



AMCOW's Water and Sanitation Priorities at Regional and Continental Levels



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What is AMCOW

NEED

**NEED for
AMCOW**

**AIM and
MISSION**

**STRUCTURE and
FUNCTIONS**

**ACHIEVE MDGs for
Water and Sanitation
and Beyond**



PROVIDE:

- **Political Leadership**
- **Policy direction**
- **Advocacy**

**LAUNCHED
APRIL 2002**

**Secretariat
Regional Str.**

TAC

EXCO

FORMATION



Cooperation Through AMCOW

**Technical Advisory
Committee (TAC)**

SECRETARIAT

Secretary
Prog. Coordination.
Regional Prog. Officers

PARTNERS

AU
AfDB
UNEP
UNHABITAT
UNICEF
UNWATER
EU
EUWI
SIWI
GIZ
DFID
USAID
etc

EXCO

Ministers resp. for
Water

Decisions

IMPLIMENTATION



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Overview of AMCOW Water and Sanitation Prioritisation

CHALLENGES

- Water and Sanitation
- Food and Energy Security
- Infrastructure
- Climate Change
- Institutional Reform
- Financing
- Political Will and Commitments

SOURCE OF POLICY

CONTINENTAL

- ✓ Sharam-el-Sheik Declarations
- ✓ eThekweni Declarations on Sanitation
- ✓ Africa Water Vision 2025

GLOBAL

- ✓ MDGs
- ✓ Post 2015

PRIORITIZATION



African Water and Sanitation Challenges

Water Supply and Sanitation

Ensuring all have sustainable access to safe and adequate water supply and sanitation





Africa's Water and Sanitation Challenges

Manage water resources to achieve food and energy security





Africa's Water and Sanitation Challenges

Developing effective and reliable strategies for coping with climate variability and change, growing water scarcity, and the disappearance of water bodies



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Africa's Water and Sanitation Challenges

Reforming water resources institutions for:

- ✓ good governance
- ✓ sustainable management of national and trans-boundary water basins
- ✓ effective systems and capacity for research and development
- ✓ Securing and retaining skilled and motivated water professionals



Africa's Water and Sanitation Challenges

Achieving sustainable financing for investments in water supply, sanitation, irrigation, hydropower and other uses





Africa's Water and Sanitation Challenges

Mobilizing political will, creating awareness and securing commitment among all with regard to water issues





The AMCOW Work Programme

- Outcome of AMCOW's Vested Responsibility as STC of AU to Track and Report Implementation of Sharm-el-Sheikh Declarations, AWW2025, MDGs, and eThekweni Commitments.

- Developed through a wide range consultative process

Outlines actions to be taken at continental, regional, trans-boundary, national level

- Requirements to deliver AWW estimated at US\$20 billion each year over 20-years (AWV, 2000)



Initiatives for Implementing the AMCOW Work Programme

- Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Initiative (RWSSI)
 - To accelerate access to water supply and sanitation services in rural Africa.
 - To attain 80% coverage
 - Requires Investment of US\$14.2billion.
- The African Water Facility (AWF)
 - Aims to facilitate the availability of financial resources
- African Network of Basin Organisations (ANBO)
 - To promote integrated water resources management at basin level
- Africa Civil Society Network on Water (ANEW) to promote dialogue, learning and cooperation on water issues



Initiatives for Implementing the AMCOW Work Programme

- **European Union Water Initiative (EUWI)**
 - to help countries achieve water and sanitation targets
 - supporting sustainable delivery of water and sanitation and improve water governance in ACP countries
 - Estimated at €500 million.
- **Water and Sanitation Programme (WSP)**
 - World Bank program focused on developing policies, finding innovative solutions, promoting best practices and developing capacity for sustained service access.
- **Water and Sanitation for African Cities Programme**
 - the objective of creating and enabling environment and capacity building for pro-poor investment in water and sanitation in urban areas.



Initiatives for Implementing the AMCOW Work Programme

- Works through both formal and informal partnerships. Some partners are:
 - UN-Water Africa – water and sanitation, cross cutting themes
 - AfDB – financing water
 - GWP – climate change, youth, gender
 - ANEW – Youth, gender, civil society engagement
 - WaterAid – Water and sanitation
 - ANBO – cooperation with river and lake basin organisations
 - SWA – water and sanitation
- Support from EU, GIZ, USAID, Gates Foundation



The AMCOW Work Programme 2011 – 2013

It is the 2nd AMCOW triennial workplan in on-going efforts to:

- Implement the Sharm el-Sheikh Declaration for accelerating the achievement of water and Sanitation goals in Africa; and,
- Actualise the Africa Water Vision 2025 of: ***An Africa where there is an equitable and sustainable use and management of water resources for poverty alleviation, socio-economic development, regional cooperation, and the environment***



The AMCOW Work Programme 2011 – 2013

It provides an elaborate action programme at AMCOW (continental), regional, transboundary and national level.

Interventions categorised into 7 themes namely:

1. Water Infrastructure for economic growth
2. Managing WR (transboundary)
3. Meeting the Sanitation, Hygiene & Water MDG targets
4. Global changes & risk mgmt: Climate variability & change



The AMCOW Work Programme 2011 – 2013

Themes cont'd

5. Governance and Mgmt
6. Financing
7. Education, knowledge and capacity development

Its execution currently under review as part of the process to develop the successor work programme



The AMCOW Work Programme 2011 – 2013

Observations from review process:

- Advances have been made towards achieving water & sanitation goals as highlighted by
 - increased funding to the sector
 - creation of an enabling environment and institutions at all levels
 - improved governance systems, accountability & transparency
 - improved water coverage & access statistics
- That said, major challenges still abound particularly in mobilising the investment required to meet the targets of the AWW2025



The AMCOW Work Programme 2011 – 2013

Observations from review process cont'd:

- Specifically, its imperative to develop/strengthen programmes for:
 - improving basic sanitation in Africa
 - enhancing water storage capacity & water related disaster risk mgmt
 - assuring sustainable funding
 - human & institutional capacity dev't for effective water mgmt
 - ascertaining trends and status of WR availability and use at national and regional level
 - defining water quality objectives & resource conservation
 - establishing a permanent reporting mechanism on the state of Africa's WR as a basis for informed decision making in AMCOW



Additional Considerations

- Formulation process of the programme for 2014 – 2016 also predicated on the fact that freshwater resources systems are critical to unleashing Africa's dev't potential, in particular:
- productivity of the agricultural sector and the rural economy on which the majority of Africa's populations depend for their livelihoods
 - energy production
 - sanitation and hygiene delivery vital for the wellbeing & productivity of the population
 - regulating climatic conditions



Additional Considerations

However

- Africa's population is growing at a rate that is much higher than the global average
- rapid urbanisation is observed across the continent
- Africa's environmental and natural resources are faced with severe degradation
- many of the threats from the negative impacts of climate change and increasing climate variability anticipated to operate thru WR systems, thus threatening the performance of the agricultural sector and rural economy on which the livelihoods of most of Africa's population depend



Additional Considerations

Thus, making fundamental changes to the way Africa's water and related resources are utilised and managed is an important step towards climate change adaptability and mitigation; disaster risk reduction and management; and sustainable environment and natural resources management – not to mention **the attainment of the aspirations for water, food and energy security.**



Additional Considerations

It should also be recalled that AMCOW led the Africa water community thematic consultation process for the post-2015 dev't agenda that resulted in:

1. a clarion call for:

- the inclusion of a distinct goal on ensuring a water secure world for all in the global post-2015 development framework; and,
- ensuring that the targets and indicators for the water goal focus on promoting all-inclusive and equitable socio-economic growth and transformation.



Additional Considerations

2. The process also resulted in a Decision of the Executive Committee of AMCOW (EXCO/11/2013/CAIRO/12), committing to a target date of 2030 for:
- **ACHIEVING** universal access to safe water, improved sanitation and hygiene in Africa;
 - **INCREASING** to 40% of harvest potential, the productive use of Africa's water resources under managed conditions; and,
 - **ASSURING AND SAFEGUARDING** water quality for all uses



AMCOW Priorities for 2014 - 2016

Against the background of the foregoing, the AMCOW Work Programme 2014 – 2016 is themed: ***Water as a catalyst for Growth and Socio-economic Development in Africa***

It is aimed at placing water as the engine for growth, which if not made central to dev't planning will undermine the desired outcomes of ongoing efforts for dev't in Africa; and, emphasising the need for the dev't of climate resilient water infrastructure; & capacity dev't programmes responsive to the multitude of challenges faced by the water sector in Africa



AMCOW Priorities for 2014 - 2016

Strategic focus for WRM will be on:

- ascertaining trends and status of WR availability and use at national and regional level
- increasing investment in water management for socio-economic growth and transformation including:
 - water for boosting production in agric; & assuring food security
 - increasing HEP production
- developing multi-purpose infrastructure for increasing water storage capacity & managing scarcity among others
- making improvements in water use efficiency
- making improvements in water related disaster risk management capability



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Strategic focus for WASH will be on:

- assuring drinking water safety
- consolidating gains and redressing inequalities in access to safe drinking water
- assuring social, financial and env't sustainability of WASH services
- improving basic sanitation in Africa particularly overcoming informal settlement and rural household sanitation deficiencies



AMCOW Priorities for 2014 - 2016

Strategic focus for waste water and water quality mgmt will be on:

- adoption of relevant policy, legal and institutional frameworks
- promulgation of appropriate wastewater treatment technologies and measures for storm water collection and management including:
 - resource recovery and re-use focusing on recovery of nutrients, water & energy from domestic & agro-industrial waste streams
 - the sanitation-agriculture interface
- cost recovery



AMCOW Priorities for 2014 - 2016

Strategic focus for water and environment mgmt will be on:

- promoting implementation of existing policy & legislative frameworks as well as IWRM&D plans
- fostering water security and climate resilient dev't
- optimising the use of WR for growth & dev't without undermining environmental integrity
- strengthening mechanisms of connectivity between regional processes & national ownership, as well as cooperation between water agencies & other sectoral agencies incl. economic planning, agric, health, education



AMCOW Priorities for 2014 - 2016

Other cross-cutting strategic areas:

- strengthening the water management function at sub-regional level through the operationalisation of AMCOW's sub-regional structures
- developing a Human Capacity Development Programme aimed at addressing junior professional and technician level capacity challenges in the water sector
- consolidating the establishment of a more regular, objective, evidence-based reporting system on the water sector in Africa in order to create a benchmark for measuring progress towards the attainment of Water and Sanitation Goals in Africa



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