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Sharing experiences from Lesotho

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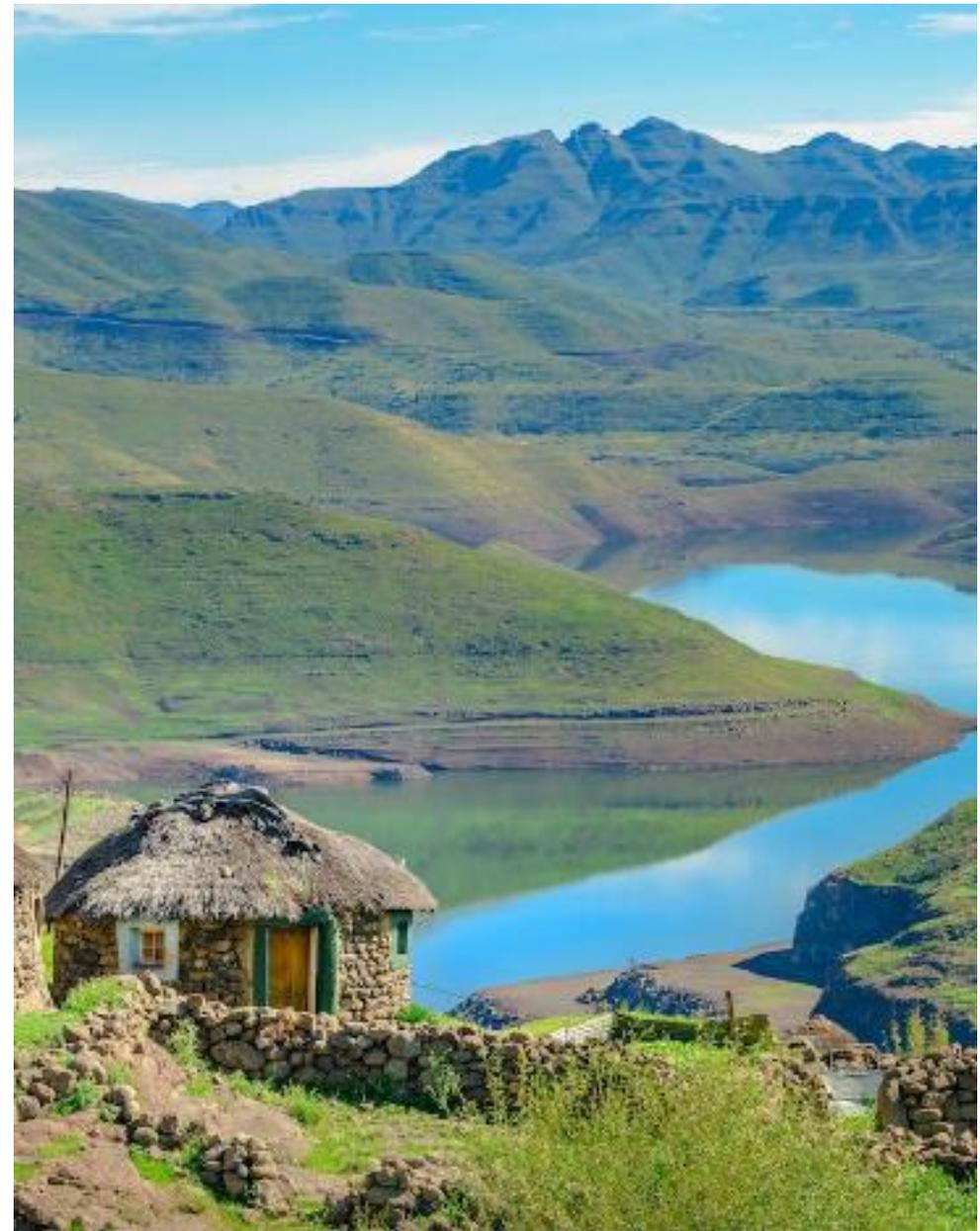
Lesotho, a few basics:

- Land size comparable with that of Belgium
- +/- 2 Million People
- Only LDC in SACU
- High altitude / mountainous, lowest point ~1,400m
- 1/3 Lowlands 2/3 Highlands
- Landlocked
- Completely surrounded by South Africa
- Several Rivers, incl. Senqu or Orange River
- Extensive wetlands
- “Water Tower” of Southern Africa
- Exporting water to SA Gauteng Province



EU supporting water sector developments in Lesotho

- Focal Sector under successive NIPs
- Part of Green Deal - Team Europe Initiative
- SDG 6 (Access, Jobs, Growth, Health, Sustainability)
- Sectoral Budget Support dis-continued in 2016
- Large infrastructure developments in Lowlands
 - Blending of grants and loans ~EUR 200 Mil.
 - 1/5 grant leverages 4/5 of loans [EU, EIB, WB]
- Integrated Catchment Management
 - Co-financing EU, Germany, Lesotho (EUR 28 + 6 +5 Mil)
 - Technical Assistance, Institutional Strengthening, Capacity Development, light infrastructure



Policy Dialogue and Water Diplomacy

- **Improvement of Water Sector Governance**
- **Support and assist with the formulation of Policies, Strategies and Regulations**
- **Raise awareness for regional water resources management and conflict prevention**
- **Underline that Water Supply and Sanitation are two sides of the same coin**
- **Integrate aspects of natural resources management and climate change mitigation (land degradation, erosion, responsible herding, conservation agriculture, irrigation, etc...)**
- **Highlight nexus of Water – Energy – Food Security**
- **To be explored: Twinning arrangements**



Thank you very much!

