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**International Meeting on
Water and Cooperation in Africa**

20-22 April 2009

Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Islas Canarias, Spain

PROGRAMME

Monday (20 April 2009)

9h00 a.m. Arrival of participants. Registration.

9h30 a.m. Opening Session

- Welcoming Remarks by Mr. Ricardo Martínez Vázquez, General Director of Casa Africa
- Statement by Ms. Rosa Elcarte, Director of Sectorial and Multilateral Cooperation of the Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo
- Statement by Ms. Elsa Casas, Foreign Affairs Commissioner of the Autonomous Government of the Canary Islands
- Statement by Mr. Andrew Yager, Director of the Water, Energy, and Strategies Branch, Division for Sustainable Development of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)
- Statement by Mr. Bruno Jean Richard Itoua, President of the African Minister's Council on Water (AMCOW)
- Opening of the Session

10h00 a.m. PANEL 1 'Water governance and cooperation in Africa' - Part I

Moderator: Alberto Crespo Milliet

- Alberto Crespo Milliet, Water governance expert
- Arthur M. Swatson, Principal Water and Sanitation Engineer, Water and Sanitation



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Department, African Development Bank (AfDB)
- Boubacar Barry, Head West-Africa,
International Water Management Institute
(IWMI)

- 11h00 a.m. **Debate**
- 11h30 a.m. **Coffee Break**
- 12h00 a.m. **PANEL 1 'Water governance and cooperation in Africa' - Part II**
Moderator: Alberto Crespo Milliet
- Pireh Otieno, Programme Officer, Water, Sanitation and Infrastructure Branch/Human Settlements Financing Division, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)
- Simon Thuo, Regional Coordinator, Eastern Africa, Global Water Partnership (GWP)
- Charles Ngangoué, President, Technical Advisory Committee, African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW)
- 1h00 p.m. **Debate**
- 1h30 p.m. **Summary report of session and main conclusions**
- 2h00 a.m. **Networking lunch**
- 4h00 p.m. **PANEL 2 'Complementarities, information exchange, coordination, monitoring mechanisms and other key aspects for improving the contribution of international cooperation to the achievement of water and sanitation-related MDGs' - Part I**
Moderator: Andrew Yager, UNDESA
- Edward Kairu, Chair of the African Civil Society Network for Water and Sanitation (ANEWS)
- Bai-Mass Taal, Executive Secretary of the African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW)



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- Gabriele Borla, Interregional Adviser on Water Resources, Water, Energy and Strategies Branch, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA)

5h00 p.m. **Debate**

5h30 p.m. **Coffee Break**

6h00 p.m. **PANEL 2 'Complementarities, information exchange, coordination, monitoring mechanisms and other key aspects for improving the contribution of international cooperation to the achievement of water and sanitation-related MDGs' - Part II**

Moderator: Andrew Yager, UNDESA

- Gemma Akilimali, Gender Networking Programme, Gender and Water Alliance (GWA)
- Elizabeth Khaka, Programme Officer, Division of Environmental Policy Implementation, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- Tomás López de Bufala, Global Water Operators' Partnership Alliance, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-HABITAT)
- Jose Dominique Dacruz, Direction Committee, African Water Association (AWA)

7h00 p.m. **Debate**

7h30 p.m. **Summary report of session and main conclusions**

8h00 p.m. **Closing**

Tuesday (21 April 2009)

9h30 a.m. **Arrival of participants**

10h00 p.m. **PANEL 3 'Spanish cooperation in water and sanitation'**



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Moderator: Jorge Pérez Artilles

- Mónica Corrales, Jefa de División de Medio Ambiente y Servicios Sociales, Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (AECID)
- Gonzalo Marín, Water Group, Coordinadora Española de ONG para el Desarrollo (CONGDE)
- Estrelicia Izquierdo, Federación Aragonesa de Solidaridad (FAS)
- Fernando Díaz Alpuente, independent consultant

11h00 a.m.

Debate

11h30 a.m.

Summary report of session and main conclusions

12h00 a.m.

Coffee Break

12h30 a.m.

PANEL 4 'Challenges African States face in extending their water and sanitation services' - Part I

Moderator: Bai-Mass Taal, AMCOW

- Paulo Jorge Calombo Ringote, Director, National Directorate of Water, Ministry of Energy and Water, Angola
- António Pedro Borges, President, Instituto Nacional da Gestão dos Recursos Hídricos, Ministério do Ambiente, Desenvolvimento Rural e Recursos Marinhos, Cape Verde
- Marcos Wijore, Head Policy Development Cooperation and External Department, Ministry of Water Resources, Ethiopia

1h30 p.m.

Debate

2h00 p.m.

Networking lunch

4h00 p.m.

PANEL 4 'Challenges African States face in extending their water and sanitation services' - Part II



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Moderator: Bai-Mass Taal, AMCOW

- Anastasio Asumu Mum Muñoz, Ministry of Fisheries and Environment, Equatorial Guinea
- Amadou Guindo, Technical advisor, Ministry of Mining, Energy and Water, Mali
- Saadou Ebih Ould Mohamed El Hacem, Director, National Centre for Water Resources, Ministry of Hydrology, Energy and Information and Communication Technologies, Mauritania

5h00 p.m.

Debate

5h30 p.m.

Coffee Break

6h00 p.m.

PANEL 4 'Challenges African States face in extending their water and sanitation services' - Part III

Moderator: Bai-Mass Taal, AMCOW

- Theopolina Lyayela Nantanga, Deputy Director, Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry, Namibia
- Anta Seck, Director, Water Resources Planning and Management, Ministry of Hydrology, Senegal

6h40 p.m.

Debate

7h10 p.m.

Summary report of session and main conclusions

7h40 p.m.

Closing

Wednesday (22 April 2009)

9h30 a.m.

Arrival of participants

10h00 a.m.

Final workshop: Wrap-up and synthesis - Part I

11h00 a.m.

Coffee Break

12h00 a.m.

Final workshop: Preparation of recommendations



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and conclusions - Part II

1h00 p.m.

**Closing session: Presentation of recommendations
and conclusions followed by keynote speeches**