

**DECISIONS OF THE  
11<sup>th</sup> ORDINARY SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF AMCOW**

**29 – 30 October 2018, Libreville, GABON**

**and**

**13 February 2019, Kigali, RWANDA**

**GA/11/2018/LBV/1 on Implementation of the AMCOW Strategy 2018 – 2030 and the AMCOW Work Programme**

The Governing Council:

- 1.1 **takes note** of the AMCOW President's approval of the AMCOW Strategy 2018 – 2030 and **directs** the Secretariat to develop an investment plan as well as the first five-year action plan to implement the AMCOW Strategy 2018 – 2030;
- 1.2 **approves** the AMCOW Biennial Workplan 2019 – 2020 and **directs** the Secretariat to implement and provide a detailed outcome report, as well as a progress report on the implementation of the Knowledge and Information Management Strategy at the 12th Ordinary Session of the Executive Committee of AMCOW;
- 1.3 **acknowledges** the recognition accorded to AMCOW and the Africa Water and Sanitation Sector M&E System by the International Water Association (IWA) at its 12<sup>th</sup> IWA Project Innovation Awards with the award of the Gold Medal in the category of Governance, Institutions and Social Enterprise, and **encourages** Member States to consolidate the success of the system through continued active involvement and implementation of the resulting initiatives
- 1.4 **commends** the 38 Member States that were able to upload data into the online portal for the 2018 Africa Water and Sanitation Sector M&E Report, and **directs** the Secretariat to publish and disseminate the report by 31 March 2019;
- 1.5 **notes** with appreciation the support from the RECs and the dedication of the Focal Point persons contributing to the preparation of the M&E reports;
- 1.6 **reiterates** the request for support to ensure that the Member States facing challenges to conduct self-assessments and provide data to the African Water and Sanitation Sector M&E System are facilitated as appropriate to contribute to the process;
- 1.7 **further reiterates** the call to all Member States to participate in the process to prepare annual updates on our efforts as Africa to achieve the Africa Water Vision 2025 and the water related targets of the SDGs;
- 1.8 **acknowledges** the positive response of the State of Libya to the call for Member States to second experts to strengthen the Secretariat;
- 1.9 **reiterates** the appeal to Member States to second experts to strengthen the Secretariat for the successful implementation of the AMCOW Strategy 2018-2030.

## **GA/11/2018/LBV/2 on AMCOW's Financial and Audit Reporting**

The Governing Council:

- 2.1 **takes note** of the Financial Progress Report; the Audited Financial Statement for 2017; the Human Resources Development Report; the 2019-2020 AMCOW Workplan and the proposed budget for 2019-2020 Report;
- 2.2 **approves** the proposed AMCOW Organogram and Salary Structure and **directs** as follows:
  - 2.2.1 the proposed organogram is to be understood to represent the required structure to deliver on the institutional mandate, including implementation of the AMCOW Strategy 2018 – 2030;
  - 2.2.2 operationalisation of the proposed structure to depend on availability of resources. In the interim, therefore, filling of positions will endeavour to cover the core minimum of staff, ensuring that to the extent it is possible, complementary functions are collapsed into single positions. Similarly, the functions of the directorate for regional engagement and partnership development can be considered for integration into the other directorates.
  - 2.2.3 proposals for project staff absorption shall be studied in detail and a realistic and financially feasible action plan for stepwise implementation presented for consideration at the 12th Ordinary Session of the EXCO in 2019;
- 2.3 **approves** the following for the continued effective running of the AMCOW Secretariat:
  - 2.3.1 The 2017 Audited Financial Statement
  - 2.3.2 The AMCOW Budget for the financial years 2019-2020
- 2.4 **directs** the Secretariat to mobilise the requisite financial and human resources to operationalise the adopted Organogram.

## GA/11/2018/LBV/3 on Resources Mobilisation

The Governing Council:

- 3.1 **acknowledges** the commitment of the Member States that have endeavoured to fulfil their financial obligations to AMCOW;
- 3.2 **acknowledges** the continued support of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, through the Ministry of Water Resources, towards the operations of the AMCOW Secretariat;
- 3.3 **enjoins** all Member States that are in arrears to update their accounts and thus clear the outstanding arrears currently amounting to US \$4,785,200.59 (four million seven hundred eighty five thousand two hundred US Dollars and fifty nine cents).
- 3.4 **directs** the Secretariat to repeat the exercise of sending out and following up on reminder letters together with Bank Reference letters to Member States;
- 3.5 **enjoins** Member States serving on AMCOW's policy organs, including sub-committees, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and the Executive Committee (EXCO) to provide moral leadership by being up-to-date in their financial obligations to AMCOW;
- 3.6 **acknowledges** the continued support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; the Africa Water Facility; and USAID/WALIS
- 3.7 **acknowledges** the support of the partnership for Sanitation and Water for All (SWA), New Venture Fund (NVF), Africa Development Bank (AfDB) and Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC) towards the Seventh Africa Water Week;
- 3.8 **institutionalises** the platform for Strategic Dialogue with Development Partners, and **directs** the Secretariat to provide annual reports to the Council/EXCO on its outcomes particularly as relates to mobilising adequate and sustainable funding for AMCOW programmes including the Africa Water and Sanitation Sector M&E System (WASSMO)
- 3.9 **Further directs** the Secretariat to widen resources mobilisation activities to include in-country philanthropic Foundations.

## **GA/11/2018/LBV/4 on Contributing to Universal Access to Water and Sanitation**

The Governing Council:

- 4.1 **takes note** of the establishment of the Urban Sanitation Fund, and **commends** the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for the support to implement the sanitation agenda in Africa;
- 4.2 **urges** Member States to contribute to ongoing resources mobilisation activities to ensure financial sustainability of the fund

## **GA/11/2018/LBV/5 on African Water Investment Programme**

The Governing Council:

- 5.1 **acknowledges** the leadership of the Republics of Mauritius, Senegal and South Africa to stimulate transformative investments and interventions to – on the one hand – assure water security and sustainable safe sanitation, and – on the other hand – create jobs and address the root causes of migration and youth unemployment;
- 5.2 **notes with appreciation** the efforts of the Secretariat of AMCOW the African Union Commission (AUC), the NEPAD Agency; Global Water Partnership (GWP); the African Development Bank (AfDB); and African Water Facility (AWF) to operationalise the vision of the African members of the UN High Level Panel on Water (HLPW) to establish, through the African Water Investment Programme (AIP), a partnership to release Africa's Development Potential to achieve both the African Union Agenda 2063; and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs);
- 5.3 **affirms** support for the partnership, particularly as relates to accelerating implementation of water infrastructure initiatives contributing to Africa's development agenda, and **urges** continued cooperation and contribution of Member States to implement the AMCOW Strategy 2018 - 2030 and the AIP in pursuit of the vision of a water secure Africa.

## **GA/11/2018/LBV/6 on Support to the Orange-Senqu River Commission to implement the Lesotho to Botswana Water Transfer Project:**

The Governing Council:

- 6.1 **commends** the State parties of the Orange-Senqu River Commission (ORASECOM) for the commitment and financial contributions to assure water security and climate resilience in the Orange-Senqu basin
- 6.2 **acknowledges** the support from the NEPAD Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility (NEPAD-IPPF); the African Water Facility (AWF); the Climate Resilient Development Facility (CRIDF) and the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI).
- 6.3 **directs** the AMCOW Secretariat to continue to support the Secretariat of Orange-Senqu Commission (ORASECOM) in resources mobilisation activities to assure progression of the project from the feasibility studies to installation of the infrastructure assets, and in turn contribute to the realisation of the goals of the AMCOW Strategy 2018 – 2030 and related targets of the SDGs.

## **GA/11/2018/LBV/7 on Addressing Junior Professional and Technician Level Capacity Challenges in the Water Sector in Africa**

The Governing Council:

- 7.1 acknowledges** the support of the Republic of South Africa, through the Department of Science and Technology and the Department of Water and Sanitation, to the Southern African Network Secretariat, and **calls upon** the other Member States participating in the project to establish similar support mechanisms to support the Western and Central/East Africa Networks;
- 7.2 acknowledges** the support of the European Commission, the Joint Research Centre and UNESCO- International Hydrological Programme (UNESCO-IHP);
- 7.3 notes** the current work being done by the AMCOW Secretariat and the AU/NEPAD Networks of Water Centres of Excellence in addressing the growing human resources shortages to achieve water and sanitation goals in Africa;
- 7.4 further notes** the research being conducted in transboundary basins to provide evidence to decision-making for policy impact;
- 7.5 directs** the Secretariat to work with the AUC and NEPAD Centres of Excellence to support the understanding of patterns of knowledge and skills demand and migration in order to both strengthen the resilience of the Africa's Water Resources Sector at national and transboundary level; and promote Youth Employment.

## **GA/11/2018/LBV/8 on Coordinating the African Process for the 9th World Water Forum, in Dakar Senegal in 2021**

The Governing Council:

- 8.1 takes note** of the briefing, provided by the Republic of Senegal on the concept of the 9th World Water Forum in 2021, as well as progress made to date on making the preparations to host the Forum in Africa for only the second time in the history of the Forum;
- 8.2 commends** the Member States for the express show of support to the Republic of Senegal to host a successful 9th World Water Forum; and,
- 8.3 urges** Member States, RECs and relevant institutions to continue to support the Republic of Senegal to execute the 9th World Water Forum as an African event showcasing the best of Africa and AMCOW as relates to ensuring water security for peace and development.

**GA/11/2018/LBV/9 on the Composition of the AMCOW Governing Structures for the period 2018 - 2020**

The Governing Council

**9.1 endorses** the outcomes of the regional consultations on the membership of AMCOW Governing Structures for 2018 – 2020 as follows:

**9.1.1** the Republic of Namibia will host the 12<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Governing Council in July 2020, and thus assume the Presidency of AMCOW.

**9.1.2** Member States' representation to AMCOW's policy organs for the period 2018 – 2020 is agreed as follows:

Region	Executive Committee (Ministers)	Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)	AWF Governing Council (Ministers)	African Water Facility Technical Advisory Committee (AWF TAC)
<b>Eastern Africa</b>	Uganda (VP)	Uganda	Tanzania	Tanzania
	Kenya	Kenya		South Sudan
	Burundi	Burundi		
		Tanzania		
		Rwanda		
<b>Central Africa</b>	Gabon	Gabon	Central Africa Republic	Central African Republic
	Guinee Equatorial (VP)	Guinee Equatorial		Tchad
	Cameroon	Cemeroon		
		Central African Republic		
		Congo Brazaville		
<b>Northern Africa</b>	Tunisia	Tunisia	Algeria	Algeria
	Egypt	Egypt		Libya
	Libya	Libya		
		Mauritania		
		Algeria		
<b>Southern Africa</b>	Namibia (VP)	Namibia	Eswatini	Eswatini
	South Africa	South Africa		Lesotho
	Botswana	Botswana		
		Eswatini		
		Lesotho		
<b>Western Africa</b>	Ghana (VP)	Ghana (VP)	Liberia	Liberia
	Togo	Togo		Senegal
	Sierra Leone	Sierra Leone		
		Burkina Faso		
		Nigeria		

**9.2 taking note** of the concerns of the Member States on the representation to the organs of AMCOW, **directs** the Secretariat to review the AMCOW Governance Framework document and develop proposals for assuring equity in representation. The proposals shall be considered by the Council of Ministers at its 12<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session.

**GA/11/2018/LBV/10 on Matters to Note**

The Governing Council

- 10.1** takes note of the courtesy invitation of the Arab Republic of Egypt to all Member States to actively participate in the 2019 Cairo Water Week on 20 – 24 October 2019.
- 10.2** takes note of the Helsinki Convention of 1992; and the 1997 United Nations Watercourses Convention serving as a mechanism to strengthen national measures and international cooperation for the sound management and protection of transboundary surface and groundwater.
- 10.3** notes the activities of UNESCO – International Hydrological Programme relating to:
  - 10.3.1 advocating for the need to strengthen water education
  - 10.3.2 promoting cooperation for sustainable and peaceful management of water resources in Africa
  - 10.3.3 improved knowledge of ground water and especially shared groundwater
  - 10.3.4 improvement of hydrological standards for a better design of hydraulic infrastructures
- 10.4** notes with appreciation the Water Secure Africa (WASA) Initiative on Harnessing ‘Big Data’ to Improve Water Management
- 10.5** further notes the Goodwill Statement from the Centre for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe (CEDARE) supporting AMCOW activities in Northern Africa

Kigali, Rwanda, 13 February 2019

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