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Apart from the constitutions of the different countries and relevant National legislation the SADC countries are signatories to a number of treaties in which the right to water is specifically provided for. They therefore have a duty to honour their commitments under these agreements. For eg, The Chapter 16 of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights provides for the right to the







The extent to which the judges draw from colleagues plays a big role in enriching these interpretative exercises. Awareness of diverse approaches to interpretation of legal instruments in giving meaning to environmental rights other socio economic rights goes a long way towards realising these rights. The recent formation of the African Judicial Education Network in Environmental Law aimed at enhancing the capacity of African judges in interpreting environmental laws and improving environmental rule of law broaden even more the judges' interpretation skills and accelerate the journey to protection of the environment for present and future generations .

Thank you.