Financial Services**

- The key area of cooperation is that IWSD will act as the HOST institution for the management of AGW-Net finances.
- AGW-Net will deposit funds as it receives them from various sources into the IWSD non-resident accounts in South Africa or Botswana and withdraw them through means of a written request to the IWSD. A valid request for withdrawal of funds must be signed by either 1) the AGW-Net manager OR 2) any two members of the AGW-Net steering committee (see annex 1). The IWSD undertakes to respond to such requests expeditiously.
- IWSD will maintain the AGW-Net funds in their account(s) and keep records of all deposits and withdrawals made by or for AGW-Net. IWSD will supply AGW-Net with an annual financial statement of the AGW-Net funds. In exchange for these financial services, IWSD will levy a charge against the AGW-Net funds amounting to 3% plus bank charges.

### **Technical Cooperation.**

- IWSD and AGW-Net are both organizations that have among their principal objectives the building of human resources capacity in the water sector, and therefore hold many common aims.

- IWSD and AGW-Net undertake to cooperate in the area of technical and professional work and to foster a mutually beneficial relationship in the area of capacity building. It is envisaged that the technical cooperation will include training programs in IWRM, Groundwater Management and Groundwater and Sanitation.
- The areas of cooperation may be expanded to include other fields of interest as felt desirable and feasible on either side: eg-:
  - a) Joint research activities and publications
  - b) Joint supervision of projects
  - c) Joint applications for training and research funding
  - d) Participation in seminars and academic meetings
  - e) Information dissemination

The terms of cooperation for each specific technical activity implemented under this Memorandum of Understanding shall be mutually discussed and agreed upon in writing by both parties in a separate Implementing Agreement, prior to the initiation of that activity. Any such Implementing Agreements will form appendixes to this Memorandum of Understanding.

Each institution shall designate a liaison officer to develop and coordinate the specific activities agreed upon. The designated liaison officers for this memorandum of understanding are:

(Executive Director - IWSD)  
(Manager - AGW-Net)

Notification of any change in liaison officers may be made by letter without amending the Memorandum of Understanding. This Memorandum of Understanding shall remain in force for a period of five (5) years from the date of the last signature. The MoU may be terminated by the appropriate authorities of either party giving six months notice to the other party in writing, unless an earlier termination date is mutually agreed upon. The memorandum of understanding may be amended or extended by mutual written consent of the two parties.

Nothing in this MoU shall diminish the full autonomy of either institution, nor may any constraints be imposed by either upon the other.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have offered their signatures:

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signed  
Noma Nesen, Executive Director, Institute of Water and Sanitation Development.  
Date

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Signed  
Richard Owen, Network Manager, Africa Groundwater Network.  
Date: