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Foreword

This briefing note gives an overview of the outcomes of AMCOW's activities at the 9th World Water Forum in Dakar, Senegal. The activities - comprising the AMCOW at 20 Ministerial Roundtable; a high-level panel session on finance; a high-level breakfast meeting; nine side events; five bilateral meetings; and a cocktail reception and report launch - took place in the period 21 to 25 March 2022.

The achievement of these outcomes was made possible by the tremendous support and contributions from:
1. the Member States that availed the data used to prepare the knowledge and information materials shared during the events convened;

2. Excellencies the Ministers; the dignitaries that shaped AMCOW; the leadership of partner institutions and or their representatives; the speakers; and the participants who made the discussions during the events lively, engaging and informative;

3. the African Union Commission; the 9th World Water Forum Secretariat; the Government of Sweden - through SIDA; the New Venture Fund; the African Development Bank; the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation; the Government of Germany - through BGR and GIZ; UNICEF; the African Network of Civil Society Organisations; Speak-up Africa; and the African Population and Health Research Centre for the financial, technical and material support to convene the events;

4. Mr Bai-Mass Taal who gave freely of his time to share information and facilitate technical sessions, as well as bridging the distance between Abuja and Dakar while making the pre-Forum preparations. Activities commenced on the Forum's second day after the opening ceremonies, which took place on the 21st of March 2022. AMCOW events ran from the 22nd to the 25th with technical sessions and bilateral meetings with partners. See the highlights below as outcomes of the series of engagements.

AMCOW appreciates all the Honourable Ministers of Water from all the Member States, the World Water Council and the World Water Forum Secretariat, the African Development Bank (AfDB) and all other partners for their support and participation in all its events during the 9th Forum.

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The joint AfDB -AMCOW Pavilion

A key achievement for AMCOW during the Forum was the joint organisation of the AMCOW-AfBD pavilion. The pavilion availed AMCOW's partners and stakeholders a meeting point to engage, share knowledge and information and showcase developments in ongoing initiatives in the water, sanitation and hygiene sector in Africa.

It also offered an opportunity for convening topical seminars on renewing focus across the continent on water and sanitation as key ingredients for socio-economic development.



Nigeria's Minister of Water Resources and AMCOW Vice President, H E Eng Suleiman Adamu, during a visit to the AfDB-AMCOW Pavilion



AMCOW Groundwater Events: "Making the Invisible Visible For Socio-economic Development" / AfDB Climate Change Event - Tuesday, 22nd March 2022

Commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of AMCOW

AMCOW@20 was commemorated within the framework of:

- taking stock and consolidating the achievements to date, as well as strategising on overcoming the challenges to achieving water and sanitation goals in Africa;
- recognising the individuals and organisations that have been instrumental in the pursuit of Africa's aspirations to attain water security and sustainable socio-economic development; and,
- charting the strategic direction for transitioning the unfinished business of the Africa Water Vision into a post-2025 action framework aligned to Agenda 2063 and the SDGs.



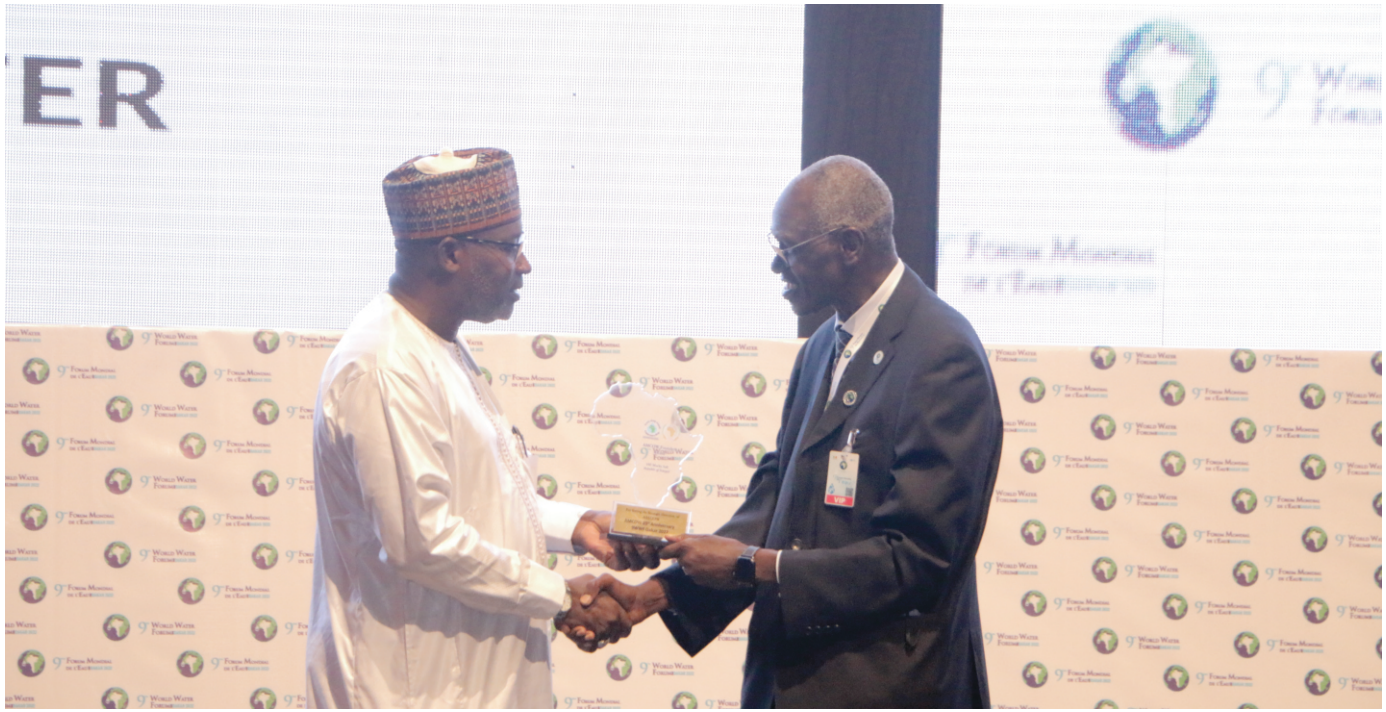
(From left to right) Minister of Water resources, Nigeria and AMCOW Vice President, West Africa, H E Suleiman Adamu, Director General of Ambassador Fathallah Sijilmassi, Hon. Ms. Cecilia Chamutota-Vice Minister of Public Works Housing and Water Resources, People's Republic of Mozambique Cecilia, Minister of Sanitation and Water Resources, Ghana, Cecilia Dapaah, and the Executive Secretary, African Ministers' Council on Water, Dr Rashid Mbaziira.



AMCOW Vice President, West Africa, H E Suleiman Adamu, Presents AMCOW Founding Leaders Award To The Family of H E Edward Lowassa, Prime Minister and Former Minister of Water, Tanzania



During the AMCOW at 20 Awards, H E Ronnie Kasrils, Former Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry, South Africa and one of AMCOW's founding leaders shares their experience during the formation of AMCOW



H E Abdoulaye SENE, Executive Secretary and Co-Chairman of the Preparatory Committee for the Organisation of the 9th World Water Forum receiving the founding leaders' award on behalf of His Excellency, President Macky Sall of Senegal.

Team Head, Ghana, receiving the Youth Innovators Regional Sanitation Hackathon (No Poop Challenge) Award by UNICEF. from left to right Michael Tetteh Doku(Coordinator) Prince K. Bonney (Plant), Joana N.A. Obeney (Implementor) Mavis N.K. Aryee (Shaper), Amidatu Kassim (Finisher) Sammy Quaye



Mobilising partnerships

1. Six MoUs – on facilitating action to meet the targets of the Africa Water Vision 2025; the Ngor commitments on sanitation and hygiene; and SDG 6 – signed with

- African Population and Health Research Centre (APHRC)
- African Civil Society Network on Water and Sanitation (ANEW)
- Federal Institute of Geoscience and Natural Resources of Germany (BGR)
- International Water Management Institute (IWMI)
- Speak up Africa (SUA)
- World Vision International (WVI).



Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between AMCOW and IWMI, APHRC, Speak Up Africa, BGR, ANEW, and World Vision.
The Signatories from left to right: World Vision, Mrs Carla DENIZARD, Hon Eng Adamu, AMCOW Vice President, Aida Kabo, Speak up Africa, Prof Dr Thomas Himmelsbach



Exchange of MoUs with Mr. Mark Smith, Director General, International Water Management Institute IWMI



Exchange of MoUs with Ms Sareen Malik, Executive Secretary, African Civil Society Network on Water and Sanitation (ANEW)



Exchange of MoUs with Prof. Dr. Thomas Himmelsbach, Vice President Federal Institute of Geoscience and Natural Resources of Germany (BGR)



Exchange of MoUs with Mr Patterson Siema, Director of Policy Engagement and Communications African Population and Health Research Centre (APHRC)

Mobilising partnerships

2. Launch of activities on the roadmap for the operationalisation of continental partnership and coordination arrangements for the implementation of the ***Team Europe Initiative on Transboundary Water management.***

3. Setting the agenda for the ***Africa Urban Sanitation Investment Fund (AUSIF)*** to support the proliferation of public-private partnerships in the sub-sector.





AMCOW Vice President, West Africa, Eng. Suleiman Adamu, Chairing the Team Europe Initiative on Transboundary Water Management and the Africa Urban Sanitation Investment Fund meetings.

Knowledge and Information Sharing

Launch of the:

- African Development Bank (AfDB) Water Policy and Strategy 2021 - 2025
- 2020 AfricaSan Ngor Report;
- UNICEF JMP-GLAAS report on progress on drinking water, sanitation and hygiene in Africa for the period 2000 – 2020 and 5 years into the SDGs;
- 2021 Africa Water and Sanitation Sector Report;
- AfDB State of Rural Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (Rural WASH) in Africa
- 2022 Africa Global Water Policy Report.
- 200 copies of the African Sanitation Policy Guidelines (ASPG) disseminated
- The New AMCOW story book unveiled and over 150 copies distributed.



Joint Launch of 2021 Africa Water and Sanitation Sector (WASSMO) Report; UNICEF JMP-GLAAS report 2000-2020, 2020 AfricaSan Ngor Report. The reports were handed over to the AMCOW Executive Secretary to mobilise action to implement their recommendations

(From left to right) Director General of the African Union Commission, Ambassador Fathallah Sijilmassi, AMCOW Executive Secretary, Dr Rashid Mbaziira, Minister of Water Resources, Nigeria, H E Eng. Suleiman Adamu, and Ms. Marie-Pierre Poire, UNICEF Regional Director, West and Central Africa Regional Office.



(Left) Dr Nizar Zaied, Global Lead for Water, Social Infrastructure Global Practice, Islamic Development Bank (IsDB) and (Extreme right) Mtchera Johannes Chirwa, Coordinator, Africa Water Facility helping themselves with Information and Knowledge materials at the AfDB-AMCOW Pavilion

Facilitating dialogue

Mobilisation of support:

- the appointment of a UN Secretary General's Special Envoy on Water;
- the establishment of a Development Partners' Coordination Framework for water and sanitation;
- Bilateral meetings with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- for ***making the invisible visible***: raising the profile of groundwater management for Africa's Climate Resilience and Socio-economic Transformation;
- Engagement with member states and ASPG implementing partners for enhanced sanitation and hygiene policy reforms in Africa,
- finalising and implementing the ***Youth, Gender and Social Inclusion Strategy for the Water and Sanitation Sector in Africa***.



High-level Panel on Groundwater to celebrate the World Water Day on 22 March 2022, on the theme: Making the Invisible Visible.



(From left to right) H E Habtamu Itefa, Minister of Water and Energy, Ethiopia, Dr Rashid Mbaziira, AMCOW Executive Secretary, sitting with H E Henk Ovink - Special Envoy for International Water Affairs for the Kingdom of the Netherlands



Some of the participants of the meeting on mobilising support for the appointment of a UN Secretary General's Special Envoy on Water



ASPG Implementing partners meeting



Dr Martha Phiri, Director, Human Capital, Youth and Skills Development, African Development Bank, delivering her remarks at the Youth, Gender and Social Inclusion Strategy Validation Workshop

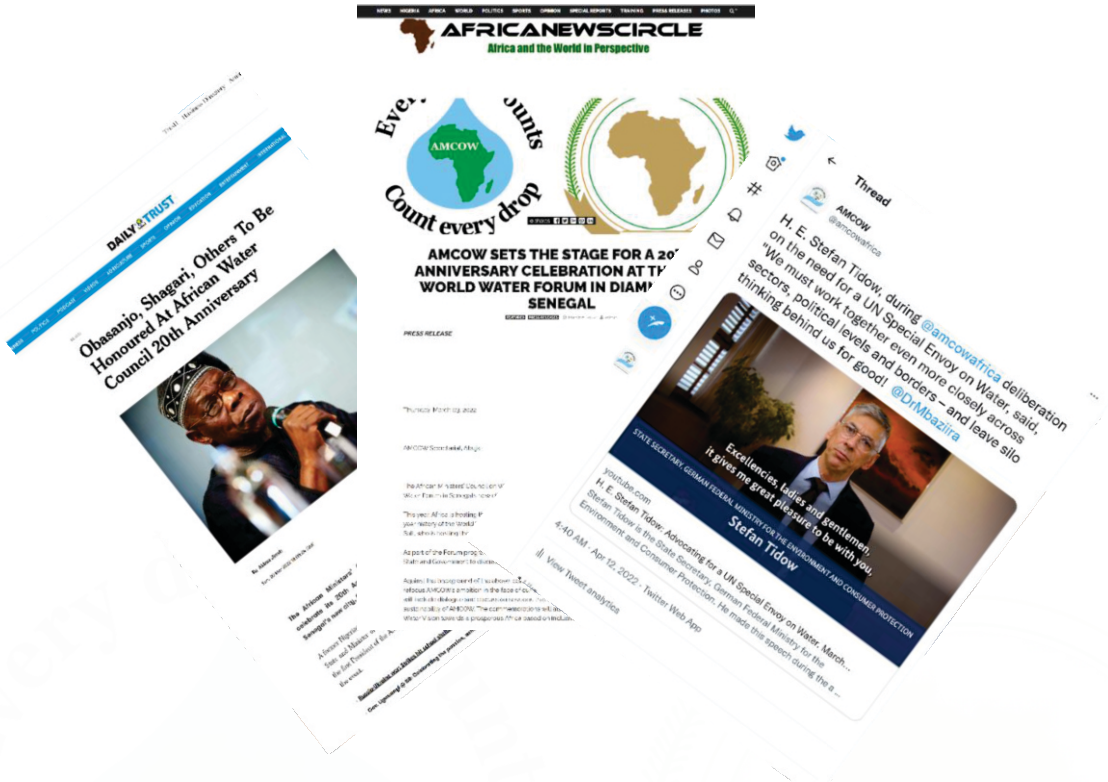




Bilateral meeting with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) Team.
(Centre of Picture on the left) AMCOW Vice President, West Africa, H E Eng Suleiman Adamu,
(Right side of Picture on the left) Senior Programme Officer, Global Policy and Advocacy,
Water Sanitation and Hygiene, Eric Momanyi, (Bottom right of the picture on the left)
Dr Doulaye Kone, Deputy Director Water, Sanitation and Hygiene,
(Right side of Picture on the right) Director of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Programme, Brian Arbogast.

Communication and visibility

- Increased visibility of the work of AMCOW with repeated mention in the print, TV and social media.
- About 200 new followers connected to AMCOW within the period across LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.
- Several articles have been developed to increase visibility when disseminated via AMCOW website.
- Video speeches of partners who signed MoUs and those who participated in the UN Special Envoy on Water advocacy engagement uploaded on AMCOW YouTube channel for wider access.



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To all member states, persons and organizations that made AMCOW's events at the 9th World Water Forum possible AMCOW thanks...

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