

## V. Meeting of the Executive Committee of AMCOW

### Thursday 22 – Friday 23 November 2007

9:30hrs 1. Registration

10:00hrs 2. Opening session

3. Welcome:
- (i) Hon. John Mutua Katuku  
Minister of Water and Irrigation, Kenya
  - (ii) Mrs. Anna Tibaijuka, UN Under-Secretary General and Director  
UNON (Executive Director UN-Habitat)
- General
- Key Notes
- (i) Hon. Bruno Jean Richard Itoua,  
President of AMCOW, Minister of Energy and  
Water, Congo
  - (ii) AMCOW Vice Presidents
    - Eastern Africa
    - Western Africa
    - Southern Africa
    - Central Africa
    - Northern Africa
  - (iii) H.E. Mrs. Rosebud Kurwijilla  
African Union Commissioner, Rural Economy and Agriculture
  - (iv) Mr. Achim Steiner, UN Under-Secretary General and Executive Director  
of UNEP
  - (v) Mr. Donald Kaberuka President, African Development Bank
  - (vi) Chair of African Diplomatic Corps, Kenya
  - (vii) Special Guests
    - Ms Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul, Federal Minister for Economic  
Cooperation & Development
    - Ulla Tørnæs  
Minister for Development Cooperation

- Jean-Marie Bockel, Secrétaire d'Etat chargé de la Coopération et de la Francophonie
- Luís Filipe Marques Amado  
Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Douglas Alexander  
Secretary of State for International Development,
- Bev Oda Minister for International Cooperation;
- Tony Blair, former Prime Minister UK and Chair, Commission for Africa – the Commission accorded special attention to the role of AMCOW in addressing Africa's water policy challenges

4. 13:00 hrs Lunch Break

5. 14:30 hrs. Consideration of the recommendations of the AMCOW Technical Advisory Committee

- Governance, Institutional and Operational Matters
- Financing Africa's water policy priorities, and means of implementation of the decisions of AMCOW
- Strengthening Dialogue and Cooperation with Pan-African Institutions
- Consolidating and expanding international partnerships
- Key regional and international events

Note: The President's Issues Paper will provide an overview of the key points in each of the above listed issues, so as to provide general orientation. In addition, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting (20-21 November) will formulate specific recommendations on each of the issues for the consideration of the Executive Committee. The report of the TAC on these issues will also be submitted to the informal consultations of the AMCOW Vice-Presidents of the five sub-regions.

6. Roundtable discussions - Partnership segment

A: Overview of key issues in the Brazzaville Declaration, Outcomes and Decisions, requiring regional and international cooperation

B: PanAfCon Initiatives

- African Water Facility
- Water for African Cities
- Rural Water Supply and Sanitation

- African Water Development Report
- African Water Information Clearing House

#### C: Recent Initiatives

- African Water Week/World Water Forum
- AMCOW Leadership Scheme
- Groundwater Initiative

#### D: Partnerships

- Strengthening collaboration with development Co-operation Partners:
- Partner Initiatives
- African Development Bank
- EU Water Initiative
- World Bank Water and Sanitation Initiative
- United Nations Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Water (UNSGAB)
- Global Water Partnership (GWP)
- G-8 Action Plan/German Initiative
- UN-Water/Africa

### 7. Adoption of the Nairobi Outcomes and Decisions

#### Related events preceding the AMCOW Executive Committee meeting

- Ministerial Roundtable dialogue on "Africa and Climate Change", with special focus on water resources (Jinja, Uganda, 16-17 November 2007)
- Meeting on Groundwater Management in Africa (Nairobi, 18 – 19 November 2007)
- Meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee of the African Ministers' Council on Water (20 - 21 November 2007)

Informal Consultation of the AMCOW Vice Presidents for the respective sub-regions on the Agenda items before the Executive Committee (21 November 2007)