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Women's human rights in national and local water governance in Southern and Eastern Africa

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The book explores how international and regional human rights, embodying the right to water and sanitation, the right to participation and the right to non-discrimination, have been translated into laws, policies and practices in Kenya, Malawi, South Africa and Zimbabwe. Through empirical case studies the interaction between different water governance actors is analysed from the perspective of different groups of women. These include national government, international donors, humanitarian agencies, NGOs, traditional leaders, local communities and families.

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This book approaches water and sanitation as an African gender and human rights issue. Empirical case studies from Kenya, Malawi, South Africa and Zimbabwe show how local regulations of water and sanitation respond to the ways in which different groups of rural and urban women gain access to water for personal, domestic and livelihood purposes. The authors, who are lawyers, sociologists, political scientists and anthropologists, demonstrate how women's rights need to be protected and how they are protected through national and international law.

The book investigates the ways in which different water governance systems are being implemented and evaluated in various African countries. It also examines the role of NGOs and other civil society organizations in promoting women's rights to water and sanitation.

The book is a valuable resource for students, researchers and practitioners interested in the intersection of gender, human rights and water governance.