

5TH WORLD WATER FORUM, TURKEY ISTANBUL
AFRICAN REGIONAL POSITION PAPER
‘BRIDGING DIVIDES TO ADVANCE AFRICA’S WATER VISION 2025’

FOREWORD

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ACRONYMS

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Desired water sector objectives – the Africa Water Vision

- (restatement of desired future)
- Restatement of provenance (regional, national, major groups)

1.2 “Bridging Divides to advance Africa’s Water Vision 2025”

- Closing the water and poverty gap – PRS, National Development Plans etc
- Closing implementation gap between African agenda and Development Partners – convergence between African political processes and Development Partners – [G8 Evian]
- Closing the gap in MDG attainment
- Closing the gap in implementation between water and sanitation
- Climate change adaptation amid a predominant global agenda
- Infrastructure and economic growth
- Closing the gap in financing – Govt/DPs, Govt/User, public/private
- Information and knowledge for those needing to know (reporting)
- Closing the gap between commitments and actions

1.3 African Regional Process - from the 4th to the 5th World Water Forum

- Tracing Africa’s participation in the 4th WWF, the outcomes and Ministerial Declaration and what has happened in the intervening period between the 4th and 5th WWF. Present the process towards Africa’s participation in 5th WWF and the products expected to be presented

1.4 Purpose and Structure of the Africa Regional Position Paper

- To present practical steps to move forward existing political commitments. Describe how this paper is an evolution from the Africa Regional Paper at 4th World Water Forum – ‘Local Actions for Local Challenges’

PART I: STATUS REVIEW

2 REGIONAL WATER SECURITY AND SANITATION AGENDA

[The purpose of this Part is to summarise what has gone before, in terms of political commitments and progress in attaining the Africa Water Vision 2025. Refer to the document for the 4th WWF. Include progress with the initiatives]

2.1 Political processes

2.1.1 Driving the Agenda through high political commitments

- This shall capture the role, initiatives and the events that AMCOW has led in the years after the 4th WWF to advance the WSS agenda (including the institution of an African Water Week). It will also recount the efforts at the highest political level to bring greater visibility and attention to water and sanitation issues – including the AU Summit in July 2008
- Recall also commitments of the developed world to Africa's water and sanitation agenda

2.2 Commitments to Action

- Summary of the principal African Declarations [Tunis Declaration, eThekweni Declaration, Sharm-el-Sheik, Sirte etc]; Principal instruments of Development partners - G8 (Evian, Kananaskis, etc)

2.2.1 Bridging Divides: eThekweni Commitments on Sanitation

2.2.2 Water Security for Africa's Socioeconomic Development – The Tunis Declaration

2.2.3 Achievement of Water and Sanitation Goals in Africa: Sharm El Sheikh Commitments by Heads of State and Government

2.3 Partnerships and Co-operation

This shall capture the role of various organisations, their mission and contribution to Africa's water security agenda – ongoing and proposed initiatives. A detailed presentation of these organisations – focus, activities and outputs/impacts - will be provided in the Annexes. The organisations will include, but not limited to: OECD, DP's, UN Water, The Africa Partnership Forum (APF), The Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA), Regional Water Partnerships in Africa, African Network of Basin Organisations (ANBO), Africa Civil Society Network on Water (ANEW) etc.

2.4 Status of progress in attaining the AWV 2025

- Summary of status [reference work being done by others – AgWater, RWSSI, ICA]

It will capture issues such as:

- Needs and deeds - This will cover what Africa needs to meet its water security agenda and what is currently achieved;

- Contributions from Development Partners (ongoing and proposed) - the contributions from various DPs, initiatives, pledges and commitments will be recounted here
- Regional initiatives and facilities - this will capture the contributions from initiatives, programmes and facilities such as: AfDB's Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Initiative; African Water Facility; Water and Sanitation Programme for Africa Region (WSP-AF); UN-HABITAT, Water and Sanitation Trust Fund (WSTF); West Africa Water Initiative (WAWI) etc and their strengths and challenges.

PART II: PRACTICAL ACTIONS FOR ATTAINMENT OF THE AFRICA WATER VISION

3 REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE THEME OF THE 5TH WORLD WATER FORUM

[Adopting the general thematic structure of 5th World Water Forum as sub-sections, this Section will provide a description of the principal issues from an African perspective, with a summary of the principal processes through which actions are being taken, at different scales. Issues will be framed in terms of the strategic directions set out in the Sharm-el-Sheik, Tunis and eThekweni Declarations. The purpose of this Part is to lay the foundation for the concluding section, such that recommendations on follow-up actions flow from the 'evidence-base'].

3.1 Global changes and risk management

3.1.1 Drivers of change

3.1.2 Climate change and adaptation

3.1.3 Disaster management

3.2 Advancing Human Development and MDGs

3.2.1 Ensuring water, sanitation and hygiene for all

3.2.2 Energy

3.2.3 Food security and agriculture

3.2.4 Economic growth

3.3 Managing and protecting water resources

3.4 Governance and management

3.5 Finance

3.6 Education, knowledge and capacity development

4 OPERATIONALISING KEY REGIONAL DECISIONS ON WATER SECURITY AND SANITATION

This will be a consolidation of the various declarations made at Sharm al Shaikh, Tunis, eThekwini, Sirte (and referred to earlier) and present an action plan to operationalise these. The action plan will cover on-going initiatives, what needs to be scaled up, as well as new actions and initiatives. The actions will be prioritised and concrete steps, associated costs and timelines for driving the processes will be provided (where these are immediately available). A detailed Action Plan will be presented in the form of a matrix and attached in the Annexes (to be attached to Outline when it is being sent out to Thematic Leads and other stakeholders).

4.1 Regional Commitments

4.1.1 Sharm El Sheikh Declaration

4.1.2 Sirte Declaration

4.1.3 eThekwini Declaration

4.1.4 Tunis Declaration

4.2 Complementing Regional Efforts

This will examine the decisions taken by Development Partners and other Global initiatives and propose ways to revitalise and operationalise the unfulfilled commitments. The section will summarise what Africa can do on its own and what is expected from others to complement the region's efforts.

4.3 Financial Needs

Focus the section on work that has been done to assess the financial requirements needed to achieve the MDG targets and what role different actors are required to play to meet the requirements

4.4 Special Focus on Meeting Africa's Water and Sanitation MDG Targets

Being the mid-point in the MDG agenda, and given that most African countries are off track in achieving the MDGs (particularly that of sanitation, this section will be a special focus to capture and elaborate on the immediate actions that Africa and its partners need to take to bring countries on track

PART III: TARGETED OUTCOMES OF THE 5TH WORLD WATER FORUM PROCESS

5 CONCLUSIONS AND THE WAY FORWARD

5.1 Targeted Outcomes of the 5th World Water Forum process

The purpose of this Section is to make specific recommendations for actions that can be carried from this Regional Position Paper, through the various sessions at the Forum into the Ministerial Declaration and other Forum Outcomes. It will essentially be a summary of some of the issues discussed in sections 6 and 7 and will include, but not limited to:

5.1.1 Taking concrete steps at the African political level

- Initiation of an Annual report on progress by AMCOW to Heads of States
- Instigation of regular dialogue between AMCOW and G8 and the EU that reviews progress, including in implementation of the G8 Evian Plan of Action
- Hosting by ADB of a high-level meeting between AMCOW Ministers and Ministers of Finance
- Launching of national high-level forums between AMCOW Ministers and representatives of the main water user and driver communities

(and others)

5.1.2 Improving delivery through existing major programmes

Focused recommendations that improve implementation and effectiveness

- Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Initiative
- African Water Facility
- Water for African Cities
- NEPAD Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility
- AfricaSan
- Infrastructure Consortium for Africa
- Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP)
- Short-term Action Plan to raise agricultural production

(and others)

5.1.3 Strengthening practical support to national and local efforts

Focus on practical tools and mechanisms in the following areas

- Expanding the infrastructure platform and rehabilitation of existing assets
- Preparing national strategies and action plans for achieving the MDG targets for water and sanitation over the next seven (7) years.
- Country Sector Reviews within Pan-African mechanism
- National sanitation and hygiene policies and one national plan
- Updating national policies/plans/strategies for achieving water security
- Operationalizing IWRM principles for economic, social and environmental needs
- Initiation by RECs/RBOs of regional dialogues on climate change and appropriate adaptation
- Finance mobilization and finance instruments
- Monitoring, evaluation and reporting mechanisms
- Effective early warning systems
- Operationalising ecosystem requirements, Environmental Management Plans and EIAs
- Sustainable Land Management
- Improving land and water productivity
- Water harvesting and re-use
- (and others)

5.1.4 Laying foundations through consolidation of knowledge

Creation of consolidated position papers on emerging issues, to be presented at AWW-2 on

- Vulnerabilities to, and impacts of climate change and variability
- Benefit sharing
- The Right to Water
- Drivers of change beyond water, including at transboundary, regional and market scales
- Multiple use and functions of water services
- Negotiating trade-offs
- Distinctive approaches in fragile states

5.1.5 Enabling major groups

Recommendation of practical steps to move forward on

- Creation of platforms for the 'Voices of the poor'
- Linking African parliamentarians and local authorities into wider, global outcomes of the Forum
- Engagement of youth, women, civil society, local communities, diaspora, marginalised groups
- Engagement of private sector
- Gender mainstreaming

5.2 Beyond the 5th World Water Forum

This will cover what Africa does after the Forum, including national water security and sanitation forums to bring commitments to the wider population, so as to hold everyone accountable for their roles

ANNEXES

1. Include a matrix that captures all the various regional bodies and initiatives and their expected impact in regional water agenda. Design a questionnaire to this effect and sent to all for completion by mid November
2. Full texts of various Declarations
3. Matrix of Actions
4. Etc