

# UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



## MINISTRY OF WATER

### **SPEECH OF ENG. ANTHONY SANGA, PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF WATER DURING 2ND ROUND OF AFRICA REGIONAL CONSULTATIONS ON THE MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE UNITED NATIONS WATER ACTION DECADE FROM 7-8 NOVEMBER 2022 IN DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA**

- Representative of African Union Commission;
  - Representative of United Nations Economic Commission for Africa;
  - Representative of the African Development Bank;
  - Representatives of Regional Economic Communities;
  - Chairperson of AMCOW Technical Advisory Committee;
  - Executive Secretary of AMCOW Secretariat;
  - Distinguished Delegates;
  - Development Partners;
  - Invited Guests;
  - Ladies and Gentlemen.
- 1.** It gives me much pleasure and distinct honour to be with you today and to take part in this significant workshop on Global agenda about water. First and foremost, I welcome you to Dar es Salaam in the United Republic of Tanzania. Karibuni Sana. The United Republic of Tanzania is deeply honoured to host the second round of Africa regional

consultation on the mid-term review of the United Nations Water Action Decade.

**2. Ladies and Gentlemen,** Water and sanitation is vital for Africa development. During the first round of consultation which was coordinated by the four co-chairs African Union Commission (AUC), African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW), African Development Bank (AfDB) and United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) some key messages realized the clear nexus. But time has passed, hence the need for this second round of consultations to review the messages and to validate them as Africa common position towards the COP27 currently going on in Egypt; United Nations Groundwater Summit in December 2022; and the United Nations 2023 Water Conference. This timing is paramount.

**3. Ladies and Gentlemen,** , the Contribution of all stakeholders is significant so that we can assess Africa progress towards Africa Water Vision 2025 and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2015-2030. This way we can learn from best practices and find-out better solutions to accelerate action on continental and global goals on water and sanitation.

**4. Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,**, this session is also being used to review and seek input on the new AMCOW Programme on Groundwater for Africa resilience and development. Therefore, we call upon practical engagement towards a fruitful consultation and

deliberation in order to unlock the groundwater potential for water security and sustainable development of the continent.

**5. Ladies and Gentlemen,** as we engage in a workshop on a life-giving agenda; I welcome you to discuss in depth and breadth the agenda by addressing the following questions among others. It is my at-most hope that, this workshop will inform the continent accordingly on:

(i) Where Africa is in the journey to achieve the objectives of the Water Action Decade 2018-2028?

(ii) What Africa must do to differently to overcome the challenges hindering the achievement of the targets of the Water Action Decade?

**6. Ladies and Gentlemen,** the responses to those questions will present the opportunity to take stock of the learning and challenges that the continent had faced in making progress towards the implementation of the African Water Vision 2025, the Sustainable Development Goals agenda 2030 on water and Sanitation (SDG 6) and the African Union Agenda 2063. Such stock taking will help to inform the development of AMCOW's programmes and initiatives - leading to the post-2025 Africa Water Agenda.

**7. Ladies and Gentlemen,** let us ask tough questions, find solutions and put actions to many African ambitions such as:

(i) The 2008 Sharm El-Sheikh Commitments for Accelerating the Achievement of Water and Sanitation Goals Declaration;

- (ii) The 2004 Sirte Declaration on the Challenges of Implementing Integrated and Sustainable Development in Agriculture in Africa (both made at the African Union level);
- (iii) The 2003 Pan African Implementation and Partnership Conference on Water (PANAFCON);
- (iv) The 2008 AMCOW eThekwini Commitments on Sanitation;
- (v) The Tunis Ministerial Declaration on Accelerating Water Security for Africa's Socio-Economic Development;
- (vi) The 2014 AU adopted Kigali Action Plan; and
- (vii) The 2015 Ngor Declaration on Sanitation and Hygiene by AMCOW.

**8. Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,** before I end my speech, I want to register my appreciation to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), the African Union Commission (AUC), the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) and the African Development Bank (AfDB) for pushing and managing this significant agenda. Your dedication and tireless efforts casted on rocks. I encourage you to move this spirit up.

**9. Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,** therefore, it is my sincere pleasure to declare that, the workshops for Second round of the Africa Regional Consultation on the midterm review of the Water Action Decade: Water for Sustainable Development; and Stakeholders' Engagement on the AMCOW Strategic Groundwater Programme and the African Water Quality Programme, are opened.

**I Thanks for your kind attention.**