



**WATER ACTION DECADE: 2018-2028**  
**“Water for Sustainable Development”**  
**MID-TERM REVIEW –MARCH 2023**

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# **UN General Assembly declared 2018-2028 : The International Decade for Action “*Water for Sustainable Development*”.**

## **Goals of the decade:**

- In recognition, access to water and sanitation is a precondition to life, a human right and vitally important to sustainable development.
- Focus on the sustainable development and integrated management of water resources for the achievement of social, economic, and environmental objectives.
- Galvanize the implementation of existing programmes and projects.
- enhance cooperation and partnership at all levels to help achieve internationally agreed water-related goals and targets.
- Inspire actions to achieve the 2030 Agenda.
- In Africa enhanced action to achieve, the AU Agenda 2063, 2030 Agenda, the African Water Vision 2025.

# Objectives of Regional Consultative Meeting:

- To assess the midterm progress made by various African countries towards achievement of the targets and goals of the water related Sustainable Development Goals, SDG 6 & its targets.
- To determine options for building and strengthening partnership to accelerate implementation of objectives of Decade of Action for Water.
- To develop a Plan of Action to support countries accelerate actions in 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the decade and achieve its goals & objectives
- To ensure harmonized approach in presenting Africa's inputs to the Mid-Term Review of International Water Decade; "Water for Sustainable Development" in March 2023.
- Consider revitalization of UN-Water Africa

# Overview of Special and Thematic Sessions

## **Social**

- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Water and Gender, Youth, Inclusion and Equity

## **Economic**

- Water and Agriculture  
*(Water-Food-Energy Nexus)*
- Water and Urban settings
- Finance, Investments, and Infrastructure
- Transboundary (Ground)Water Cooperation

## **Environment**

- Water Resources Management and Ecosystem Conservation.
- Water and climate
- Water, Knowledge and Technology, Innovation, Education
- Acceleration Framework

# Purpose of 2nd Round Consultations

1. Obtain detailed input from AMCOW TAC , ANBO and other Stakeholders who missed the First Round Consultations.
2. Refine and complement the Key Messages developed in Addis Ababa and adopted by EXCO to match the 5 Themes agreed at the Policy Dialogue in New York on 25th October 2022.
3. Country Level Ownership of the Key Messages to be advocated for at the Grounwater Summit, ARFSD 9 and WAD 2023
4. Contribute to the post WAD 2023 policy actions to “Catch Up” the Implementation of the SDG 6.
5. Discuss and consider PANAFCON for Accelerated SDG Implementation up to 2030
6. Consider the next steps of Regional Policy Framework Post African Water Vision 2025

# The Five Themes from the UNGA Dialogue

1. Water for Health. (*Access to safe drinking water, hygiene and sanitation*)
2. Water for Development (*Valuing Water, Water-Energy-Food Nexus and Sustainable Economic and Urban Development*)
3. Water for Climate, Resilience and Environment (*Source to Sea, Biodiversity, Climate, Resilience and Disaster Risk Reduction.*)
4. Water for Cooperation (*Transboundary and International Water Cooperation, Cross Sectoral Cooperation and Water Across the 2030 Agenda.*)
5. Water Action Decade (*Accelerating the implementation of the objectives of the Decade, including through the UN Secretary-General's Action Plan.*)

## **Expected Outputs & outcomes:**

- Refinement of Regional Progress and Key Constraints.
- Key Messages for the HLFP and Water for Sustainable Development Conference (WAD 2023).
- Consider and refine Roadmap of Reviews and Activities African inputs into the Groundwater Summit2022.
- Consider and Refine Road Map of Activities to International Decade Mid-Term Review Conference 2023.
- Recommendations on revitalization of UN-Water Africa.