

# Africa Focus Day

23 August 2011

Programme

Four sessions, one side event, a high-level ministerial panel on implementing the AMCOW work plan and the official launch of the Water, Climate and Development Programme for Africa.

**WORLD WATER WEEK**  
in Stockholm,  
August 21-27, 2011

## CONVENORS

African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW), World Bank, Global Water Partnership (GWP), Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ), Water and Sanitation for the Urban Poor (WSUP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), German Government, African Development Bank (AfDB), African Water Facility (AWF), United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT), Government of the Republic of South Africa.

As Africa continues to grapple with the challenges of access to water and the management of this vital resource, the emphasis now is on how to implement its water agenda, as expressed in the Africa Water Vision. It is also important to report on successes achieved so far so that lessons can be learnt and progress in meeting the commitments made by the political leadership of the continent can be measured and evaluated.

The African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) has therefore developed a Work Plan with seven priority themes to guide the key strategic activities of the African water sector.



Those themes are:

- Water infrastructure for economic growth
- Managing water resources (transboundary)
- Closing the MDG gaps in sanitation, hygiene and water
- Global changes and risk management: climate variability and change
- Governance and management
- Financing
- Education, knowledge and capacity development

The seven themes guided AMCOW's deliberations at the last World Water Day events. This year, we expect to consolidate on the consensus reached by AMCOW and its development partners at the Cape Town World Water Week in March 2011. The day will end with a high-level ministerial session, during which AMCOW and GWP will launch a new flagship programme – the Water, Climate and Development Programme for Africa.



## Africa Focus Day All sessions will take place in room K2

**Session 1 09:00-10:30**

**Conveners GWP, World Bank, AMCOW**

**09:00 Welcome and introduction**

Mr Bai-Mass Taal  
AMCOW Executive Secretary

**09:15 Water, Climate and Development:  
Towards COP17**

Outcome of the UNFCCC Bonn 2011 negotiations and perspectives for a higher profile for water at COP17

**Speaker** Mr Tosi Mpanu Mpanu,  
Chair of the Africa Group of Negotiators

**09:30 Africa at COP17: Perspectives for a higher  
profile for water during negotiations**

**Speaker** Dr Seleshi Bekele  
Senior Water Resources and Climate  
Specialist, UNECA

**09:45 Panel discussion: A strong African voice for  
water at COP17. Perspectives from GWP, World  
Bank, UNECA, AMCOW and AMCEN**

**Panellists** Mr Simon Thuo, Regional  
Coordinator of GWP Eastern Africa;  
Mr Trevor Balzer, President of AMCOW  
or his alternate, Ms Julia Bucknall,  
Sector Manager, World Bank  
**Facilitator** Mr Alex Simalabwi, GWP

**10:15 Water resources in the green economy:  
Africa's perspective**

**Speaker** Prof Trevor Young, UNEP

**10:30** Close of session and coffee break

**Session 2 11:00-12:30**

**Conveners AfDB, AWF, EUWI Africa**

**11:00 Financing Africa's water agenda:  
Financing investments in the African  
water sector**

**Speaker** Mr Oswald Chanda,  
African Development Bank

**11:45 Improving aid effectiveness for water and  
sanitation in Africa: Progress, challenges and  
actions for the EU and African partners in aid  
effectiveness and the leadership capacity of  
African states**

**Speaker** Mr Dick van Ginhoven, DGIS, The  
Netherlands, Chair of the EU Water Initiative  
Africa Working Group

**12:15 The outcome of World Water Day:  
The way forward**

**Speaker** Mr Bert Diphooorn, UN-HABITAT  
Director for Human Settlements and Financing

**12:30** Close of session and lunch break

**12:45-13:45 Lunchtime side event  
Innovating turnkey solutions:  
A strategic response to global changes  
and challenges**

**Convener** South Africa Department of  
Water Affairs

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### Session 3 14:00-16:15

#### 14:00 Welcome and introduction

Mr Kimathi Kyengo, Deputy Director, Water Services, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Kenya

#### 14:05 Regional overview of utility performance in Africa

**Speaker** Ms Rosemary Rop, Water and Sanitation Program, Africa.  
Followed by questions and answers

#### 14:35 Regulating for the empowerment of consumers and the underserved through Water Action Groups

**Speaker** Mr Robert Gakubia, CEO, Water Services Regulatory Board (WASREB), Kenya

#### 14:50 A utility perspective on Water Action Groups

**Speaker** Mr Moses Kinya, MD, Mombasa Water and Sewerage Company

#### 15:00 Successes, challenges and the way forward:

Panel discussion and questions from the floor

**Speakers** Mr Robert Gakubia, Mr Moses Kinya, Mr Philipp Peters, Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ), Kenya

#### 15:15 Responding to demand: How urban WASH service providers are reaching low-income urban consumers at scale.

Panel discussion and interviews on recent successes that show what is possible

**Speakers** Mr George Ndongwe, MD, Lusaka Water Company; Mr Manuel Alvarinho, President, CRA (Water Regulatory Council), Mozambique; Mr Christian Razafindrakoto, MD, JIRAMA, Madagascar Water Utility

**Facilitator** Mr Sam Parker, CEO, WSUP

#### 15:55 Challenges and workable solutions in improving water and sanitation services for the urban poor

Concluding panel and questions from the floor

**Speakers** Ms Rosemary Rop, Mr Robert Gakubia, Mr Philipp Peters, Mr Sam Parker, Mr Christian Razafindrakoto

**Facilitator** Mr Kimathi Kyengo, Deputy Director, Water Services, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Kenya

16:15 Close of session and coffee break



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### Session 4 16:30-18:50 Conveners AMCOW, GWP

#### 16:30 High-level ministerial panel: Implementing the AMCOW Work Plan, and launch of the Water, Climate and Development Programme for Africa

Summaries of how the Partners' work contributes to the AMCOW Work Plan, including perspectives for accelerating implementation of the Work Plan.



**Presiding** Hon Edna Molewa, *Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, Republic of South Africa, and President of AMCOW*, supported by AMCOW Vice Presidents



Hon SS Nkomo, *Minister for Water Resources and Development, Zimbabwe*



Prof Hesham Mohamed Kandil, *Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation, Egypt*



HE Kamal Ali Mohamed, *Minister for Irrigation and Water Resources, Sudan*



Hon Regis Imongault, *Minister for Energy and Water Resources, Gabon*



Hon Sarah Reng Ochekepe, *Minister of Water Resources, Nigeria*



Monsieur Issoufou Issaka, *Minister for Water and Environment, Niger*



Mr Bai-Mass Taal, *AMCOW Executive Secretary*



Prof Ogunlade Robert Davidson, *Minister of Energy and Water Resources, Republic of Sierra Leone*



Dr Ania Grobicki,  
*GWP Executive Secretary*



Dr Letitia A Obeng,  
*GWP Chair*

#### 17:30 Discussion and reflection on Partners' inputs

#### 18:15 Launch of the Water, Climate and Development Programme for Africa

**18:15 Remarks by GWP**  
**Speaker** Dr Ania Grobicki,  
*GWP Executive Secretary*

**18:20 Remarks by Austrian Development Agency**  
**Speaker** Mr Robert Burtscher, *Development Partner Representative*

**18:25 Remarks by DFID**  
**Speaker** Ms Poppy Whitfield, *UK Department for International Development*

**18:30 Remarks by World Bank**  
**Speaker** Ms Julia Bucknall, *Sector Manager, World Bank*

**18:35 Remarks by African Water Facility**  
**Speaker** Dr Akiça Bahri, *Coordinator, African Water Facility*

**18:40 Launch by the AMCOW President and the GWP Chair**  
**Speakers** Dr Letitia Obeng, *GWP Chair*  
Hon Edna Molewa, *Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, Republic of South Africa, President of AMCOW*

**18:50 Cocktails at the GWP booth, courtesy of AMCOW and GWP**

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