



PROGRESS REPORT

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Introduction

In November 2010, during the 3rd Africa Water Week, the extra-ordinary session of the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) adopted a decision recommending that the Global Water Partnership (GWP) and partners operationalise the Water, Climate and Development Programme (WACDEP). In August 2011, at the Stockholm Water Week the programme was launched in the presence of 9 Africa Water Ministers and a number of cooperating partners who expressed interest in supporting the implementation.

The WACDEP aims to support countries integrate water security and climate resilience in development planning processes, build climate resilience and support countries to adapt to a new climate regime through increased investments in water security. By building climate resilience, the initiative will contribute to peace building and conflict prevention, support pan-African integration and help safeguard investments in economic development, poverty reduction and the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The programme responds directly to the commitments expressed by African Heads of State in the Sharm el-Sheikh Declaration on water and sanitation as follows:

(h) Put in place adaptation measures to improve the resilience of countries to the increasing threat of climate change and variability to water resources and Africa's capacity to meet the water and sanitation targets;

(s) Request the Regional Economic Communities and the River and Lake Basin Organisations to initiate regional dialogues on climate change and its impacts on the water sector with the aim of designing appropriate adaptation measures;

(f) Ensure the equitable and sustainable use, as well as promote integrated management and development, of national and shared water resources in Africa;

(i) Significantly increase domestic financial resources allocated for implementing national and regional water and sanitation development activities and call upon Ministers of Water and Ministers of Finance to develop appropriate investment plans;

The programme contributes to the AMCOW's work programme for 2010-2013 under the theme "Global changes and risk management: climate variability and climate change". The initiative will be implemented at local, country and transboundary level and will lead to the development of national Investment and Financing Strategies for Water Security, Climate Resilience and Development. In addition, the programme will contribute to project preparation processes and help unblock institutional constraints and bottlenecks that inhibit preparation of good projects that can attract funding from development banks and adaptation funds. At the sub-national level, local action projects will be implemented focusing on the water-food-climate nexus including land and water management.

The initiative intentionally aims to strengthen global-regional-national linkages. The programme will take the lessons learned at the national level into regional and global discussions on climate change adaptation. Efforts will be made to ensure that planning at the national and regional level is informed by the latest analyses and processes on the global level.

WACDEP builds on lessons and experiences of GWP's 2005-2010 support to 13 African countries in facilitating the development of national Integrated Water Resources Management Plans

Goal and Objectives and Scope

The goal of the programme is to promote water as a key part of sustainable regional and national development and contribute to climate change adaptation for economic growth and human security.

The overall objective is to support integration of water security and climate resilience in development planning and decision making processes, through enhanced technical and institutional capacity and predictable financing and investments in water security and climate change adaptation.

The initiative will initially be implemented in eight countries and five river basins in Africa and will lead to the development of Investment and Financing Strategies for Water Security, Climate Resilience and Development.

The expected outcomes are;

- “No regret” investment and financing strategies for water security, climate resilience and development formulated and governments begin to implement them.
- Water security and climate resilience integrated in development planning and decision-making processes
- Capacities of partnerships, institutions and stakeholders enhanced to integrate water security and climate resilience in development planning and decision-making processes
- Fundable projects (infrastructure-related) for water security, climate resilience and development defined and shared with development banks

The implementation of the WCDP will be facilitated by GWP. Initially, 8 countries¹ and 4 transboundary river basins will be selected for implementation. The number of countries will be increased as more financial resources become available. The programme builds on GWP’s on-going work in Africa and will involve collaboration with relevant pan-African initiatives such as:

- The Climate Information and Development (ClimDev) programme implemented by African Development Bank (AfDB) and United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA),
- The European Commission (EC) support to the African Network of Basin Organisations (ANBO), through GWP, on Transboundary water management and other initiatives by River Basin Organisations (RBOs) and Regional Economic Commissions (SADC, ECOWAS, ECCAS, EAC),
- The EC support to AMCOW through the EU Water Initiative-Africa Working Group (EUWI-AWG) secretariat hosted by UNDP and Stockholm International Water Institute
- The GTZ programme support to AMCOW,
- Existing Project Preparation Facilities for investments in water and climate change adaptation
- Other on-going adaptation initiatives at country level by UNDP, UNEP, UNFCCC and others.

Programme Strategy

The implementation of the programme will include the following strategies:

- Promoting peace building, human security, and regional integration through better management of shared waters and enhanced capacity of regional climate change centres
- Building on lessons learned in developing IWRM plans, climate change adaptation plans, disaster management plans and plans to combat desertification
- Linking local, national, transboundary and regional scales and promoting holistic, gender-sensitive and integrated approaches to adaptation
- Promoting a partnership approach to adaptation

Highlights on the implementation of WACDEP

The programme implementation began with an inception phase (July –December) 2011) and implementation will start in January 2012. Global Water Partnership working through all its 5 African regions has spearhead the operationalization of the programme with AMCOW as instructed by the ministers. During the inception phase, the following key activities are being undertaken:

1. Fundraising for the programme
2. identification of pilot countries and transboundary Basins
3. Presentation of progress to AMCOW Tac in Tunis
4. Programme launch and initiation of inception phase
5. Setting up Programme management structures in consultation with AMCOW
6. Development of Framework for Water Security and Climate Resilient Development and other knowledge products to support implementation
7. Developing a Programme Website in both French and English
8. Promotion of the programme in global climate change processes and the world water week in Stockholm
9. Identification of priority activities for detailed implementation in from 2012 onwards.
10. Support to African regional process for the World Water Forum in the area of Climate Change

Fund raising:

A total of 12.7 million Euros is expected to be raised to meet the Programme objectives. So far, the government of Austria has contributed 1.5 million Euros to WADEP for a period of three years. The Austria contribution builds on the Core funding of GWP's Core Donors and will enable the programme to initiate some activities. Discussions are advanced with other GWP Core donors for possible additional funding support to the WACDEP.

Through collaboration with the Climate Development Knowledge Network (CDKN), 340 000 Sterling Pounds will be provided by CDKN to develop knowledge products to support the implementation of WACDEP.

Identification of pilot target countries:

Eight countries, four transboundary river basins and one shared aquifer have been identified for in-depth work; Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Ghana, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tunisia and Zimbabwe; Limpopo Basin, Kagera Basin, Lake Chad Basin and Volta Basin and the North-Western Sahara Aquifer System. The transboundary basin approach will enable at least 23 African countries to benefit from the results and outcomes of the initiative.

It is expected that tools, knowledge products, basin studies and capacity building initiatives carried out in this phase targeted at the 8 countries will benefit directly all the 23 countries in the transboundary basins. The 8 countries will provide lessons that will assist in upscaling the programme and attracting additional funding to expand the programme to other countries.

Launch of Programme:

In August 2010, at the Stockholm Water Week WACDEP was launched by the Vice President of AMCOW, Hon. S Nkomo, Minister of Water Resources Development, Zimbabwe on behalf of the AMCOW President and GWP Chair Ms. Leticia Obeng. The programme was launched in the presence of 9 Africa Water Ministers and a number of cooperating partners who expressed interest in seeing the programme implemented.



"In the face of climate change, partnerships such as those launched in the Water, Climate and Development Programme with Global Water Partnership represent a good first step."

Hon. Edna Molewa, Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, South Africa, and President of AMCOW, at the 3rd Africa Water Week



The launch was attended by 9 Ministers of water from Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Egypt, Uganda, Sudan, Sierra Leone, Ethiopia, South Africa, and Gabon.



Others present included some TAC members and members of the AMCOW Secretariat, representative of the UK Department for International Development (DFID), Africa Water Facility and others.

Box: Austria Development Agency Remarks during the Launch

Mr Robert Burtscher at the Austrian Development Agency, one of the WACDEP donors, said: "Austria is committed to support Integrated Water Resources Management, especially in Africa which has been hard hit by climate change. The programme launched today sets an example of results-based programming, it is made in the region in response to an AMCOW request, it is rooted on the ground through the GWP Network, and it aims at tangible outcomes ranging from influencing national development plans to bankable investment projects. This is why the Austrian Development Agency is providing €1.5 million over 3 years. We are proud to be the first contributor. The results-based character of the WACDEP has attracted the attention of DFID and the Netherlands. We would be pleased to see their contribution as well."

Development of Framework for Water Security and Climate Resilient Development and other knowledge products:

In order to ensure that countries have the tools to develop water security and climate resilient strategies – CDKN (Climate, Development and Knowledge Network) is supporting AMCOW and GWP in the development of a number of knowledge products. A consortium led by HR Wallingford, UK is developing the tools and an Expert Panel (with regional representation and also AMCOW focal point) coordinated by SIWI that will review the work.

The Framework will also be presented to AMCOW in order to gather input and direction. The following are the products being developed with CDKN funding;

- A. **Technical Background Document for the Strategic Framework on Water Security and Climate Resilient Development (also referred to as the Framework Technical Background Document):** is the background technical document on the framework detailing proposed methodologies and approaches that will lead to developing robust adaptation strategies enhancing climate resilience through better water management– detailed technical document
- B. **Strategic Framework for Water Security and Climate Resilient Development** that will be a short, easy to use document which outlines how to develop 'no/low regrets' investments and financing strategies for water security and climate resilient development. The strategic document should be based on the analytical work in the Framework Technical Background Document, aimed at leading to the development of adaptation actions and policy decisions on investments in water security to enhance climate resilience in African countries. The framework focuses on how countries can develop 'no/low regrets' investments and financing strategies for water security and climate resilient development.
- C. **Policy briefs** for policy makers on water security and climate development and also reflecting on the approaches being proposed to define low regret adaptation actions – key messages for policymakers with regards to enhancing water security investments aimed at promoting climate resilient development.
- D. **Capacity Development Strategy and Implementation Plan** for capacity building to understand and apply the Framework. The Plan will be implemented from April 2012 – It intends

to build capacity for countries to have an understanding of the methodologies and approaches proposed in the Framework.

CORE TEAM DEVELOPING THE FRAMEWORK

- HR Wallingford-lead
- Oxford University Centre for Environment
- Oxford Policy Management
- Institute for Development Studies

Associate Partners

- University of East Anglia Water Security Centre International Office for Water (host of INBO)
- IWMI-Africa
- Climate Systems Analysis Group

Milestones

- 2011 World Water Week-Inception meeting
- Sept-Oct: Regional consultations (Africa)
- COP 17-1st Draft consultations (international)
- 6th World Water Forum-Launch during Africa Day

Promotion of the programme in UNFCCC climate change processes and the world water week in Stockholm

GWP working with the AMCOW secretariat have continued to ensure that the profile of water is kept high within the negotiation agenda and in particular recognising the links between water, climate and development.

WACDEP promotion side events were held in June 2010 in Bonn, Germany with the participation of AMCOW Secretariat. In December, 2010 in Cancun (COP 16) the AMCOW Executive Secretary and the Minister of Environment and Water Resources from Uganda, Hon. Maria Mutagamba participated in a number of high level sessions advocating the importance of water as resource in both adaptation and mitigation efforts.

In June 2010, the AMCOW Executive Secretary participated in the Bonn intercessional meetings and had an opportunity to present the case for water to the African Negotiators.

During the 2011 Stockholm World Water Week, GWP supported the preparation for the Africa Focus Day and organised sessions on climate change involving the Chair of Africa Group of Negotiators to the UNFCCC and others.

GWP and AMCOW are collaborating to organise the Water, Climate and Development Day during COP 17 as part of the Africa Pavilion.

Setting up the WACDEP website

A website www.gwp.org/wacdep has been established and was also launched in August at the Stockholm Water Week. The website, both in French and English, will be used as a communication tool to ensure that products, results, lessons learnt are disseminated widely.

Setting up of WACDEP implementation programme structures and preparation of Inception work plans

GWP has established a Coordination Unit in Africa which is hosted by GWP Southern Africa. This Unit will work closely with GWPO and ensure coordination and linkages between the African regions. Programme management structures are still being set up and expect to include AMCOW TAC members at various levels. AMCOW Secretariat has appointed a Desk officer within the Secretariat for the WACDEP programme. The Desk officer will work closely with GWP programme coordination unit.

An Expert Panel has been set up to support the development of Framework for Water Security and Climate Resilient Development. The Panel includes international experts in water and climate change and has 1 African expert representative from each sub-region of Africa.

The AMCOW secretariat has indicated that AMCOW TAC will nominate one expert to sit on the Expert Panel.

Next steps in the implementation of WACDEP

The Inception Phase of WACDEP is focused on ensuring that the structures to implement the project are established, tools to guide implementation are developed and funding for the work is made available. In 2012, the following are some of the key activities to be prioritised:

Finalise setting up of programme management structures at all levels

Programme management structures will be finalised in early 2012 at Pan-Africa, sub-regional and country level. This process will involve collaboration with AMCOW Secretariat, AMCOW TAC and the RECS and national government representatives. The process will be set up to ensure that AMCOW plays a key leading role to guide the implementation.

Implementation of priority activities being identified during the inception phase for implementation in 2012 in collaboration with other partners such as UNECA and AfDB (ClimeDev), UNDP (Africa Adaptation Programme), WMO, River Basin Commissions and Regional Economic Communities (RECS), and others including the EU-Africa Working Group.

Fundraising: GWP will continue to fundraise to ensure that the Euro 12.7 million required for the 5 transboundary basins and 8 focus countries is available to ensure smooth implementation of the programme.

Completion of the development of tools to guide implementation: It is expected that by March 2012 the tools funded by CDKN will be developed in English with the French and Portuguese versions to be ready by June 2012.

Implementation of the Capacity Development Implementation Plan for WACDEP: it is expected that from 2012 working with capacity building networks in Africa like WaterNet, WaNet, IWRM-Net etc in coordination with UNDP-CapNet, UNESCO-IHE, WMO, the capacity development to ensure planning teams are strengthened will be rolled out.

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