



**official side-event**

# **mobilising finance and investments for water security and climate resilience**

**Monday, 5 December 11:30-13:00 Room Hex River**

## Part 1: Presentations

### **Introduction**

*Alex Simalabwi,  
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### **Towards an AMCOW Framework for Water Security and Climate Resilient Development**

*Bai Mass Taal,  
Executive Secretary of the  
African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW)*

### **Pakistan after the floods: Setting priorities for Investments in Water Security**

*Dr. Pervaiz Amir, GWP South Asia*

### **Prioritising low carbon investments in sustainable water infrastructure: application of the Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Protocol**

*Cameron Ironside, Programme Director, IHA*

During COP 16, countries agreed on the establishment of the Green Climate Fund to raise and disburse \$100bn a year by 2020. The fund is intended to protect countries against climate impacts, build long-term resilience to climate change and assist with low-carbon development.

Climate change impacts are felt through water resources. As global average temperatures rise, the world is witnessing an unprecedented increase in droughts, floods and other water related disasters. To compound matters, many countries already lack adequate water infrastructure, have weak water information management systems, and their institutional capacities to manage the scale of predicted impacts are inadequate. Investments in water security are investments in climate resilience. Low carbon development and building resilience

## Part 2: High Level Panel Reflections

*Honourable Edna Molewa,  
Minister of Water and Environment, South Africa,  
AMCOW President*

*Honourable Diana McQueen,  
Minister of Environment and Water, Alberta, Canada*

*Dr. Ania Grobicki,  
Executive Secretary, Global Water Partnership*

*Anders Bertell,  
Executive Director, Stockholm International Water Institute*

*Stef Raubenheimer  
CEO, SouthSouthNorth and CDKN Council Member*

*Representative of NORAD*

### **Moderator:**

*Prof. Mike Muller,  
GWP Technical Committee*

means identifying, prioritising and scaling up investments that enhance water security as a key part of national development frameworks. Robust tools are required to help countries prioritise and finance low carbon investments in water security.

This side event will present a draft Framework for Water Security and Climate Resilient Development, a key tool for mobilizing and prioritising investments in water security and climate change adaptation. Perspectives for prioritising and scaling up low carbon investments in water security, including sustainable water storage infrastructure, will be presented. The Hydropower Sustainability Assessment Protocol, an assessment framework for hydropower development and operation, will also be presented.