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# GLOBALIZATION AND WATER MANAGEMENT: THE CHANGING VALUE OF WATER

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## MANAGING INTERNATIONAL WATERS: THE CHALLENGE FOR ZAMBIA

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**ABSTRACT:** Zambia is riparian to two international watercourse systems. This paper will examine how Zambia has managed its inland waters given its relative position as a water abundant country. Transboundary water issues are rather complex, and it is imperative that a consideration of this element on international waters be carefully taken into account in Zambia's management of its inland waters. It is apparent that any water resources development activities in the country will definitely have implications on the international waters. Similarly, development activities in other riparian states would have an influence on the status of the national water resources. Presently, negotiations and opportunities for joint development are rather constrained by considerable capacity imbalances among countries. As a result, this has disabled many countries from making tangible decisions regarding their developmental aspirations. Zambia has signed the SADC Protocol on shared watercourse systems, which provides a framework for managing international waters.

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