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Pan-African Implementation and Partnership Conference on Water

December 8-13, 2003
UNCC Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Organizers

African Ministerial Council on Water (AMCOW), UN- Water/Africa, African Development Bank (ADB),
Ethiopian Ministry of Water Resources, African Water Task Force (AWTF)

The Pan-African Implementation and Partnership Conference on Water (December 8-13, 2003)

Under the aegis of the African Ministerial Council on Water (AMCOW) and the New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD), the UN system, organised as UN-Water/Africa and in partnership with the African Development Bank (AfDB) and African Water Task Force (AWTF), the *Pan-African Implementation and Partnership Conference on Water* will be convened in Addis Ababa from 8 to 13 December 2003. The Government of Ethiopia and the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) will jointly host the Conference. *The Pan-African Conference represents a political commitment at the highest level among African Governments to move forward in solving the continent's impending water crisis.*

African Governments, along with representatives of the international community, the scientific community, civil society and the private sector will, therefore, meet in Addis Ababa to agree on how to turn commitments into action.

Aims and objectives of the Conference

The Pan-African Implementation and Partnership Conference will address the implication of the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development on regional water initiatives, as well as the continent's role in the implementation of the Summit's outcomes. Most importantly, the conference will provide a platform for African countries, the international community and United Nations agencies to reaffirm their commitment to solving Africa's water crisis.

The aim of the Pan-African conference is to determine how to collectively implement the actions envisaged in the African Water Vision 2025, the NEPAD water agenda, the World Summit's targets and the Millennium Development Goals on water. The objective is to focus attention on the implementation requirements, in Africa, of the many regional and international targets in the water sector. The Pan-African Conference will seek to secure inter and intra-African commitments to the implementation of targets and build international solidarity in the form of concrete partnerships.

The conference will be based on the fundamental principles and values set out in the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development and the challenges identified under the African Water Vision 2025 with par-

ticular focus, from the African viewpoint, on the water related commitments and targets, which are:

- (a) To halve by 2015 the proportion of people without sustainable access to safe drinking water and the proportion of people without access to basic sanitation;
- (b) To develop integrated water resource management and water efficiency plans by 2005, with support to developing countries, through actions at all levels.

Key initiatives to be launched in Addis Ababa

The key initiatives to be launched include the following:

- (a) The African Water Facility to be hosted by the African Development Bank (AfDB), as a mechanism for African Governments and Sub-regional bodies (Economic Communities and River Basin Authorities) to ensure investment support for water resource management and water service provision in Africa;
- (b) Bi-Annual African Water Development Report (AWDR) and African Water Information Clearing House (AWICH);
- (c) An action plan for implementing the water-related outcomes of the Summit of the Group of Eight held in Evian, France, which recognized the importance of strengthening proper water management in Africa;
- (d) Agreement on implementation modalities for the European Union Water Initiative for Africa;
- (e) Development of national and subregional plans and initiatives to facilitate the achievement of the targets on water in the Millennium Development Goals and World Summit outcomes;
- (f) Portfolio of water projects prepared by the Secretariat of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), in close collaboration with AMCOW and with the support of AMCEN, as the core of a plan of action for achieving the NEPAD water agenda, the Millennium Development Goals and the World Summit targets on water and sanitation in Africa within the context of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM).

Pre-conference Activities

The week of the conference will be designated "African Water Week" by AMCOW member countries

and their Governments. Water-related activities will be promoted across the continent to coincide with and raise awareness about water issues in general and the conference in particular.

In Addis Ababa, during the period preceding the conference, a number of activities will be held, including the following:

- (a) Workshop by AfDB on rural water supply and sanitation;
- (b) Workshop on gender and water issues in Africa;
- (c) Civil society meeting on water in Africa;
- (d) Marketplace for water-related services and programmes;
- (e) Pan African Committee for START;
- (f) Other events to be announced.

Conference Format

The conference will be organized at three levels. The first level will comprise three parallel two-day segments: stakeholders segment; a scientific and technological segment and a programme segment. These will be followed at the second level by a one-day harmonizing segment that will feed into a Ministerial and Partnership segment at the third level. The layout of these segments is given below:

1. The stakeholders segment

The stakeholders segment will concentrate on the follow-up to the Accra Water Conference of 15-17 April 2002, during which African stakeholders agreed to a

number of positions on the way forward for the water sector in Africa. Deliberations will be on the extent of implementation of the Accra outcomes. In particular, the current status of the challenges identified during the conference will be discussed and a way forward charted.

2. The scientific and technical segment

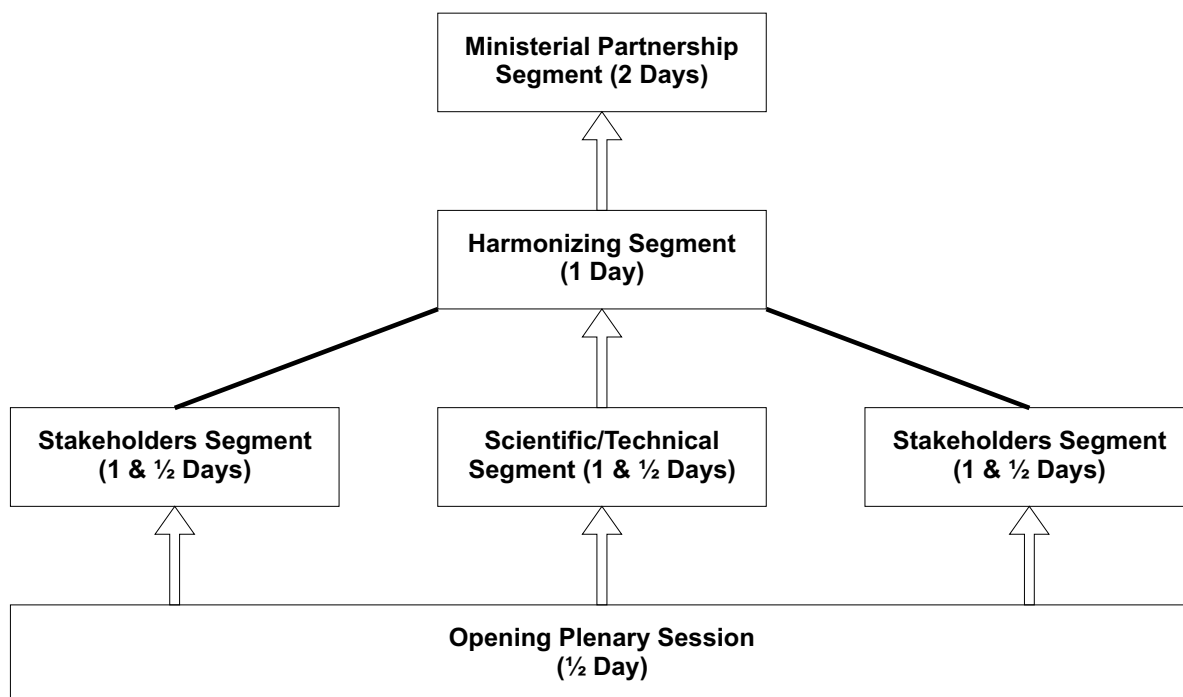
This segment will concentrate on focused water research activities in Africa, and explore the constraints that the scientific and academic communities face in playing their vital role in meeting the Millennium Development Goal targets. It will also chart a way forward on how these constraints can be overcome.

3. The programme segment

This segment will comprise deliberations on a concrete “portfolio of actions” that will have been prepared by all countries as input to the conference, as well as subregional and regional action plans. This segment will aim at a consensus on appropriate action programmes, their cost and implementation strategies, as well as a plan for submission to the Ministerial & Partners session for endorsement and funding commitments after the harmonization segment.

4. Harmonizing segment

This segment will deliberate on the outcomes of the three parallel segments and seek to harmonize them in a common framework for submission to the Ministerial & Partners segment for endorsement and funding commitments.



5. *The Ministerial & Partners segment*

The ministerial segment will be organized under the auspices of AMCOW. It will receive submissions from the Harmonizing segment and offer political direction for ensuring effective implementation of the endorsed action programme. It will provide a forum for discussion, negotiation and funding between the African Ministers and the Development partners.

Who Should Attend?

The Conference will provide a framework in which Governments, UN agencies, Donors, inter-governmental bodies, the private sector and other major stakeholder groups, can fully participate in a committed and results-focused manner.

Conference Partners

1. African Ministerial Council on Water (AMCOW)
2. Economic Commission for Africa (ECA)
3. United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
4. World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
5. United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)
6. African Development Bank (AfDB).
7. United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
8. World Health Organization (WHO)
9. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
10. United Nations Human Settlement Programme (UN-HABITAT)
11. African Water Task Force (AWTF)
12. Sub-regional Inter-Ministerial Units for Water Resources (e.g. SADC-WSU, SISCOA, IGAD, etc)
13. African Water Research Institutes

Conference Committees

The proposed committees are to be organized in subcommittees related to different Segments and Tasks with the exception of the Plenipotentiary which will lend its prestige and names to the Conference. Each sub-committee will be led by a member of UN Water-Africa.

Plenipotentiary Committee

The members of the plenipotentiary, by virtue of their prestigious standing in society, shall lend visibility and communicate the rallying message of the conference. The members are:

1. Dr. K. Y Amoako, Executive Secretary, ECA (Chairman).
2. His Excellency, Shehu Shagari, Chairman of AMCOW-Co-chairman.
3. His Excellency, Shiferaw Jarso, Minister of Water, Ethiopia (Host of AMCOW).
4. Prof. Wiseman Nkuhlu, Chairperson, NEPAD Steering Committee & Economic Advisor to President Thabo Mbeki.
5. HRH. Willem Alexander, Crown Prince of the Netherlands.
6. Dr. Klaus Toepfer, Executive Director of UNEP.
7. Prof. G.O.P. Obasi, Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization.
8. Dr. Abdoulai Jannah, Assistant Administrator & Director, UNDP Africa.
9. Dr. Koichiro Matsuura, Director-General, UNESCO.
10. Dr. Jacques Diouf, FAO Director-General.
11. Dr. Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka, Executive Director, UN-HABITAT.

Steering Committee

The steering Committee will give overall guidance to the preparatory activities towards and during the conference itself. The membership would be broken down into sub-committees to oversee the segments of the conference viz, the Stakeholders segment, the programmatic segment and the scientific and technical segment as well as the Ministerial segment. The members are:

1. Mr. Halifa Drammeh (Chair).
2. Mr. M.A.K. Abubakar, AMCOW Secretariat (Co-Chair).
3. Mr. A. Diphoorn, NEDA.
4. Prof. Albert Wright, AWTF.
5. Dr. Daniel Adom, AWF.
6. Ms. Zemenay Lakew, UNDP.
7. Dr. Emmanuel Naah, UNESCO.
8. Dr. Andre Dzikus, UN-HABITAT, Focal Person.
9. Dr. David Grey, World Bank.
10. Dr. Meraji Msuya, NBI, Executive Secretary.

11. Dr. M. Tawfik, WMO.
12. Dr. Sekou Toure, UNEP.
13. Dr. Doug Merrey, IWMI.
14. Reps from Water Sector Units of the five subregional groupings.
15. Dr. Tefera Woudeneh, AfDB.
16. Dr. William Cosgrove, Deputy President World Water Council.
17. Engr. Mohammed Adamu, Executive Secretary, Lake Chad Basin Commission.
18. Dr. Stephen Donkor, UNECA

Scientific/Technical Committee

1. Prof. G.O.P Obasi, WMO- Chairman and Editor-in-Chief (African Water Journal), Chairman for both Scientific & Technical Committee.

Scientific Committee

2. Prof. Abel Afouda, Benin.
3. Dr. Tewolde. B. Gebre Zebier, Ethiopia.
4. Dr. Evans Mwangi, Kenya.
5. Dr. Kwadwo Tutu, ECA.
6. Dr. Salif Diop, UNEP.
7. Dr. Emmanuel Naah, UNESCO.
8. Dr. Ralph Daley, UNU/INWEH.
9. Prof. Terence Podmore, CSU.
10. Prof. A. Kane.
11. Dr. Barbara Van Koppen, IWMI, Africa.
12. Dr. Francois Guergin, Water Action Unit.
13. Dr Josef Aschbacher, European Space Agency.
14. Dr Kodwo Andah, WARREDOC, University of Perugia, Italy.

Technical Committee

2. Dr. Kwabena Sarpong Manu, Ghana.
3. Dr. Athanase Compaore, Burkina Faso
4. Dr. Sourakata Bangoura, FAO.
5. Dr. Andre Dzikus, UN-HABITAT.
6. Mr. Meraji Msuya, NBI.
7. Ms. Tabeth Chiuta, IUCN.
8. Dr. Doug Merrey, IWMI.
9. Dr. Ousmane Dione, World Bank.
10. Dr. Robert Bos, WHO.
11. Prof. Eric Odada.
12. Dr. Peter Acquah, UNEP.

Resource Mobilization Committee

1. Dr. Stephen Donkor, UNECA.
2. Mr. Bert Diphhoorn, NEDA.
3. Mr. David Grey, World Bank.
4. Ms. Zemenay Lakew, UNDP.
5. Dr. Doug Merrey, IWMI.
6. Mr. Manuel Dengo, UNDESA.
7. Dr. Shehu Yahaya, AFDB.
8. Dr. Halifa Drammeh UNEP.
9. Dr. Emmanuel Naah, UNESCO.
10. Dr. Mohammed Tawfik, WMO.
11. Mr. Reatile Mochebelele, NEPAD Secretariat, Water and Sanitation Advisor.
12. Ms. Cecilie Vink, Netherlands Ministry of Development Cooperation.
13. Mr. Nicholas Drouin, Representative of CIDA.
14. Ms. Vanessa Lemaire-Drinkwater, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
15. Jean-Marie Barrat, French Development Cooperation.
16. Dr. Ralph Daley UNU/INWEH.
17. Mr. Kalyan Ray UN-HABITAT.
18. Dr. Piers Cross, WSP/Africa, World Bank.
19. Dr. Feng Min Kan, UN/ISDR-Africa.

Conference Secretariat

1. Dr. Stephen Donkor, ECA (Chair)
2. Mr. A. Abubakar, AMCOW, Co-Chairman
3. Dr. Strike Mkandla, UNEP, Chairman, Exhibition Committee.
4. Ms. Zemenay Lakew, UN Liaison with NEPAD
5. Dr. Foday Bojang, AU Commission
6. Two nominees from the Ministry of Water Resources, Ethiopia
7. Dr. Kwadwo Tutu (Scientific Segment)
8. Ms. Tehetena Alemu (Announcements, Exhibition and Information Clearing House), ECA
9. Mr. Hans Spruijt, UNICEF, Ethiopia
10. Mr. Girma Hailu, UNDP-Ethiopia
11. Dr. Feng Min Kan, UN/ISDR-Africa
12. Mr. Yinka Adeyemi, (Communication Officer, Focal Point of the Water Communication Team, UN-Water/Africa), ECA.

Draft Programme

Day 1	Stakeholders' segment	Scientific/technical segment	Programme segment
Plenary session:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plenary presentations & discussions: implementing outcome of the 2002 Accra Conference ▪ Working group sessions on 10 issues (to be determined) ▪ Report's from working groups 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plenary presentations & discussions: addressing knowledge and research constraints in Africa ▪ Working group sessions on 10 issues (to be determined) ▪ Report from working groups to plenary 	(three segments combined) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plenary presentations & discussions: portfolio of actions for the conference outcomes ▪ Working group sessions on 10 action areas (to be determined) ▪ Reports from working groups to plenary
Day 2	Stakeholders' segment	Scientific/technical segment	Programme segment
Opening plenary session:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working group sessions on 10 implementation issues (to be determined) ▪ Preparation of summary recommendations from stakeholders' perspective 		objectives for the day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working group sessions on 10 implementation issues (to be determined) ▪ Preparation of summary recommendations from scientific/technical perspective 	(three segments combined) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Working group sessions on 10 implementation action areas (to be determined) ▪ Discussion of first draft ministerial presentation
Day 3	Harmonizing segment		
Opening plenary session:			
PLENARY: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Outline of objectives and process of harmonizing segment ▪ Presentation of stakeholders' recommendations ▪ Presentation of scientific/technical recommendations ▪ Discussion of programmatic recommendations ▪ Discussion of second draft ministerial presentation 		objectives for the day	(all segments combined) WORKING GROUPS: Inter-segmental groups consider area-based issues and develop a harmonized implementation programme
Day 3 closing plenary session			
Day 4	Ministerial & Partners segment A		
Plenary			
PLENARY: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation of third draft ministerial statement ▪ Country and subregional statements and presentations ▪ Agency statements and presentations 			WORKING GROUPS: Inter-segmental groups consider area-based issues and further develop a harmonized implementation programme
Day 3 closing plenary session			
Day 5	Ministerial segment B		
Plenary			
PLENARY: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation of harmonized implementation programme ▪ Ministerial debate on implementation programme ▪ Debate and consensus on Addis Ababa Declaration ▪ Closing plenary 		FUNDING COMMITMENTS (Modalities to be worked out with Development Partners).	WORKING GROUPS: Inter-segmental groups consider area-based issues and develop a harmonized implementation programme

African Water Journal - A Call for Papers

Background

In order to effectively manage and develop water resources, there is an undeniable need to assess the availability, distribution and management of water regarding its quantity and quality attributes; its utilization (both consumptive and non-consumptive) and ecosystem functions. In addition to these, there is the need for a continuous updating of the state-of-the-art techniques for observing and monitoring the entire scientific profile of terrestrial freshwater resources, as well as analytical and management tools to facilitate effective planning for utilisation. This should be complemented with the appropriate measures to address the economic, ecological, political, institutional and cultural aspects of water and its interrelations with the human society.

A key limitation to providing the appropriate policy framework for the management and development of water resources in Africa is the paucity of information flow on:

- Assessments and monitoring of the resources at national, sub-regional and continental levels,
- Research work or experiences gained, in the process of scientific investigation, to improve the knowledge base of the resources

This can be attributed to the absence of any effective outlet for the dissemination of such experiences and knowledge on the continent. Most African professionals and researchers in the water sector are in dire need of outlets for the dissemination of the outcomes of their work outside of the continent, with the concomitant costs that come with them (sometimes making it impossible to access such outlets).

The African Water Vision refers to the challenge of retaining African professionals in the water sector on the continent once they have been trained. One way of doing this is to provide appropriate incentives and opportunities to motivate them so that the skills they have acquired do not become atrophied from lack of use. In the light of the current drive to meet the Millennium Development Goals and the 2003 World Summit on Sustainable Development targets for water, this challenge needs to be taken up seriously.

Introducing the *African Water Journal*

Given the above background, the African Water Journal will be launched during the Pan-African Partnership and Implementation Conference on Water planned to coincide with the close of 2003 as the Year of Freshwater, and expected to be sustained by the African Water Forum, which has as one of its objectives the provision of a platform for sharing and disseminating experiences and knowledge in the water sector within Africa. The Journal shall be open to contribution of papers from all water sector professionals and practitioners in Africa and is intended to provide an outlet to:-

- Consolidate and disseminate the growing knowledge and experiences of African national professionals in water resources development and management to help provide a strong foundation for regional and national water policies and plans
- enhance the capacity of the professionals and practitioners to directly or indirectly provide effective technical backstopping to the political hierarchy
- to facilitate the documentation and sharing of African experiences within Africa and the outside world

Eminent Africans who have carved a niche in the academic and professional fields will constitute the Editorial Board of the Journal. The board will ensure that all papers published in the Journal are stringently quality-assured and work towards making the Journal an icon on the continent.

All contributed papers to the Journal shall be peer reviewed according to the following criteria:

- Quality of Analyses.
- Quality of Data.
- Completeness of Information.

- Consistency in use of Indicators.
- Quality of Writing.
- Adherence to adapted structure.

Thematic Areas

To ensure that the Journal contributes effectively to future versions of the *African Water Development Report*, the premier edition of which is under preparation and expected to be launched during the Pan African Partnership and Implementation Conference, the following thematic areas will be adopted in consonance with the World Water Development Report:

1. Meeting basic needs - for safe and sufficient water and sanitation.
2. Securing the food supply - especially for the poor and vulnerable through the more effective use of water.
3. Protecting ecosystems - ensuring their integrity via sustainable water resource management.
4. Sharing water resources - promoting peaceful cooperation between different uses of water and between concerned states, through approaches such as sustainable river basin management.
5. Managing risks - to provide security from a range of water related hazards.
6. Valuing water - to manage water in the light of its different values (economic, social, environmental, cultural) and to move towards pricing water to recover the costs of service provision, taking account of equity and the needs of the poor and vulnerable.
7. Governing water wisely - involving the public and the interests of all stakeholders.
8. Water and industry - promoting cleaner industry with respect to water quality and the needs of other users.
9. Water and energy - assessing water's key role in energy production to meet rising energy demands.
10. Ensuring the knowledge base - so that water knowledge becomes more universally available.
11. Water and cities - recognizing the distinctive challenges of an increasingly urbanized world.

Management of the Journal

The Journal will be produced on a semi-annual basis and will be a joint flagship publication of the following major stakeholders of the African water sector:

1. The African Ministerial Council on Water (AMCOW).
2. The United Nations Agencies organised as UN-Water / Africa coordinated by ECA.
3. The African Water Forum- a professional body dedicated to the Implementation of IWRM in Africa and will bear the main responsibility for future editions of the Journal.
4. The United Nations University INWEH Programme - which has been approached to take responsibility for the publishing and dissemination of the Journal and link it to the planned Water Virtual Learning Centre.
5. African Water Research Institutes and Universities.
6. The African Water Task Force.
7. The Global Water Partnership branches in Africa.

Invitation to Present papers

Papers are hereby invited from water sector professionals and practitioners in Africa along the thematic areas listed above. Papers should be between 6 and 10 pages and written according to the Guidelines for Authors of the United Nations University Press format below (either in English or French): The format (length of abstract, margins, font type, paper type, figures, tables, pictorial elements, references, etc. should be presented.

Style Guidelines for Contributors

1. ***Manuscripts or papers:*** Should come consecutively paginated, printed from a uniform computer software format (in multi-author works; do not send authors' original conference paper, disks or texts). Please use 12pt font size for ease of editing. Double space all text and tables. Manuscripts should be free from handwritten corrections, staples etc. Full justification, A4 page layout (NOT Letter). Margins: 1.0 top/bottom, 1.25 sides.
2. ***Bibliographical References and notes:*** For single author volumes the Press uses a single reference/endnote section at the back of the book. For multi-author or edited volumes, endnotes /references are placed at the end of each chapter. The author/date citation system is preferred. Please double space notes/references. Do NOT use footnotes. Do NOT use references embedded in the text. Incomplete and inconsistently formatted references cause more production delays than any other editing problem.
3. ***Headings:*** Please ensure that different levels of subheadings are clear. Do not number or letter subheadings (i.e. provide an actual title).
4. ***Figures and Illustrations:*** Please call all graphs, charts, photos, etc. 'Figure'. All figures other than the author's original work should be sourced correctly.

All illustrations and figures should be originals or first generation photocopies. Each figure/illustration (if drawn), should be stored on a separate electronic file on disk. A hard copy of the individual figure/illustration should also be provided.

All papers should be submitted before the 22nd of September 2003 to:

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Papers received shall be reviewed and the authors of accepted papers will be informed by the 30th of September 2003 for appropriate revision. Revised papers are to be submitted by the 30th of October, 2003.



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**Conference Registration Form for Participants
Fiche D'Enregistrement aux Conférences des Participants**

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First Name/Prénom: Family Name/
Nom de famille :

Gender/sexe : M: F:

Position/
Titre du Poste :

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Organisation:

Address/Adresse:

City/Ville:

Country/Pays:

Telephone/
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Language: English: French: Arabic: Portuguese:

Meeting participation/Souhaite participer à la réunion

What segment of the conference are you interested in? Please wire the specified registration fee directly into JP Morgan Chase – International Agencies Banking, 1166 Avenue of the Americas, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10036-2708. Account Holder: UNECA Account Number: 485000539; Swift Code: CHASUS33. **Kindly specify on the wire what you are paying for – General Session, Ministerial Session or Both?**

General Session
(Stakeholders/Scientific)
(Registration fees: \$ US 100)

Ministerial Session
(Registration fees: \$US 100)

Exhibitor Yes: No:
(Exhibitors will be required submit a separate registration form)

Hotel Booking Details:

Hotel Rooms have been reserved with a number of hotels located in the vicinity of the United Nations Conference Centre (refer "*Information for Participants*"). Please provide us with your basic requirements if you require assistance to your booking at UN preferential rates.

Deadline for the hotel booking is November 14, 2003

Pour l'hébergement :

Des chambres ont été réservées dans un certain nombre d'hôtels aux environs du Centre du Conférence des Nations Unies Convention (rf : Informations pour les participants). Spécifiez vos besoins.

Novembre 14 2003 est le dernier délai.

Hotel Name/ :
 Nom de l'hôtel :

Number of Rooms/ Room type/ Single/ Double :
 Nombre de chambres : Type de chambres : 1 pers :

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 Date d'arrivée : Date de départ :

Number of Nights/
 Nuitées :

Travel Details/Détails du Voyage :

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Flight Number/ N° du vol:

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 Lieu de départ :

Departure/Départ : Time/ Heure:
 Date:

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Return Flight/ Date: Time/Heure:
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Addis Ababa
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Date of Issue/ Date:

Expiry Date/ Expire:

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(Country of Origin)

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Valid/Valide Yes:

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Date:

Signature:

Please send this registration form to:

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Thank you

Merci

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Information for Participants

Dear Participant,

Welcome to Addis Ababa and to the Pan African Implementation and Partnership Conference on Water, which is being held from 9 - 14 December 2003 at the United Nations Conference Centre in Addis Ababa.

Below please find some general information on meeting arrangements, which you may find useful. If you have any questions or require any assistance do not hesitate to contact the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC):

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For additional information on general questions of the meeting, please note the important contacts provided at the end of this Note.

1. Immigration Requirements

Visas are required for all participants traveling to Ethiopia, except for nationals of Djibouti and Kenya. Participants from countries that have Ethiopian diplomatic missions are required by the Ethiopian immigration authorities to secure their visas from those missions.

Participants from such countries must obtain a visa through the Ethiopian Diplomatic Mission before departure. These include holders of diplomatic and service passports as well as United Nations Laissez-Passer.

If your country does not have an Ethiopian Diplomatic Mission, ECA will assist you in obtaining a visa upon arrival, subject to prior submission of your complete passport details and flight information (refer to registration form).

You should request visa assistance from ECA well in advance, as it will take at least two weeks to process visa applications and obtain approval from Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration Authorities.

Please carry your letter of invitation on you as this document is needed when facilitating visas on arrival at Bole International Airport, Addis Ababa.

Prior to entry, visitors to Ethiopia should be in possession of a valid inoculation certificate for yellow fever. Vaccination against cholera is also required for any person who has visited or transited a cholera-infected area within six days of arriving in the country.

Please note that an Ethiopian visa costs between Birr 150 - 325 (US\$ 20 - 50) per person depending on your nationality and payment must be made at the time of issue. Holders of diplomatic and service passports as well as United Nations Laissez-Passer will receive visas free of charge. Expenses incurred in connection with visa requirements are paid in local currency, which can be obtained from the Ethiopian Commercial Bank at Bole International Airport. Bank receipts for money changed at the airport must be kept securely as they may be asked for upon departure. The airport tax on departure from Bole International Airport is US\$ 20.00 payable in cash in US dollars.

Please send the registration form with passport and flight information to the ECA United Nations Conference Centre: (Fax: +251 1 51 48 74/51 31 55 e-mail: ccu@uneca.org).

2. Airline Reservations

A number of International Airlines operate to and from Addis Ababa. It is required that participants secure their return/onward air passage prior to their arrival to Addis Ababa. There are travel agencies on site at ECA to assist with re-confirmation of tickets and to provide participants with travel and tour related information. Travel Agencies at ECA can be reached at the following telephone numbers:

- **Safeway Travel** Tel: +251 1 44 31 57/09 20 37 07/09 20 00 77
- **Gashem Travel** Tel: +251 1 15 89 32/09 25 04 68/ 09 20 12 39

Ethiopian Airlines will operate a travel desk at the United Nations Conference Centre in Addis Ababa during the Conference. Their telephone number in Addis Ababa is: +251 1 61 56 00/61 61 61.

Please have your ticket available when visiting the travel agency to re-confirm flights.

3. Hotel Accommodation

Arrangements have been made by ECA to book accommodation for participants at their expense in various hotels, as listed below. Participants who wish to avail themselves of this service at UN preferential rates are required to complete the relevant section of the registration form and forward it no later than November 14, 2003 or reserve directly quoting the events name to obtain special rates.

Sheraton Hotel (Walking distance to ECA) Tel: +251 1 17 17 17 Fax: +251 1 17 27 27 reservationsaddisethiopia@luxurycollection.com	Single Room Double Room	UN Rate US\$ 106.00 US\$ 130.00
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Hilton Hotel (Walking distance to ECA) Tel: +251 1 51 84 00 Fax: +251 1 51 00 64 sal_addis-ababa@hilton.com www.hilton.com	Single room Executive double	UN Rate US\$ 85.00 US\$135.00
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Ghion Hotel (2 - 5 kilometers distance from ECA) Tel: +251 1 51 32 22 Fax: +251 1 50 51 50	Single room Double room	UN Rate US\$ 48.00 US\$ 58.00
Queen of Sheba Hotel (2 - 5 kilometers distance from ECA) Tel: +251 1 61 54 00 Fax: +251 1 61 31 74 QueenShebaHotel@telecom.net.et	Single room Double room	UN Rate US\$ 49.00 US\$ 59.00
Desalegn Hotel (2-5 kilometers distance from ECA) Tel: +251 1 62 45 24 Fax: +251 1 62 38 84	Single room Double room	UN Rate US\$ 45.00 US\$ 50.00
Global Hotel (2 - 5 kilometers distance from ECA) Tel: +251 1 66 39 06/66 47 22 Fax: +251 1 66 47 23	Single room Double room	UN Rate US\$ 45.00 US\$ 55.00
Meridian Hotel (2 - 5 kilometers distance from ECA) Tel: +251 1 61 50 50/61 41 20 Fax: +251 1 61 50 92 Meridian-hotel@telecom.net.et	Standard room Double room	UN Rate US\$ 38.00 US\$ 50.00
Atlas Hotel (2 - 5 kilometers distance from ECA) Tel: +251 1 61 21 15/61 16 10 Fax: +251 1 61 36 61	Single room Double room	UN Rate US\$ 23.00 US\$ 25.00
Bole International Hotel Tel: +251 1 63 30 00/63 38 40 Fax: +251 1 32 78 80	Single Room Double Room	UN Rate US\$ 30.00 US\$ 35.00
Axum Hotel Tel: +251 1 61 39 16 Fax: +251 1 61 42 65	Single Room Double Room	UN Rate US\$ 28.00 US\$ 30.00
Yordanos Hotel Tel: +251 1 51 57 11 Fax: +251 1 51 66 55	Single Room Double Room	UN Rate US\$ 25.00 US\$ 35.00

4. Currency/Banks

All foreign currency in your possession should be declared on the blue currency declaration form upon arrival at Bole International Airport. There is no limit on how much you can bring into the country.

Ethiopian currency is denominated in “Birr” and “Cents”. The bank rate of exchange varies. The UN official rate as of 1 January 2003 was US\$ 1.00=Birr 8.6.

Currency changed into Birr at the Commercial Bank on the ECA compound, may be reconverted only at that branch of Commercial Bank, and not exceeding the originally converted amount.

Acceptance of credit card is limited to few hotels and restaurants. It is therefore advisable to carry other means of exchange (traveler cheques) and adequate local cash.

5. Transport

You will arrive at Bole International Airport, which is located just 5 kilometres from the Centre of Addis Ababa. Please note that only certain Hotels have transport for arriving guests, but there are taxis readily available to reach your Hotel or city destination.

Hotels will be able to provide transfers back to the airport on return. Participants are required to notify their respective hotel of their departure date and time 24 hours in advance to ensure the necessary arrangements are made.

ECA buses will be available to transfer participants from hotels to the Conference Centre in the mornings and back to their hotels at the end of the day’s session. No transfers will be provided during lunch break.

6. Registration and Identification Badges

Participants are required to register and obtain Identification Badges prior to the opening of the meeting. Also kindly carry your invitation letter and personal identification for on site accreditation. For identification and security reasons, Identification Badges should be worn by all participants at all times during the Conference and at official social functions.

7. Conference Documents

Participants will be issued copies of Conference documents at the time of registration. Participants are advised to consult with the Secretariat on any matter pertaining to the issuance or distribution of documents at the Meeting.

8. General Information about Addis Ababa and Ethiopia

Addis Ababa is a city at high altitude: 2400 meters above sea level (higher than Mexico city). Safety standards are relatively good, but similar precautions as in other metropolitan cities should be taken. The predominant language spoken in Addis Ababa is Amharic, but English is widely understood as well. Communication in French is quite limited and minimal in Italian and Arabic.

December weather is fine although exceptional rainfall may occur. The temperature in Addis Ababa during December varies between maximum 23°C and minimum 5 °c, which is warm during the day and cool at night.

Further information on Ethiopia and ECA can be found on the following websites:

<http://www.uneca.org/awich/>

<http://www.unorg/depts/eca>

<http://www.telecom.net.et>

<http://www.ethio.com>

<http://tour.ethiopianonline.net>

A Local Amenities Guide will be obtainable at the Registration Desk of UNCC

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