



### Key Messages from the Africa Regional Consultations on the Mid-term review of the Water Action Decade and related African initiatives towards the UN 2023 Water Conference

- 1. Adopt the Dakar Declaration of the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum, Dakar, Senegal:**  
Endorse for adoption the Dakar Declaration: ***a Blue Deal for Water Security and Sanitation for Peace and Development***, and invite the international community and all stakeholders to contribute to the effective implementation of the outcomes of the 9<sup>th</sup> World Water Forum in Dakar.
- 2. Increase domestic allocations and investment into the water and sanitation sector Africa:**  
It is imperative to raise the profile and value attached to water and sanitation in national systems for economic planning. A key entry point is to make the principles of valuing water the backbone of the action framework for the post-2025 Africa Water Vision. **Align to the AU Agenda 2063**
- 3. A call to action to release the full potential of the sanitation economy to benefit business and society in Africa:**  
Realise the untapped potential of private sector participation in the delivery of water, sanitation and hygiene services for all as a profitable business. Of particular urgency, is the need to address the sanitation failures associated with the disease burden constraining productivity of the labourforce and degrading the environment. The African Sanitation Policy Guidelines (ASPGs) provide the framework for promoting the sanitation economy.
- 4. Enhance Water-related disaster risk reduction and management capabilities in Africa:**  
Promote proactive approaches to flood and drought management centred around the pillars of monitoring, forecasting and early warning vulnerability and impact assessment, as well as preparedness, mitigation and response.
- 5. Consolidate evidence-based and timely decision making at all levels:**  
Prioritise investment for monitoring, evaluation, knowledge and information management and learning. Member States need to foster research and application of knowledge and innovations to inform sector interventions targeted at improving water governance and management, as well as water, sanitation and hygiene services delivery. This is targeted at addressing the challenges faced to access reliable and complete data in the water and sanitation sector.
- 6. Recognise as milestone events in the consolidation of the Africa common position and input to the UN 2023 Water Conference the COP27 in Egypt, the Africa Focus event at the UN 2022 Groundwater summit and ongoing consultations on safely managed sanitation.**
- 7. Endorse the proposal for the appointment of the United Nations Secretary General's Special Envoy on Water.**

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