

I. Meeting on Groundwater Management in Africa

Sunday 18 – Monday 19 November 2007

Implementing the decision of the 6th Session of AMCOW and promoting the institutionalization of groundwater management in Africa.

10:00hrs: Arrival of Participants and Registration

Opening: Welcome remarks:

1. Hon. Mr. Bruno Jean Richard Itoua, President of AMCOW, Minister of Energy and Water, Congo
2. Hon. Mr. John Mutua Katuku, Kenya Minister for Water and Irrigation
3. H.E. Mrs. Rosebud Kurwijilla, African Union Commissioner, Rural Economy and Agriculture
4. Hon. Mrs. Odette Kayetesi, AMCOW Vice President – Eastern Africa
5. Dr. Kordje Bedouma, Director of Water and Sanitation, AfDB
6. EU Commission
7. Mr. Reginald Tekateka, Chair, ANBO
8. Halifa Drammeh, Chair, UN-Water/Africa and Agriculture

11:30hrs: Coffee/Tea

Keynotes: Prof Kader Asmal – MP South Africa

Hon. Paul Smit – Deputy Minister for Water Resources, Namibia

12.00hrs: Press Conference

2.30pm: Roundtable discussion I: Managing Africa's ground water resources for achieving Millennium Development Goals and Targets – implementing the AMCOW decision on institutionalizing the management of groundwater

Speakers:

1. Col. Benjamin Ndala – Secretary General, CICOS
2. Hon. Mr. Mohammed Abuzeid, Minister for Water and Irrigation, Egypt
3. Mr. Reatile Mochebelele – NEPAD Water and Infrastructure

Discussant: Hon. Paul Smit – Deputy Minister for Water Resources, Namibia

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Roundtable II: the case for an African Groundwater Commission – a proposal

9.30 am:

Discussion items:

- Mandate
- Criteria for selecting commissioners
- Terms of Reference
- Institutional arrangements, including secretariat (criteria)
- Financial arrangements (options)

1.00pm: Lunch

2.30pm: Roundtable III – recommendations to EXCO through TAC

Roundtable IV – the way forward – operationalizing the recommendations

4.30pm: Closing

