

14th May 2012

DECISIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE 8TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN MINISTERS' COUNCIL ON WATER ON MAY 14TH 2012

We, 33 Ministers and Ministers representatives responsible for water affairs in Africa acting in our capacity as the Council of Ministers of the Africa Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW), rise from the 8th General Assembly of AMCOW which held this day the May 14th 2012 in Cairo, Egypt, fully conscious that the sustainable use of water resources within the water, food, energy and transport sectors has become a key driver for more sustainable and equitable economic growth patterns for developing countries, especially for the people of Africa.

Therefore we resolve and decide as follows:

- 1.0 **GA/011/2012/CAIRO/1:** General Assembly endorses the Pan African Monitoring and Evaluation Reporting Roadmap for country report preparation and submission to AU, and authorises that where any country has genuine difficulties with capacity to prepare reports, assistance to such country be considered.
- 2.0 **GA/011/2012/CAIRO/2:** General Assembly also endorses the following institutional arrangements and directs the Secretariat to put into operation with immediate effect:
 - I. Pan African M&E Task Force: Members and working arrangements.
 - II. Pan African M&E Steering Committee: Members and working arrangements.
- 3.0 **GA/011/2012/CAIRO/3:** General Assembly noting that the AMCOW Secretariat, in collaboration with AfDB, organised a one-day donors conference on the margins of the 6th World Water Forum for the replenishment of the African Water Facility (AWF) and the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Initiative (RWSSI) as well as for the full implementation of the 2011 – 2013 AMCOW Triennial Work Plan and replenishment pledges made at the conference and while commending the pledging donors; ***directs the AMCOW Secretariat to dutifully follow up, along with the AFDB, and ensure these pledges are redeemed and funding for both RWASSI and AWF enhanced; and call upon countries that did not pledge to do so as soon as possible.***
- 4.0 **GA/011/2012/CAIRO/4:** General Assembly noting the AMCOW 10TH EXCO Meeting appeals to member countries to pay up their country contribution to AMCOW from 2007 to date in accordance with the letter of 30th July 2010 by the AMCOW President to AMCOW Ministers;
hereby renews the call upon member countries to pay up their country contribution to AMCOW from 2007 to date in accordance with the mandate of the 7th Meeting of the Executive Committee convened on 29 June 2005 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; and AMCOW EXCO decision EXCO/010/2011/J'BURG/8;

GA/011/2012/CAIRO/5: also calls upon all AMCOW Ministers to endeavour to meet their costs of attending AMCOW meetings at own countries' expenses.

- 5.0 GA/011/2012/CAIRO/6:** General Assembly noting the recommendations of a High Level Discussion themed "**Strengthening Africa's Water Management Function at Sub-Regional Level**", at the 6th World Water Forum among AMCOW's Regional (RECs, R/LBOs, CSOs) and Funding Partners, and that AMCOW Secretariat has prioritised involvement of the RECs in all running activities to strengthen mutual knowledge, test current operating frameworks and build a momentum towards a realistic and sustainable collaboration of member countries;

adopts the recommendations of the High Level Discussion at the 6th World Water Forum for Strengthening Africa's Water Management Function at sub-regional level, and urges all concerned to take actions towards implementing them with immediate effect.

- 6.0 GA/011/2012/CAIRO/7:** Concerning the hosting of 8th AMCOW General Assembly / 4th Africa Water Week, General Assembly ***extends AMCOW's sincere appreciation to Libya for the commitment they have shown to AMCOW despite the difficult situation they faced at the time; and express AMCOW's sincere appreciation to Egypt for hosting the General Assembly and the 4th Africa Water Week despite the short notice and equally challenging situation in the country and for accepting the position of AMCOW presidency for 2012-2014.***

- 7.0 GA/011/2012/CAIRO/8:** Considering the draft AMCOW Governance Analysis, General Assembly ***directs the formation of a TAC Working Group to review and finalize a Governance document based on the consultant's recommendations and present for consideration at the next AMCOW EXCO meeting.***

GA/011/2012/CAIRO/9: Approves that AMCOW EXCO meetings be held once per year, sub regional meetings be held once per year and Africa Water Week be held biannually.

- 8.0 GA/011/2012/CAIRO/10:** Considering the development of AMCOW's Staff and Financial Regulations, General Assembly ***adopts the AMCOW Staff and Financial Regulations in principle and directs the Secretariat to implement them.***

- 9.0 EXCO/11/2012/CAIRO/11:** Having consulted on the issue of current suspension placed on signing MoUs with AMCOW as regarding collaboration agreements with partner organisations, General Assembly ***lifts the suspension for signing new MoU with partners, and directs AMCOW Secretariat to propose MoU with strategic partners, as deemed necessary by the Executive Secretary for approval of EXCO if they meet the following criteria:***

- I. MoU should be for specific programme(s) and / or activities linked to the AMCOW work plan***
- II. MoU should be for a specific period linked to the timeframe for implementation of the programme and/or activities***

III. MoU should contain clear mechanisms for tracking implementation, evaluating success and feedback to the parties

- 10 **GA/08/2012/CAIRO/11: Having considered AMCOW 3-year Budget, General Assembly *approves the AMCOW Secretariat budget of Euro 5,182,224.46 for its requirements in the next 3 years (2012-2014) with a shortfall of this amount Euro 2,719,723.29 and directs AMCOW Secretariat to work with AMCOW EXCO to source funding for the shortfall from country contributions and other donors.***

ADOPTED IN CAIRO, EGYPT ON MONDAY, MAY 14TH 2012 AT THE 8TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE AFRICAN MINISTERS COUNCIL ON WATER (AMCOW)

SIGNED BY

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Hesham Kandil", is placed over a light blue circular background that features a green map of the African continent.

DR HESHAM KANDIL

MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND IRRIGATION, EGYPT / AMCOW PRESIDENT (2012-2014)

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AMCOW GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE: 2012 – 2014 PRESIDENCY: EGYPT

Sub region	Vice Presidency	EXCO	TAC VP	TAC Membership	AWF Ministerial level	AWF TAC level
Eastern Africa	Kenya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kenya Tanzania Ethiopia 	Kenya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kenya Tanzania Ethiopia Burundi Sudan 	Uganda	Kenya, Sudan
Central Africa	Tchad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tchad Guinée Equatoriale République Démocratique du Congo 	Tchad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tchad Guinée Equatoriale République Démocratique du Congo République Centre Africaine Republic of Congo 	République Démocratique du Congo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> République Démocratique du Congo Tchad
North Africa	Libya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Egypt Libya Tunisia 	Libya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Egypt Libya Tunisia Algeria Mauritania 	Mauritania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mauritania Algeria
Southern Africa	Angola	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Angola Republic of South Africa Malawi 	Angola	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Angola Republic of South Africa Malawi Mozambique 	Zimbabwe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zimbabwe Botswana

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West Africa	Nigeria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nigeria ▪ Niger ▪ Republic of Guinea 	Nigeria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nigeria ▪ Niger ▪ Republic of Guinea ▪ Ghana ▪ Senegal 	Cote d'Ivoire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cote d'Ivoire ▪ Gambia

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ANNEX 2: LIST OF MINISTERS AND REPRESENTATIVES AT THE 8TH AMCOW GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON MAY 14TH 2012 IN CAIRO, EGYPT

1.	Country	Name	Remarks
2.	Arab Republic of Egypt	Dr Hesham Kandil	Minister / Incoming AMCOW President
3.	South Africa	Mr. Maxwell Sirenya,	Representing AMCOW President, / Minister, South Africa
4.	Republic of Congo	Hon.Bruno Jean Richard ITOUA	Minister / Past President of AMCOW
5.	Uganda - Kampala	Hon Maria Mutagamba	Minister / Past President of AMCOW
6.	Republic of Congo	Mr. GUIMBI ALPHONSE	Representative of Minister
7.	Burundi	Mr Babonwanayo Deogratias	Representative of Minister
8.	Ethiopia	Ambassador of Ethiopia in Cairo	Representative of Minister
9.	Tanzania	Hon. Dr. Binilith Mahenge (MP)	Minister of State
10.	Niger	Hon. Issoufou ISSAKA	Minister
11.	Libya	Dr. Salem Mohamed Rashrash	Minister of State
12.	Liberia	Hon Samuel Kofi Woods	Minister
13.	Zimbabwe	Hon Samuel Sipepa Nkomo	Minister
14.	Namibia	Hon Petrus Lilonga	Representative of minister
15.	Senegal	Hon. Oumar Gueye	Minister
16.	Ghana	Hon. Mr. Dua Reuben Nii Nortey	Minister of State
17.	Kenya	Hon. Ferdinard Waititu (Representative)	Minister of State
18.	Nigeria	Hon. Mrs Sarah Reng. Ochekepe	Minister
19.	Gambia	Hon. Ms Fatou Ndeye GAYE	Minster
20.	Republic of Guinea	Hadj Papa Koly Kourouma	Minister
21.	Chad	Hon. Mahamat Ali Abdallah Nassour	Minister
22.	Zambia	Hon Christopher Yaluma	Minister
23.	Guinea Bissau	Hon. Mr. Higinio Lopes Cardoso	Minister
24.	Sudan	H.E PH. Seifeldin Hamad Abdalla	Minister
25.	South Sudan	Hon. Paul Mayom Akec	Minister
26.	Sierra Leone	Hon. MARTIN BASH-KAMARA	Representative of Minister
27.	Congo	H.E.GUIMBI ALPHONSE	Representative of Minister
28.	Cote D' Ivoire	Mr. Yamani SORO,	Representative of Minister
29.	Guinea Equatoriale	Mr. Santiago ESUA NKO	Representative of Minister
30.	Swaziland	Mr Thembinkosi M. Mamba	Representative of Minister
31.	Mozambique	Ambassador in Egypt	Representative of Minister
32.	RCA	NGAYE - YANKOISSET Privat Patrick	Representative of Minister
33.	Togo	M. ASSOUMA Derman	Representative of Minister
34.	Mauritania	Mr Mohamed El Moctar Ould Mohamed	Representative of Minister
35.	Madagascar	Mr. Ladislas Adrien RAKOTONDRAZAKA	Representative of Minister
36.	Erithrea	Mr.MEMRAHTU IYASSU	Representative of Minister
37.	Congo Kinshassa	Representative	

* 3 Ambassadors and one other Embassy represented their countries in the opening ceremony and did not fully participate in the General Assembly during the decision making process, hence in the draft decision, mention was made of only 33 Ministers out the 37 listed in this participants' list.