## Water Is Life: Women’s Human Rights in national and local water governance in Southern and Eastern Africa

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| 12.00 – 12.50 | Registration  
Welcome snacks and soft drinks                                         |                                                                                              |
| 12.50 – 1.00 | Welcome                                                                 | **Australian Ambassador Suzanne McCourt**                                                    |
|            |                                                                           | **Christina Landsberg, Head of Development Cooperation, Australian Embassy Harare**          |
| 1.00 – 1.15 | Introducing the right to water for personal, domestic and livelihood needs - a human rights and gender issue | **Professor Anne Hellum, Professor of Public and International Law, University of Oslo**     |
|            |                                                                           | **Christina Landsberg**                                                                      |
| 1.15 – 2.00 | **Keynote presentation:**  
Tensions between cost efficiency and basic needs – how southern and east African constitutions address gender and the right to water | **Professor Patricia Kameri Mbote,** Professor of Law and Dean at the School of Law, University of Nairobi |
|            |                                                                           | **Julie Stewart,** Southern & Eastern Africa Regional Centre for Women’s Law (SEARCWL-ZW)** |
| 2.00 – 2.15 | Q&A                                                                       |                                                                                              |
| 2.15 – 2.45 | Water governance in the Zimbabwean Constitution and the National Water Policy – are issues of the right to water and gender equality adequately covered? | **Dr Ellen Sithole,** Department of Procedural Law, University of Zimbabwe, and Commissioner and Deputy Chairperson, Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission; and **Justice Moses Chinhengo,** Member of the International \  
Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights |
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<td>The political economy of translating water and gender rights in the Constitution and the Water Policy into practice</td>
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