DECISIONS OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE AFRICAN MINISTERS’ COUNCIL ON WATER ON 21ST OCTOBER 2011

We, the Executive Committee of the Africa Ministers’ Council on Water, rise from our meeting this day the 21st October 2011 in Johannesburg, fully conscious that the sustainable use of water resources within the water, energy and food sectors has become a key factor for more sustainable and equitable economic growth patterns, especially in developing countries.

Therefore we resolve and decide as follows:

1.0 EXCO/009/2010/ADDIS/7.0: REPORTING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SHARM-EL-SHEIKH COMMITMENT ON WATER AND SANITATION AS INPUT INTO THE AMCOW ANNUAL REPORT TO THE AFRICAN UNION HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT SUMMIT

EXCO/010/2011/J’BURG/1.0: EXCO adopts the Monitoring and Evaluation Reporting System, and directs the Secretariat to develop a Project Proposal to AWF and other Funding Partners for the Monitoring and Evaluation Reporting System.

2.0 EXCO/009/2010/ADDIS/8.0: AFRICAN WATER FACILITY RESOURCE MOBILIZATION AND THE PROPOSED MEETING OF MINISTERS OF WATER AND FINANCE, AND THE ENGAGEMENT OF A GOODWILL AMBASSADOR

EXCO/010/2011/J’BURG/2: EXCO directs the Secretariat to work with AfDB/AW, Friends of AMCOW and other development partners to call for a 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.

EXCO/010/2011/J’BURG/3: EXCO urges AMCOW Ministers to step up the process of in-country meetings with their counter-part Ministers of Finance for the purpose of increasing budgetary allocation for water supply and sanitation as well as in preparation for the continental Water Ministers and Finance Ministers parley under the auspices of AfDB, AMCOW and other partners.

EXCO/010/2011/J’BURG/4: EXCO decides to renew President Sirleaf Johnson of Liberia’s appointment as Goodwill Ambassador irrespective of whether she is re-elected into office or not, and directs the Secretariat to propose a work programme for AMCOW Goodwill Ambassadors.

EXCO/010/2011/J’BURG/5: EXCO decides to appoint past AMCOW Presidents of AMCOW as AMCOW Goodwill Ambassadors for respective sub regions, and developing appropriate criteria, conditions and guidelines for selection of goodwill ambassadors.
3.0 EXCO/009/2010/ADDIS/9.0: RELOCATION OF AMCOW TRUST FUND TO AMCOW SECRETARIAT AND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS AND PARTNERS OF AMCOW TO THE TRUST FUND

EXCO/010/2011/J’BURG/6: EXCO decides to call on UNEP to transfer the non EC funds in the AMCOW Trust Fund to AMCOW account in Abuja on completion of the financial governance regulations and guidelines two months from the date of this meeting.

EXCO/010/2011/J’BURG/7: EXCO decides to request UNEP to allow use of funds within the AMCOW Trust Fund upon request of the AMCOW Secretariat, for achievement of AMCOW objectives.

EXCO/010/2011/J’BURG/8: EXCO decides to launch an appeal to member countries to pay up their country contribution to AMCOW from 2007 in accordance with the letter of 30th July 2010 by the AMCOW President to AMCOW Ministers.

4.0 EXCO/009/2010/ADDIS/12.0: LAUNCH AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMCOW TRIENNIAL WORK PLAN

EXCO/010/2011/J’BURG/9: EXCO expresses AMCOW’s appreciation to the German Government and EC for providing the sum of €4m (four million Euros) and €1.5m (one million, five hundred thousand Euros) respectively, totalling €5.5m (five million, five hundred thousand Euros) to support AMCOW work.

EXCO/010/2011/J’BURG/10: EXCO directs the AMCOW Secretariat to set up consultations with Africa’s Regional Economic Communities (RECs) to work with AMCOW Secretariat to strengthen the mobilisation and coordination of the water sector in the respective sub-regions by revitalizing the AMCOW sub regional structures, and to develop a compact that will lead to the internalization of the Work Plan within the RECs.

EXCO/010/2011/J’BURG/11: EXCO directs the Secretariat to follow up the process of accessing water and sanitation funds from the United States Government Trust Fund on Water and the World Bank fund for water and sanitation, and especially to support countries in accessing these funds.


EXCO/010/2011/J’BURG/12: EXCO decides to approve the normal practice of combining the General Assembly and the 4th Africa Water Week and, considering the time required to prepare the events, to postpone the event to April/May of 2012 to coincide with the 10th anniversary of the Abuja Ministerial Declaration on the formation of AMCOW.

EXCO/010/2011/J’BURG/13: EXCO decides to note that, due to the challenges holding the AMCOW General Assembly within the prescribed time, the current AMCOW Executive Committee, Technical Advisory Committee, and AMCOW representatives on the AWF Governing Council will hold office and hand over at the appropriate time during the 8th Ordinary Session of the AMCOW General Assembly.

EXCO/010/2011/J’BURG/14: EXCO further decides to write to Libya on the country’s willingness and ability to host the 4th African Water Week and AMCOW General Assembly in April/May 2012 considering the current political situation there.
EXCO/010/2011/J’BURG/15: EXCO also decides to offer the hosting right to willing North Africa sub-region countries (Algeria, Egypt and Mauritania) as a fall-back position in case Libya fails to show concrete ability within the next two weeks, and to offer the same right to willing West African countries (Nigeria and Ivory Coast) in case no North African country makes a concrete expression of interest to host the events within the next three weeks following the time frame given Libya.

6.0 EXCO/009/2010/ADDIS/14.0: 6TH WORLD WATER FORUM AFRICA PREPARATORY PROCESS

EXCO/010/2011/J’BURG/16: EXCO decides to approach potential development partners to kindly provide the shortfall of the funding requirement for the activities of the Africa Process for the 6th World Water Forum being coordinated by AMCOW.

7.0 EXCO/009/2010/ADDIS/15.0: COUNTRY STATUS OVERVIEW

EXCO/010/2011/J’BURG/17: EXCO decides to request the WSP and AfDB to continuously carry out the Country Status Overview in a periodic manner and to take all necessary measures to ensure that all countries within Africa are covered.

8.0 REPORTS OF LEAD AGENCIES ON AMCOW INITIATIVES - WSP: SANITATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF E-THEKWINI DECLARATION AND AFRICASAN INITIATIVE

EXCO/010/2011/J’BURG/18: EXCO expresses AMCOW’s appreciation to WSP for the outstanding leadership which it provided for the AfricaSan Task Force since the year 2001.

EXCO/010/2011/J’BURG/19: EXCO requests WSP to kindly continue to monitor implementation of the eThekwini Declaration at the country levels.

EXCO/010/2011/J’BURG/20: EXCO directs AMCOW Secretariat to formalise the process of handover of AfricaSan from WSP to AMCOW Secretariat, and also to prospect for another lead agency to take over the leadership of AfricaSan Task Force and coordination of the AfricaSan initiative.

9.0 STRENGTHENING THE AMCOW SECRETARIAT

EXCO/010/2011/J’BURG/21: EXCO approves the implementation of the Bathily recommendation harmonising the AMCOw Executive Secretary and that of the Programme Coordinator contracts to run for a four-year tenure renewable once subject to satisfactory performance in line with international organizations’ practice.

EXCO/010/2011/J’BURG/22: EXCO further approves the implementation of the Bathily recommendation that the contract of other professional staff should run for 3 years, respectively, renewable subject to satisfactory performance.

EXCO/010/2011/J’BURG/23 EXCO directs the Secretariat to establish appropriate performance management system for staff.
10.0 AMCOW COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

EXCO/010/2011/J’BURG/24: EXCO approves and adopts the AMCOW Communication Strategy and directs the Secretariat to develop a plan of action to be completed within three months and submitted to the next EXCO, and to be shared with other partners, particularly the AUC.

ADOPTED IN JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA ON FRIDAY, 21ST OCTOBER, 2011

SIGNED BY THE MEMBERS OF AMCOW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE