

## **AMCOW PRESIDENT SPEECH**

### **LAUNCH OF THE AMCOW STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR WATER SECURITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT AT 4<sup>TH</sup> AFRICA WATER WEEK**

As President of AMCOW, I welcome the development of the *Framework for Water Security and Climate Resilient Development*, with support from the Global Water Partnership and its partner the Climate Development Knowledge Network (CDKN).

The Framework contributes to implementation of climate change related commitments expressed by African heads of state in the 2008 Sharm el Sheikh declaration on water and sanitation. It is AMCOW's contribution to Africa's efforts in implementing economic growth and social development programs in Africa.

It is an output of the Water, Climate and Development Programme (WACDEP), an AMCOW programme implemented by GWP. The Framework provides guidance to countries on how to integrate water security and climate resilience into development planning and investment decision making processes, with a focus on prioritising "no or low regrets" investments and financing strategies.

Promoting water security and climate resilient development reinforces actions that reflect the overarching messages and objectives of Rio+20 and the recent Durban outcomes which emphasised the green economy, sustainable development, meeting the Millennium Development Goals, and strengthened international climate action

Increased frequency of droughts and floods in Africa provide a sober warning of future climatic changes that introduces new risks and threats to the viability of African development.

AMCOW values the partnership with GWP and partners, and here by welcomes this Framework

As I hand over the AMCOW Presidency, I am pleased to launch the *Framework for Water Security and Climate Resilient Development* as a contribution to Africa's efforts in implementing economic growth and social development programs in Africa.

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***On behalf of Honorable Edna Molewa, AMCOW President and Southern African Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, South Africa***