



IV. Water Governance and Financing

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Background:

The sub-theme 'water governance and financing' covers key water governance challenges and advances in relation to regional and transboundary water resources management (WRM); national governance for sustainable water resources management and development, food and energy security; financing; and capacity development.

Objectives of Sub-Theme 4:

The sessions will reflect the findings from the AMCOW/EUWI AWG 'Status report on integrated approaches to the development, management and use of water resources in Africa', which is based on data collected from African countries for the UN-Water status report for Rio+20. The sessions will also present key challenges and opportunities for regional and transboundary WRM; water, food and energy security; water governance financing; capacity building; and gender and youth aspects to identify issues for Rio+20 and the advancement towards the Africa Water Vision 2025.

Topics include:

- Integrated approaches to water resources management in Africa:** will present and discuss findings from the *Status Report on Integrated Approaches to the Development, Management and Use of Water Resources in Africa*, which not only reports on Africa's progress in implementing Chapter 18 of Agenda 21 but also highlights the need to take water resources management into consideration in future international environmental governance. Against the backdrop of the up-coming Rio+20 Conference on Sustainable Development, the discussion of the report's findings will be within the context of the water, energy and food security nexus. In addition, it will be complemented by case studies from selected countries.
- Regional and transboundary water governance:** will discuss institutional arrangements for regional and transboundary WRM, including the on-going integration process between AMCOW's sub-regional structures and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), current programmes of activities, challenges and opportunities for river, lake and aquifer basin organisations and mechanisms for sharing lessons and experiences on transboundary WRM across the African continent.
- Financing transboundary and national water resource management:** will provide an overview of governance and financing of transboundary and national water resources management in North, South, East, Central and West Africa. This session will also cover information on investment plans and programmes and the mobilisation of financing for water resources management infrastructure from traditional sources as well as from emerging climate funds. It will also discuss the financing of water governance and WRM through cost recovery mechanisms, subsidies for promoting water efficiency, charges for WRM and innovative financing mechanisms.
- Building capacity for effective water governance and water resources management:** will cover information on institutional strengthening for enhanced water governance, mechanisms for involving stakeholders in WRM, the role of communication and education institutions, water integrity and gender mainstreaming. It is also intended to discuss the on-going effort to harmonise and strengthen water monitoring and reporting (M&E) to the African Union Heads of State, building upon regional M&E mechanisms.
- Youth and gender:** will discuss the process for developing a Youth and Water Strategy for Africa, and implementing the AMCOW Strategy for Mainstreaming Gender in the Water Sector in Africa.

Sessions Schedule

Day Date	No.	Session Title	Organisers	Co-Organisers
Wed. 16 May	1	Integrated approaches to water resources management in Africa	EUWI-AWG (Birgitta Liss Lymer), UNEP-DHI (Peter Bjørnsen), AMCOW	AUC, GWP
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	3	Regional and transboundary water governance	GWP (Aurélie Vitry)	AUC, AMCOW
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Thursday 17 May	1	Financing transboundary and national water resource management	AfDB (Oswald Chanda), EUWI-AWG, GWP	AUC, AMCOW, ICA
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	3	Building capacity for effective water governance and WRM	Cap-Net UNDP (Themba Gumbo), ANEW	ANEW
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Friday 18 May	1	Youth, water and sanitation strategy for Africa	ANEW (Baker Yiga Matovu)	GWP, WaterAid, AMCOW, the Youth
	2	AMCOW Strategy for mainstreaming gender in Africa	GWP (Simon Thuo), WSP (Rosemary Rop)	ANEW