



AFRICA FOCUS DAY

Tuesday 3rd September 2013 / 9:00 – 18:30, Rm K2



Shared Waters - Shared Benefits

SESSIONS 1 and 2 / 9:00 – 13:00

Africa's vast trans-boundary rivers and shared aquifers are grossly underutilized with less than 5% of the continent's renewable resources being exploited for economic and social development needs. Accompanying this challenge is the issue of acute water stress which the continent continues to witness as a result of climate variability. Management of trans-boundary waters and aquifers on shared benefits basis present veritable opportunities for cooperation among the basin states thus advancing national and international security interests, protecting the environment, providing food security and improving energy sufficiency.

SESSION 3 / 14:15 – 15:45

Water Cooperation and Hydro-Diplomacy focusses on lessons learnt from funding a diversity of TWRM activities on the African continent, promoting advocacy, legislative and strategic frameworks, as well as cooperation and partnerships. These extensive experiences have helped identify solutions to common challenges faced by riparian states, and to better understand issues such as legal and institutional hurdles hindering the successful use and management of shared water resources.

HIGH LEVEL MINISTERIAL PANEL / 16:45 – 18:30

Presentation of sessions' outcomes and engagement with AMCOW Ministers on effective management of trans-boundary waters in ways that turn threats to opportunities.



Keynote Speakers: HE John Agyekum Kufuor, fmr President of Ghana & Chair, Sanitation & Water for All (SWA), Hon. Sarah Reng Ochekepe, AMCOW President *a.i./Minister of Water Resources, Nigeria* & AU Commissioner Rhoda Peace Tumuosiime

Featured Speakers and Panellists:

AMCOW Vice Presidents / Bai Mass Taal (AMCOW) / Sering Jallow, (AfDB) / Dr Khalil Timamy (AUC) / Gen. (Rtd) Reginald Ihekire (Niger Basin Authority) / Tefera Beyene (Nile Basin Initiative) / Mr. Anton Earle (EUWI-AWG) / Tracy Molefi (ANBO) / Dennis Mwanza (SUWASA) / Alex Simalabwi (GWP) / Ms Kyunmee Kim (SIWI) / Dr. Alice Aureli (UNESCO) / Dr. Callist Tindimugaya (Africa Groundwater Network) / Thomas Chiramba (UNEP) / Vanessa Vaessen (BGR-Germany) / Mark Brune (HDG, UK) / Dr Akissa Bahri (AWF) / Mr. Gustavo Saltiel (World Bank) / Prof. Mike Muller / Prof. Patricia Wouters (Dundee UNESCO Centre for Water Law) / Dr Ana CASCAO (SIWI)

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