DECISIONS OF THE 10TH AMCOW GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA) ON 21st - 22nd JULY 2016
DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA

The Governing Council of AMCOW arising from its 10th AMCOW General Assembly decides as follows;

1.0: AMCOW-GA/10/2016/Dar/1: Governing Council Decision on Advancing the African Water and Sanitation Sector Monitoring System

The Governing Council

1.1 Takes note of the improvements to the African Water and Sanitation Sector Monitoring and Reporting System and commends the efforts of all partners involved to both strengthen the system and also ensure its alignment with the global SDG monitoring and reporting processes.

1.2 Invites all stakeholders including development partners, RECs, Civil Society, and interest groups to join hands with AMCOW in strengthening Monitoring and Reporting in Africa during the Post 2015 period.

1.3 Notes with appreciation the support of the African Development Bank through the African Water Facility (AWF), as well as the support of partners including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the European Union / BMZ-German Cooperation, UNEP and other UN Agencies for the financial and technical support for the monitoring and reporting initiative.

1.4 Calls on all member states to institutionalize the revised system by ensuring that relevant M&E processes for the sector at country level are linked to this system. Further calls on member states and the RECs to allocate resources to monitoring and reporting processes and confirm or appoint focal persons to facilitate better coordination.

1.5 Calls upon the African Water Facility and the supporting partners to continue funding the initiative through Phase II of the programme to operationalize a functional African Water and Sanitation Sector Monitoring and Reporting System with a special focus on delivery of the Capacity Building Programme.

1.6 Endorses the 2015 Annual Water and Sanitation Sector Monitoring and Evaluation Report and calls on member states and stakeholders to implement the recommendations therein.

1.7 Expresses profound appreciation to His Excellency Paul Kagame, President of the Republic of Rwanda for providing leadership in ongoing efforts to raise resources to fund grassroots action to bring rural water supply and sanitation services to an additional 10million people in Africa through implementing the Kigali Action Plan, a key outcome of the Africa Water and Sanitation Status Report and for presenting the 2015 Report to the 27th Assembly of the AU Summit.
2.0 GA/10/2016/Dar/2: Governing Council Decision on Local Resources Mobilization

The Governing Council

2.1 **Notes** with appreciation the ongoing activities to mobilise resources for the water sector in Africa.

2.2 **Commends** the Member States that have committed resources to the cause with particular mention of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Burkina Faso for honouring their pledges.

2.3 **Calls on** Member States with outstanding pledges to honour them; and **encourages** Member States and other supporting partners to respond to the call to raise resources for the water sector in Africa.
3.0 GA/10/2016/Dar/3: Governing Council Decision on Flexible Mechanisms for Payment of AMCOW Member States' Contribution

The Governing Council

3.1 **Notes** with appreciation the commitment of the Member States to meet their annual financial obligations to AMCOW of annual contribution of ten thousand USD;

3.2 **Commends** the Member States that have fully paid up their contributions and **encourages** them to maintain that status.

3.3 **Calls upon** Member States the annual contributions of which are in arrears to make arrangements to update their accounts; directs Secretariat to inform member states of status of the arrears of membership contributions; and requests AMCOW Executive Secretary to intensify engagements with member states on issue of membership contributions especially through personal visits.
4.0 GA/10/2016/Dar/4: Governing Council Decision on Strengthening the Relationship between AMCOw and the AUC in the Implementation of AMCOw Work Programme and other Matters

The Governing Council

4.1 **Notes** with satisfaction the establishment of the Ministerial Sector Committee on Water and Sanitation of the newly operationalised African Union Specialised Technical Committee (STC) on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment (ARDWE).

4.2 **Further Notes** with satisfaction that the Ministerial Sector Committee on Water and Sanitation will be served by the organs and structures of AMCOw, and commends the collective effort — under the Republic of Senegal’s Presidency of AMCOw — that led to this outcome.

4.3 **Decides** to actively engage the AUC’s Department for Rural Economy and Agriculture and the Legal Department to develop proposals for rebranding as well as reviewing the AMCOw Governance Framework to ensure seamless integration into the activities of the Commission of the African Union and its newly operationalised Specialised Technical Committee on ARDWE. The proposals should be brought for the consideration of the AMCOw-EXCO at its 13th Ordinary Session in June 2017.

The Governing Council

5.1 Takes note of the progress in implementing the AMCOW Work Programme 2014-2016.

5.2 Further notes with appreciation the support from various partners to strengthen the Secretariat and implement activities under all the 7 Themes of the AMCOW Work Programme with technical and financial contributions of the various partnerships notably the Africa Water Facility (AWF) under the management of the AfDB, the German Government and EU Support programme through the GIZ; and the AfricaSan Programme supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

5.3 Resolves to

i. prepare the AMCOW Work Programme 2017 – 2019 with the goal of delivering on the commitments of the N’gor Declaration; the SDGs; and the various initiatives and priorities of the Specialised Technical Committee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment.

ii. develop a 10 year AMCOW Strategy to strengthen AMCOW’s internal operations and outreach, including an internal capacity development plan; and,

iii. appeal to His Excellency Dr John Pombe Joseph Magufuli President of the United Republic of Tanzania to champion and provide leadership in activities to mobilise resources to fund the implementation the WRM-PAP;

5.4 Commends His Excellency Muhammadu Buhari President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for his selfless leadership of the efforts to realise the Lake Chad Vision 2025 of rehabilitating and/or restoring the lake and its wetlands; and seeks His favour to continue providing leadership in both this endeavour and the interventions to assure the conservation and sustainable management of the Fouta Djallon Highlands:

5.5 Decides to actively engage Member States, particularly those that did not review the WRM-PAP, to contribute to the elaboration of the individual Priority Action or Key Intervention Areas into aptly scaled programmes and/or projects for attaining the goals of the related decisions of the 12th Session of the AMCOW Executive Council.

5.6 Calls upon Member States to:

i. develop National Water Accounts based on the UN System of Environmental and Economic Accounting for Water (SEEA-Water);

ii. operationalise the relevant institutional structures to enable Economic Accounting for Water as the basis for decision making in Water Resources Management in Africa; and,

iii. ensure that the concept of economic accounting for water is fully integrated into decision support systems for Economic Planning; Financial Resources Allocation; and Investment at all levels.

\[\text{\footnotesize{EXCO/12/2015/DAKAR/5 and EXCO/12/2015/DAKAR/6}}\]
6.0 GA/10/2016/Dar/6: Governing Council Decision on AMCOW’s financial and audit reporting

The Governing Council

6.1 Takes Note of 2015 Financial Statement and Audit Report; and approves the following for the continued effective running of the AMCOW Secretariat:
   i. The 2015 AMCOW Financial Statement
   ii. The 2015 AMCOW Audit Report
   iii. The AMCOW 2016 – 2017 Budget

6.2 Directs
   i. Secretariat to note the Audit Report recommendations and instructs the Secretariat to implement the Auditor’s recommendations;
   ii. Secretariat to work with TAC Sub-committee to improve on AMCOW financial reporting including budgeting.
7.0 GA/10/2016/Dar/7: Governing Council Decision on the AMCOW 2M4M Initiative to Contribute to Universal Access to Water and Sanitation

The Governing Council

7.1 Takes Note of the aspirations to support AU Member States to extend water supply and sanitation services to an additional minimum of 108 million for water supply and 216 million people in Africa for sanitation under the new AMCOW 2M4M Initiative designed to scale up the implementation of the Kigali Action Plan;

7.2 Resolves to request AfDB to support the implementation of the 2M4M with a seed fund.

7.3 Decides to organize a Resources Mobilization Roundtable aimed at raising funds for the implementation of the AMCOW Work Programme 2017 – 2019 with particular emphasis on the 2M4M initiative and the implementation the Kigali Action Plan.
8.0 GA/10/2016/Dar/8: Governing Council Decision on Designating the Head of State of the Country Presiding over the Governing Council of AMCOW as AMCOW Champion for the Period of the Tenure of Office

The Governing Council

8.1 **Takes note** of the report of achievements of AMCOW under the guidance and leadership of His Excellency Macky Sall President of the Republic of Senegal and champion of AMCOW’s programmes in the period 2014 – 2016;

8.2 **Expresses** appreciation to His Excellency President Macky Sall for the commendable High level advocacy carried out as Champion for AMCOW sustainability and the promotion of water security and sanitation policy issues during the tenure of Senegal’s Presidency of AMCOW;

8.3 **Urges** the incoming Executive Council the AMCOW EXCO to convey AMCOW’s appreciation to His Excellency President Macky Sall.

8.4 **Endorses** the Terms of Reference for the designation of the Head of State of the country occupying AMCOW Presidency as AMCOW Champion and directs the Secretariat to work with the concerned country and relevant partners to ensure the success of this initiative.

8.5 **Resolves** to designate His Excellency President John Magufuli of the United Republic of Tanzania to champion AMCOW programmes for the period 2016 – 2018.

The Governing Council

9.1 Takes note of the actions taken to support Africa’s bid to host the 9th World Water Forum in an African country, especially the endorsement of the bid proposal by the Government of Senegal to host the 9th World Water Forum in Dakar, Senegal in 2021.

9.2 Urges collaboration with the AUC, member states, RECs, and other relevant regional institutions to support the bid and lobby the international community to lend their support to this laudable effort by an African country to host WWF9 in the continent.
10.0 GA/10/2016/Dar/10: Governing Council Decision on the Tenure of the AMCOW Executive Secretary

The Governing Council

10.1 Notes the end of tenure of the Executive Secretary of AMCOW and the process of selecting an Executive Secretary for the period 2016 – 2020

10.2 Expresses profound appreciation for the 8 years of dedicated service of Mr Bai Mass Taal as Executive Secretary of AMCOW for the period 2008 to 2016

10.3 In consideration of the report of the Technical Committee, appoints Dr Canisius Kanangire as the Executive Secretary of AMCOW for the period 2016 – 2020.
11.0 GA/10/2016/Dar/11: Governing Council Decision on Operationalising the African Groundwater Commission

The Governing Council

11.1 welcomes the efforts made by the AMCow Secretariat and the European Union to present the status of the AGWC and to develop the strategy for operationalization of the AGWC;

11.2 commends the role played by Kenya and the UNESCO Office in Nairobi for Groundwater Commission, and the position of UNESCO Regional Centre on Groundwater Resources Education, Training and Research in Kenya and the involvement of UNESCO office in Kenya on groundwater issues in Africa;

11.3 resolves to initiate consultation with the Ministry of Water and Irrigation of the Republic of Kenya and UNESCO to explore the hosting opportunities and requirements for hosting in the interim the African Groundwater Commission Secretariat at the UNESCO Regional Centre on Groundwater Resources Education, Training and Research in Kenya; the hosting arrangement will be reviewed when the situation improves in Libya and the country expresses interest for the Commission to relocate to Libya.

11.4 calls on Member States and Partners to financially and technically support the operationalization of the AGWC

11.5 decides to work on the interim operationalization of the AGWC under EU project;

11.6 directs the Secretariat to prepare the criteria for selection of the new Commissioners for the AGWC
12.0 GA/10/2016/Dar/12: Governing Council Decision on The Revised AMCW Staff and Financial Regulations

The Governing Council,

12.1 notes the 8th General Assembly Decision 10 adopting the AMCW Staff and Financial Regulations in principle and directs AMCW Secretariat to review the Staff and Financial Regulations to bring it into harmony with the African Union Commission; a TAC Sub Committee comprising the TAC Chair and sub regions Vice Chairpersons are to directly superintend these actions and submit same for consideration at the next EXCO meeting in 2017.
13.0 POST 2015 DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND AFRICA WATER COMMUNITY CALL FOR ADOPTION OF DISTINCT WATER AND SANITATION SECURITY GOAL

13.1 The Governing Council notes

i. that following the global advocacy for a dedicated goal on water security and sanitation which AMCW was an active participant; world leaders adopted 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in September 2015 at an historic UN Summit. The SDGs which build on the success of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and aim to go further to end all forms of poverty came into force June 1st 2016; that the inclusion of a dedicated water security and sanitation SDG 6: “Ensure Availability and Sustainable Management of Water and Sanitation for All”.

ii. that AMCW Secretariat working with AUC DREA and partners has integrated the Dakar Declaration on Water Security and Sanitation and the N’gor Commitments on Sanitation and Hygiene into a single document called the N’gor Declaration on Water Security and Sanitation for All. The Declaration is expected to serve as vehicle for implementing the SDGs on Water Security and Sanitation, the Africa Water Vision 2025 and Africa Development Agenda 2063;

iii. that the efforts made by the Secretariat in collaboration with the Government of Senegal and the AMCW President to organize a global advocacy side event to promote the SDG 6 on the margins of September 2015 UN Summit.

14.0 ADDRESSING JUNIOR PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICIAN LEVEL CAPACITY CHALLENGES IN THE WATER SECTOR IN AFRICA

14.1 The Governing Council notes

i. that the implementation of this decision is part of the new European Commission support project phase 2 (ACEWATER2 Project) to the AU-NEPAD Centres of Excellence led by the JRC and UNESCO-IHP.

ii. that the inception meeting of the phase 2 of the project has been held in Cape Town, South Africa, from 24th – 26th May 2016 and its objectives has been the presentation of the main activities of the phase c2 of the project which consist in:

- Strengthening of the two existing NEPAD Water Centres of Excellence networks in West and Southern Africa;
- Creation institutional networking and improving research support to policy making in the water sector;
- Support the implementation of the African ministers Declaration urging AUC and NEPAD Centre of Excellence to develop a “Human Capacity Development Programme for junior professional and technician level capacity challenges in the water sector in Africa.

iii. that phase 2 of the project has two components: component 1 on scientific activities including technical data analysis, management and sharing on-line Atlas on regional Water Cooperation, water security and SDGs, water –energy –food security NEXUS assessment led by the JRC and the component 2 on “human capacity activities” led by UNESCO. The implementation planning has been presented by JRC and UNESCO-IHP and the implementation period will be from July 2016 to July 2019.

iv. that at this Phase 2 of the EC support, 2016-2019, the Advisory body to improve input into the implementation of the project to achieve maximum impact has been setup and comprise: NEPAD,
AMCOW, UNESCO, EC (DEVCO & JRC) and CoE (Southern & Western Africa Networks coordinators).

15.0 EXCO Direction to AMCOW Secretariat to follow up and harmonize the Kigali Action Plan with other initiatives and relevant activities in the sector in Africa.

15.1 The Governing Council

i. *notes* the implementation of the Kigali Action Plan (KAP) is still ongoing championed by the Government of the Republic of Rwanda to support 10 AU Member States to bring rural water supply and sanitation services to an additional 10 million people; supports the plan to implement programmes that scale up the scope based on the lessons learnt from the implementation;

ii. commends President of Rwanda, His Excellency Paul Kagame for providing leadership in efforts to mobilise a minimum of 50 million Euros to catalyse the implementation of the Action Plan;

iii. notes that AMCOW with support from the BMGF is supporting capacity building in monitoring commitments on sanitation and hygiene in the 53 member states, and strengthening the policy and institutional framework for sanitation and hygiene service delivery in Chad, Sierra Leone, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

16.0 AMCOW EXCO DECISION ON IMPROVING WSA MANAGEMENT

16.1 The Governing Council notes the recognition accorded the WSA headquarters in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso by the AUC and directs the AMCOW Secretariat to engage directly with the WSA Headquarters in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso accordingly.

Done in Dar es Salaam at the 10th AMCOW Governing Council Meeting this 22nd July 2016.

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