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

20-22 April 2009

Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Islas Canarias, Spain

**FINAL 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 (ANEW)
- 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**

<b>Tuesday (21 April 2009)</b>
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- 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, Casa África
- 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 3 '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**