

KCS Joins Angola and Namibia to Discuss How Dams and Bridges Can Be Resilient to Climate Upheavals



Mr Autlwtse at the Airport ready to leave.

Kalahari Conservation Society's Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Mr Baboloki Autlwtse leave today for Windhoek, Namibia to attend a regional stakeholder consultation workshop for the review of the proposed Climate Resilient Development Pathways Approach and Application to the Cubango-Okavango. The workshop will run from the 8th to 9th of March, 2017.

Climate Resilient Development Pathways (CRDP) is an analytical tool developed to help assess how vulnerable infrastructure within the Cubango-Okavango river basin is to climate change. Infrastructure being assessed through the CRDP includes dams, roads, bridges, railway lines, seaports, and buildings. Based on different scenarios of climate behaviour, a determination would be made about how vulnerable the infrastructure. The scenarios mostly focus on water sector-related infrastructure developments that have a wide range of potential consequences for other economic sectors, livelihoods and human well-being, and the environment. Such assessments inform the design of new infrastructure and whether modifications may be needed on existing infrastructure.

The Cubango-OKavango river basin makes for an interesting case for testing the usefulness of the CRDP because of the high variability of climatic conditions within the basin. The north is wet and constitutes mainly the highlands while the south is much drier and flat.



Gaborone Dam

The workshop will be conducted over a two days' period and amongst

the topics to be discussed are the likelihood and severity of climate change in the Okavango basin, reflections on CRDP method and its possible further development.



A road affected by severe climatic conditions

We wish the Deputy CEO a safe journey, and most importantly, fruitful discussions on strategies to stay resilient amidst the ever-intensifying climate upheavals.

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