

GWP EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SPEECH

LAUNCH OF THE AMCOW STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR WATER SECURITY AND CLIMATE RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT AT 4TH AFRICA WATER WEEK

The AMCOW President
Honourable Ministers
AMCOW Founders and former AMCOW Presidents
AMCOW Executive Secretary
Diplomats and ambassadors
Distinguished guests,
Friends of AMCOW
Ladies and gentlemen

It is a great pleasure and honour for me to be here, having witnessed part of the first AMCOW meeting here in Cairo 10 years ago. On behalf of GWP and our partner Organizations worldwide, I wish to convey Our warmest congratulations to AMCOW on the tremendous achievements of AMCOW during these 10 years in your dedication to ensuring water security for all i Africa.

In November 2010, during the 3rd Africa Water Week, the AMCOW Executive Council issued a decision for GWP and its partners to operationalise the Water, Climate and Development Programme in Africa. It is being operationalised now through the RWPs which work closely with the AMCOW Regional TACs.

The program promotes water security as a key part of sustainable regional and national development and contributes to climate resilience for economic growth and human security.

As part of the Water Climate Development Programme, AMCOW and GWP with support from the Climate Development Knowledge Network (CDKN) have developed the *Strategic Framework for Water Security and Climate Resilient Development*.

Within the framework, five policy briefs have been developed for Ministers and key decision makers to outline the key issues of climate resilience. These are:

1. Water security for development in an uncertain climate
2. Building on the foundations of IWRM
3. Ensuring adaptation at all levels
4. Managing risks and making robust decisions for development
5. Innovative approaches to water and climate financing, for infrastructure and other key investments

Honourable President, GWP values the special partnership with AMCOW and its partners. On behalf of GWP, I am pleased to invite you to launch this important Framework that will support on-going efforts for the achievement of the Africa Water Vision and contribute to climate resilient growth and development in Africa.

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