

### The 2011 Country Performance Report

The Assembly Decision [Assembly/AU/ Decl.1 (XI)] of the African Union (AU) in Sharm El Sheik in July 2008 reaffirmed Africa's commitment to the Africa Water Vision 2025, the 2004 Sirte Declaration on integrated development of Agriculture and Water in Africa [Ex/Assembly/AU/Decl. 1(II)], and the Millennium Development Goals especially as relates to water supply and sanitation. A request was also made to the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) to annually report to the AU Assembly on the progress made in the implementation of the Commitments of the Heads of State and Government on water and sanitation.

Since then, the African Union Commission has been engaged, for the past 4 years, in mobilizing the key stakeholders and development partners to support AMCOW and to build stronger partnership with AU Member States and the Regional Economic Communities (RECs), for establishing a mechanism for regular monitoring, evaluation and reporting on progress in implementing the commitments on water and sanitation, to the African Union Assembly.

The first African Water Status Report was thus presented to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the Union of the African Heads of State and Government which met in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 30 - 31 January 2014.

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