

Final Communiqué:

The Dar es Salaam Roadmap for Achieving the N'gor Commitments on Water Security and Sanitation in Africa

PREAMBLE

- a. **Arising** from the 10th Ordinary Session of the Governing Council of the African Ministers Council on Water held in Dar es Salaam, the United Republic of Tanzania from 15th to 22nd July 2016;
- b. **Recalling** the Africa Water Vision 2025 of “**An Africa where there is an equitable and sustainable use and management of water resources for poverty alleviation, socio-economic development, regional cooperation, and the environment**”.
- c. **Further Recalling** the aspirations and commitments espoused in the African Agenda 2063 to optimize use of Africa's Resources to ensure positive socio-economic transformation; the 2008 Sharm el - Sheikh Declaration (Assembly/AU/Delc.1(XI)) on accelerating the achievement of water and sanitation goals in Africa; the 2004 Sirte Declaration (Ex/Assembly/AU/Decl.1(II)) on integrated development of Agriculture and Water in Africa; the 2008 Tunis Declaration on Accelerating Water Security for Africa's Socio-Economic Development; and the 2015 N'gor Declaration on Water Security and Sanitation in Africa;

Further

- d. **Recognizing** Africa's efforts to transition the unfinished business of the Millennium Development Goals into the programmes for action in the pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG);
- e. **Reaffirming** the commitment and political ambition stipulated in the Agenda 2030 and particularly SDG 6 and water-related targets to “Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all” and reach the furthest behind first;
- f. **Mindful** of the central role of water in achieving the Agenda 2030 particular with regard to the growing demand for water in agriculture and energy as a result of population and economic growth;
- g. **Recognizing** that water, sanitation and hygiene are drivers for economic and human development as well as essential contributors to a healthy environment;
- h. **Welcoming** the adoption of the Paris Agreement on climate change
- i. **Cognizant** of the need for comprehensive and sustainable financing strategies for water security, building on user tariffs, taxes and transfers as well as the investments of companies and households;
- j. **Referring** to the globally accepted principles, legal frameworks and trends in best practice on transboundary water management, as well as approaches to assure Water, Food and Energy Security;
- k. **Recalling** the imperative to fast track efforts to translate political commitments into action, particularly at community level;
- l. **Convinced** of the strong link between increased access to sustainable water sanitation, and hygiene services with good governance and transparency;
- m. **Informed** by the 2015 Africa Water and Sanitation Sector Report to the Assembly of the African Union on accelerating the achievement of water and sanitation goals in Africa; and the outcomes of the 6th Africa Water Week on the theme of “Achieving the SDGs on Water Security and Sanitation”;

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Remaining committed to the Africa Water Vision 2025, **We, the Governing Council** of the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW), meeting in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania, during the 6th Africa Water Week take up the challenge to progress on water security and sanitation in line with the Agenda 2030 by:

- improving efficiency, transparency, accountability, addressing inequalities and integrity within our sector institutions to achieve sustainable services and create a conducive investment climate.
- strengthening monitoring and reporting, focusing specifically on the most marginalized and poorest, to plan and deliver sustainable services for all.
- integrating the agenda for water, sanitation and climate to improve health and nutrition outcomes, promote resilient societies and ensure protected ecosystems.

We resolve to undertake the following actions:

I. Policy and Planning: Ensure coherence in the implementation of our policies in line with the requirements of Agenda 2030 with a focus on, among others:

- a. decentralized service delivery;
- b. efficient management of resources to ensure water, energy and food security;
- c. gender, equity and social inclusion;
- d. improved health and nutrition outcomes;
- e. employment creation, particularly for youth and women;
- f. transboundary and regional integration.

II. Governance: Increase transparency, accountability and integrity within our sectors by:

- a. ensuring a participatory environment for civil society and citizens in policy formulation, sector planning and monitoring;
- b. accounting for financial contributions in order to achieve sustainable service provision over the life-cycle of investments;
- c. focusing on complementarity of existing and proposed initiatives and institutions in order to avoid overlap and redundancy.

III. Finance: Allocate the necessary finances to match the central role of water security and sanitation in Agenda 2030:

- a. by continuously increasing our budget allocation and domestic resource mobilization for the water sector as a whole;
- b. by actively pursue innovative financing options and creating enabling environments including appropriate mechanisms for the development of bankable projects;
- c. by taking advantage of new, emerging and existing financing sources such as the Green Climate Fund, the African Water Facility (AWF), the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Initiative (RWSSI), Blue Fund and private sector investment facilities such as Africa Development and Investment, Africa 50 and others;
- d. mobilizing resources, including country contributions for the financial viability of the AWF and RWSSI.

IV. Monitoring: In collaboration with Regional Economic Communities (RECs), strengthen the framework for standardized monitoring and reporting based on open, accurate and disaggregated data to enable national, regional and global follow-up and review of the progress made towards reaching Africa's water sector commitments and the SDGs by:

- a. Continuing to strengthen the capacity of AMCOW to monitor implementation of political commitments in collaboration with the African Union Commission (AUC);
- b. Scaling-up our earlier commitment to country peer-to-peer review, sector learning and knowledge sharing.

V. Drinking Water: Prioritize safe and affordable drinking water for the poor and marginalized, including women and children, within joint sector planning and budget

allocations, while improving sector governance and implementation through partnerships with civil society and the private sector to ensure water services do not fail.

VI. Sanitation: Significantly increasing allocation of financial and technical resources for sanitation and hygiene in-line with the N'gor commitments; and strengthening leadership of sanitation institutions in cities and communities through support of locally appropriate solutions of technology and financing across the entire sanitation value chain for households and institutions.

VII. Hygiene: Ensure greater visibility and attention by AMCOW and national governments towards hygiene improvements.

VIII. Waste Water: Follow the holistic focus and nexus approach of productive waste water management in the planning and implementation of water supply and sanitation projects at all levels in particular in African cities.

IX. Transboundary Water Resources: Establish and strengthen transboundary basin organizations to realize water security by ensuring:

- a. financial sustainability;
- b. effective and efficient governance mechanisms;
- c. evidence-based planning.

X. Climate Change: Highlight the vital role of water in the implementation of the Paris Agreement with regard to mitigation and adaptation to the impacts of climate change by:

- a. incorporating climate variability and uncertainty through climate sensitive water management;
- b. investing in sustainable and reliable climate and hydro-meteorological data and information;
- c. taking into account the need for strengthening project preparation capacities within African institutions; and
- d. implementing flexible and no-regret solutions.

XI. Capacity Development: Implement continuous capacity development at individual, organizational and institutional levels of the national water sector to ensure sustainable implementation, operation and management of water investments.

XII. Others

- a. Allow for more country reporting and knowledge exchange during the Africa Water Week to guarantee follow-up and review of progress towards achieving the commitments at all levels.
- b. The 10th Ordinary Session of the Governing Council of AMCOW elected the United Republic of Tanzania, as the AMCOW President for the period 2016 – 2018. The Vice Presidents for each of the sub-regions of AMCOW were also elected as follows: Egypt for Northern Africa; Central African Republic for Central Africa; Liberia for Western Africa; South Sudan; and Swaziland for Southern Africa.
- c. The Governing Council also appointed Dr Canasius KANANGIRE as the Executive Secretary of AMCOW for a mandate of four years (2016 – 2020).
- d. The 7th Africa Water Week and 11th Ordinary Session of the Governing Council of AMCOW shall take place in Libreville, Gabon in 2018.

Done in Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania on this the 23rd day of July 2016.