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## **Towards Capacity Development for Africa's Water Security & Climate Resilient Development**

**13:00-15:00 hours 15 March 2012**

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**Holiday Inn Express Marseille Saint Charles**

### **Background**

In November 2010, during the 3rd Africa Water Week, the extra-ordinary session of the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) adopted a decision recommending that the Global Water Partnership (GWP) and partners operationalise the Water, Climate and Development Programme (WACDEP). The programme supports the implementation of climate change commitments in the Sharm el Sheikh Declaration and contributes to the AMCOW's work programme. The programme was launched at the 2011 Stockholm World Water Week in the presence of nine water ministers from Africa and representatives of development partners.

The WACDEP is being implemented at country and transboundary level and will lead to the development of national Investment and Financing Strategies for Water Security, Climate Resilience and Development. In addition, local pilot projects will be implemented on the water-food-climate nexus within the context of green growth, land and water management.

Eight countries, four transboundary river basins and one shared aquifer have been identified for in-depth work; Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Ghana, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tunisia and Zimbabwe; Limpopo Basin, Kagera Basin, Lake Chad Basin and Volta Basin and the North-Western Sahara Aquifer System. The transboundary basin approach will enable at least 23 African countries to benefit from the results and outcomes of the initiative<sup>1</sup>.

### **Capacity Development**

To enable implementation of the WACDEP, CDKN is supporting AMCOW and GWP to develop knowledge products and tools that will support the achievement of these goals. Work is currently underway in developing a Framework for Water Security and Climate Resilient Development. Regional consultations have been held with AMCOW TAC members in Southern Africa, West Africa and a Pan-African Consultation at the 6<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum Preparatory meeting in Banjul. As a follow up to the regional consultations, a meeting will be held on the margins of the 2012 World Water Forum in Marseille, France.

### **Objectives of the meeting**

1. To share with AMCOW TAC the progress in developing the Framework for Water Security and Climate Resilient Development
2. To solicit for ideas on how to roll out the capacity development aimed at enhancing the capacity of countries to develop water security and climate resilient investments

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<sup>1</sup> Volta River Basin - 6 countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Togo) ; Lake Chad Basin - 8 countries (Algeria, Central African Republic, Cameroon, Chad, Libya, Niger, Nigeria, Sudan) ; Limpopo Basin - 4 countries (Botswana, Mozambique, South Africa and Zimbabwe) ; Kagera Basin - 4 countries (Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda) ; and North-Western Sahara Aquifer System - 3 countries (Algeria, Libya and Tunisia)

## Expected Outcomes

- Inputs on where to focus the Capacity Development Strategy to ensure that countries can develop no/low regret investments and integrate water security and climate resilient development strategies in development planning processes.

## Expected Participants

The meeting is expected to draw participants from AMCOW TAC, AMCOW Secretariat, GWP, CDKN, UNDP-CapNet and HR Wallingford, UK.

Time	Item	Presenter/Facilitator
13.00	Recap on WACDEP	GWP
13.05	Framework on Water Security and Climate Resilient Development – Progress & Introduction to the Capacity Development Strategy and Implementation Plan	HR Wallingford
13.20	Q&A	AMCOW
13.30	Facilitated plenary discussion on capacity needs, gaps and target audiences to ensure countries can develop water security and climate resilient development	AMCOW and GWP
15.00	Closing remarks	AMCOW

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