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EXCO DECISIONS

1.0 African Union Commission

Expresses its sincere appreciation to the African Union Commission and its Department for Rural Economy and Agriculture for its constant support and encouragement.

2.0 Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Expresses deep gratitude to the Government and people of the Democratic Republic of Ethiopia and the UN Economic Commission for Africa for co-hosting the AMCOW Extraordinary Session, the 3rd Africa Water Week and the related events.

3.0 AMCOW Partners

Expresses its profound gratitude to all AMCOW partners for the continued technical, institutional and financial support.

4.0 Africa Water Atlas

4.1 Expresses its appreciation to UNEP and the United Nations family for the commendable efforts made in producing the Africa Water Atlas which serves as an important tool in our effort to manage Africa’s water resources.

4.2 Requests the United Nations entities, organised as UN Water Africa to produce more regularly the African Water Development Report (AWDR) and the Africa Water Journal (AWJ) and to bring into full operation the Africa Water Clearing House Mechanism. In this regard, we request the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa to render all possible support to make this possible.

5.0 Joint Monitoring Programme (JMP) SnapShot of Drinking Water Sanitation in Africa – 2010 Update

5.1 Expresses appreciation to UNICEF/WHO for 2010 update of the SnapShot Report on Water and Sanitation in Africa which highlights progress made as well as lingering challenges in meeting the MDG drinking water and sanitation targets.

5.2 Calls upon governments to make full use of the findings of the report and make concerted efforts and actions to accelerate implementation to ensure that the MDG targets are met in Africa. Furthermore calls upon Development Partners to increase their commitment and support to governments and efforts of AMCOW to achieve this.
6.0 Pan African Water Sector Monitoring and Evaluation Assessment

6.1 Expresses appreciation to the African Water Facility and the African Development Bank for undertaking the diagnostic assessment and study of the M&E situation through close consultation with key stakeholders and actors and welcomes the results of the study and analysis compiled and published in two volumes launched at the 3rd Water Week. The African Water Facility has indicated that support to water sector M&E at the national and regional level is one of the priority activities of the Facility.

6.2 Calls on governments, sub regional and regional institutions to operationalise the development of credible national and regional monitoring and evaluation capacity and system to enable AMCOW to discharge the responsibility of submitting monitoring report to the AU, and for the African Water Facility to support the development of water sector M&E at the national and regional level as one of the priority activities of the Facility.

7.0 Reporting on the Sharm El Sheik Commitments

7.1 Requests the AMCOW Executive Secretary to expedite the operationalisation and strengthening of the monitoring of the implementation of the Sharm el Sheik commitment on water and sanitation in order to ensure an effective reporting to the African Union and to this end, put in place the necessary technical and financial capacity to effectively discharge this responsibility.

8.1 African Water Facility

8.1 Expresses appreciation to the Government of Ethiopia for hosting the 10th African Water Facility Governing Council meeting held on the 24th November 2010 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on the margins of the African Water Week.

8.2 Calls upon the AWF to take full advantage of the high level resource mobilization opportunities or activities which are being planned, including the proposed meeting of Ministers of Water and Finance tentatively scheduled to be held as part of the finance meeting in March in Addis Ababa, and the engagement of a Goodwill Ambassador which requires further actions by AMCOW to approach the President of Liberia.

9.0 AMCOW Trust fund

9.1 Decides that, in view of the fact that the AMCOW Secretariat has become fully operational the Trust Fund will be relocated to the AMCOW Secretariat as soon as the necessary financial rules, related regulations and staffing arrangement for fund management are put in place.

9.2 Expresses its profound gratitude to the Governing Council, Executive Director and Secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme for its gracious agreement to host the AMCOW Trust Fund in the preceding year.

9.3 Requests African Governments and partners of AMCOW to make contributions to the AMCOW Trust Fund.
10.0 Federal Republic of Nigeria

10.1 Expresses appreciation to the Government and people of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the solid support which has culminated in the full operation of the AMCOW Secretariat and for according legal status to the Secretariat.

11.0 Africa Groundwater Commission

11.1 Expresses its appreciation to the Government of Libya for its gracious agreement to chair the Africa Groundwater Commission and to provide strategic direction in the implementation of the roadmap.

11.2 Expresses its appreciation to the Commissioners who have graciously agreed to serve on the Commission.

11.3 Calls upon African and international partners to extend all possible technical and financial support in order to bring the Commission to full operation.

11.4 Requests the EXCO Vice President for West Africa to consult with his counterparts in the region for a consensus female candidate to serve in the Commission.

12.0 Triennial Work Programme of AMCow

12.1 Decides to launch and implement the 2011 – 2013 new triennial work programme of AMCow and calls upon member states and Africa’s partners to extend financial and technical support to facilitate full scale implementation

12.2 Decides to operationalize the work programme into measureable components and hold itself accountable for achieving and reporting on resource.

12.3 Decides to encourage Water Ministers to integrate sector activities into core government processes, make better the case for water investment to Ministers of Finance as well as reach out to the Health, Agriculture, Energy, Environment, Education, Science and Technology and Climate change sectors.

12.4 Decides to promote dialogue with African Ministers of Finance to increase national budgets in the water sector.

12.5 Calls upon its friends and partners to rally round and organize themselves in support of the 7 priority areas in the 2011 - 2013 3-year work programme of AMCow.

12.6 Invites partners to increase their support, collectively build momentum and assist in the delivery systems as well as leverage greater and more sustainable impacts.

12.7 Requests global monitoring initiatives to prepare Africa specific report and assist AMCow in tracking progress within the framework of existing AMCow lead initiatives (AMCow annual reporting to the AU Head of states, African Water Development Report etc).
12.8 **Requests** Africa’s Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to increase their attention to the water sector and strengthening the mobilization and coordination of the sector in the respective sub-regions. In this regard, AMCOW also calls on the RECs to rally around and integrate into their regular programmes the 7 priority areas in the AMCOW 2011 – 2013.

12.9 **Requests** the RECs to enter into compact with AMCOW including the strengthening of AMCOW’s institutional presence at the sub-regional level.

12.10 **Requests** Civil Society to support the implementation of the 2011-2013 AMCOW Triennial Programme with particular attention to the Seven themes.

12.11 **Requests** member states to institutionalize annual reporting to AMCOW on progress made and/or needed in the implementation of the Sharm-el-Sheikh Commitment on Water and Sanitation as major inputs into the AMCOW annual report to the African Union Heads of State and Government Summit.


12.13 **Undertakes** to send messages to upcoming events such as the EU-Africa Summit (Libya, November 2010), the RIO+20 Commemoration of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Bonn+10, etc.

**13.0 AFRICA/AMCOW/EU PARTNERSHIP**

13.1 **Expresses** appreciation to the EU for the tangible support extended to AMCOW for the financing of its 2007-2010 Triennial Work Programme.

13.2 **Requests** the EU to consider extending support to the 2011 – 2013 new AMCOW Triennial Work Programme.

13.3 **Requests** the EU to consider renewing its collaboration in support of the implementation of the new AMCOW Work Programme.

13.3 **Decides** to significantly strengthen the Annual Africa Water Week series and decides that a key component from now onwards will be the review of the status of implementation of the Sharm el sheikh Commitment on Water and Sanitation) and within that frame work, the MDG targets (water and sanitation).

**14.0 6th World Water Forum**

14.1 **Welcomes** the request from the 6th World Water Forum Secretariat to AMCOW to organize, coordinate and lead the African regional process and participation in the Forum.
14.2 Calls upon the AMCOW Executive Secretary to proceed with the preparatory processes by establishing the organisational framework, designating the regional coordinator and embarking on resources mobilization for effective participation from Africa and the fund allocated from the Forum.

15.0 Country Status Overview (CSO)

15.1 Appreciates the work undertaken by WSP and the AfDB on the CSO and value of the report regarding the status of water and sanitation and the 32 participating countries.

15.2 Urges WSP and AfDB to coordinate the work in this regard.

15.3 Calls upon countries to pursue their identified priority actions and incorporate the processes and tools in the sector reporting.

16.0 Finance

16.1 Takes note of the tremendous value of lesson-sharing and south-south cooperation borne out of the deliberations of the 3rd African Water Week and the CSO process, and requests member governments and regional partners to facilitate and support mechanisms for achieving this.

16.2 Takes note that ODA sources are simply not enough to meet water investments in line with the African Water Vision and urges countries to advance mechanisms for increasing water investments using emerging non-traditional and innovative financing.

16.3 Welcomes the progress reported by the African Development Bank on the implementation of the its agricultural water development and water storage enhancement and requests the Bank to continue promoting investment in agricultural water use in improving.

16.4 Requests the African Development Bank to give priority to the organization of the water and finance ministers meeting in 2011 in line with the Sharm El Sheik Heads of State and Governments Commitment on water and sanitation.

17.0 Water and Urbanisation

17.1 Welcomes the advocacy opportunity provided by UN Water adoption of “water and urbanisation” as the theme for the 2011 World Water Day and urges UN HABITAT to work with the South Africa Government and AMCOW in the planning and execution of the event scheduled to take place in Cape Town on March 22, 2011.

17.2 Calls Upon the AMCOW Secretariat to work with UN-HABITAT to establish an African Water and Urbanisation Caucus to pursue a year of Advocacy and promotion of urban water and sanitation in the year 2011 and report back to AMCOW at the next Africa Water Week, including using events such as the Stockholm Water Week, and collaboration with CSOs/networks such as ANEW, End Water Poverty Campaign and WASH United for the purpose of advocacy.
17.3 **Makes efforts** to enhance political prioritisation to meet the water and urbanisation challenges to trigger investment and develop credible and implementable urban plans. In this context, AMCOW will seek opportunities to engage with AMCHUD to set up a joint working group to improve coordination, collaboration and coherence for water and sanitation in urban planning and development.

### 18.0 Water, Climate and Development

18.1 **Recommends** that the AU strategy on climate change incorporates water resources management as key component of Africa’s adaption effort.

18.2 **Encourages** member states to intensify the involvement of women and youth in climate change adaptation with respect to water resources management.

18.3 **Recommends** that AMCOW continues to work with Global Water Partnership and partners to operationalize the water, climate and development programme.

### 19.0 Institutional Development and Capacity Building

19.1 **Decides** to ensure that knowledge management initiatives take cognisance and promotes the good practices of local government that represent tangible action in accordance with Africa Water Vision 2025.

19.2 **Decides** to establish a mechanism to leverage existing institutions in the sub-regions and coordinates them to identify gaps so there can be an interchange of capacity to ensure that what happens at the top filters to the grassroots level, so that knowledge generated at basin level reaches policy level and responses to needs on the ground can be better articulated.

19.3 **Decides** to mandate UN agencies and countries sharing aquatic ecosystems to establish ecosystems based governance structures such as the LMEs.

### 20.0 A.O.B

20.1 EXCO decides to reinstate Zimbabwe to serve in the Executive Committee as Vice President for Southern Africa as per the original decision by the General Assembly meeting in Johannesburg in 2009.