



AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT  
BANK GROUP

## 5TH WORLD WATER FORUM : AFRICA SPEAKS IN ISTANBUL (19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2009 Version)

### High level aims of African participation

The African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW) called upon the African Development Bank to lead and coordinate the regional preparatory process for the Forum. From eThekweni, through Tunis, Sharma El Sheikh and Sirte Africa's political leaders have identified the regional water security and sanitation challenges and have made commitments to address them.

The key messages emerging from the regional process are **delivery to meet the MDGs; major expansion of the water infrastructure assets to deliver socio-economic development and significant scaling up of investment to achieve it.** With these in mind, the targeted outcomes from Africa's participation in the 5th World Water Forum include:

- Announcement of concrete steps to advance **high-level Pan-African political partnerships**
- Practical steps to further Africa's main implementation frameworks
- Practical proposals to support regional and national efforts to implement solutions to specific water agenda items

The statement of the African case will take place in Istanbul on **Wednesday 18th March 2009 from 0830 to 1300 hrs in Amphitheatre 2 at the SUTLUCE venue.**

### Regional Day

The **Africa Region Day** will climax the processes that Africa has gone through its preparations towards the 5<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum. The Day will serve as a platform for launching the Africa Regional Paper and mobilising broad regional and international support to complement commitments made by the political leadership in bridging the water divides in Africa. The Regional Paper identifies Africa's water resources development challenges and proposes actions for addressing them. Africa's clear message to Istanbul is **"Delivery on the Commitments"**.

### The Africa Day's activities will be in 3 Sessions, namely:

- An Opening Session during which AMCOW and its partners will share thoughts on promoting the continent's water and sanitation agenda
- The Second Session will involve the presentation and launching of the Regional Paper by a high level African Personality;
- The Third Session will examine the key water security and sanitation challenges and solicit reactions from participants.

### Beyond Istanbul

Istanbul only sets the stage for more action on delivering on the commitments, while the 2<sup>nd</sup> Africa Water Week and the 2009 AU Summit of the Heads of State and Government present two platforms for countries and regional bodies to report on specific actions taken in line with the commitments.

Africa will speak in Istanbul, with a common purpose and a common goal, and yet from different country starting points. The World is expected to listen and align with the Agenda set by its Flagship Captain AMCOW!

**AFRICA WELCOMES YOU TO ITS REGIONAL DAY.**



**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME FOR THE AFRICA REGIONAL DAY**  
**WEDNESDAY MARCH 18, 2009**  
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| <b>Time</b>        | <b>Event</b>  |
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| <b>0830-1000</b>   | <b>Session I :Opening</b>   |
| 0830 - 0845        | Welcoming remark – Chairperson of the Regional Steering Committee   |
| 0845 – 1000        | Opening Remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AMCOW President</li> <li>• President of WWC</li> <li>• Chairman of UNSGAB</li> <li>• Executive Secretary of the 5<sup>TH</sup> World Water Forum</li> <li>• Representative of the Government of Turkey</li> <li>• AU Commission</li> </ul>   |
| <b>1000 - 1100</b> | <b>Session II :Launching of the Africa Regional Paper</b>   |
| 1000 - 1015        | Key Note Address by an Eminent Personality  |
| 1015 – 1030        | Presentation of the Regional Report by ADB  |
| 1030 – 1100        | Reaction to the Regional Report - Stakeholders & Partners   |
| <b>1100- 1115</b>  | <b>Short Break</b>  |
| <b>1115 -1300</b>  | <b>Session III: Addressing Africa's Water Challenges and Priorities</b>   |
| 1115-1200          | Key Note Presentations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Water Supply &amp; Sanitation : accelerating action to meet the MDGs by AMCOW</li> <li>2. Water Security: Building the infrastructure assets for social and economic development by ANBO</li> <li>3. Institutional framework and capacity building for sustainable development by UN Water Africa</li> <li>4. Financing Water &amp; Sanitation Infrastructure : requirement and mobilisation by ADB</li> </ol> |
| 1200 -1230         | Reaction from Audience  |
| 1230-1245          | Promotion of 2 <sup>nd</sup> African Water Week and hosting of the 6 <sup>th</sup> World Water Forum by AMCOW/ South Africa   |
| 1245-1300          | Wrap-up and Closing of the Regional Day   |