On the margins of the outreach meeting of the Post 2015 UN High Level Panel of Eminent Persons in Monrovia, the global water community holds thematic consultations on water on 29th and 30th of January. The aim of the water consultation is to facilitate discussions from a broad range of stakeholders to review progress on the MDGs, kick-start consensus building around key future challenges in water and the need to address water in the post-2015 development agenda. The consultations will cover three thematic sub-consultations “Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)”, “Water Resources Management” and “Wastewater Management and Water Quality”.

President Sirleaf Johnson of Liberia is expected to chair the second day high level panel featuring the AMCOW President represented by the Nigerian Minister of Water Resources/AMCOW Vice President (West Africa), Hon. Sarah Reng Ochekpe, the AUC Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, HE Rhoda Peace Tumusiime, and the EU
Commissioner for Development and Cooperation, HE Andris Piebalgs. Other High level participants include the Minister for Public Works, Liberia, Hon. Samuel Kofi Woods, AMCOW Executive Secretary, Bai Mass Taal, the Deputy Chief Executive of WaterAid, Girsh Menon and the Director Environment, Climate, Water and Energy, Government of the Netherlands, Mrs. Kitty van der Heijden.

The Water Consultations tagged “Hearing the African Voice” is convened by the African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW) as the Specialized Technical Committee on Water and Sanitation to the African Union and hosed by the Government of Liberia. Co-conveners of the consultations include the Governments of Netherlands, the European Union Water Initiative – Africa Working Group (EUWI-AWG), GWP, UN-Water Africa, UNICEF, Water Aid, Water and Sanitation Africa (WSA) and is expected to draw participants from regional and international development organizations and civil society groups including regional economic commissions in Africa and ANEW. Click to download programme of event.