



**ARFSD-12 Water
Pre-Event**

Africa's Priorities and Common Position on Water for 2026 and Beyond

Monday April 27 2026 (9:00 am - 5:00pm), CR1



Director Jean-Paul Adam
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Kumbuso Phiri
Youth WASH Ambassador



Director Abdoulaye Coulibaly
AfDB

Opening session



Executive Secretary Claver Gatete
UNECA



Commissioner Moses Vilakati
AUC



Health Break

**Session 2:
High level Panel on
Preparations for the UN 2026
Water Conference**



Moderated by Director Cosmas Ochieng, UNECA

Overview of the UN Water Conference 2026



Klas Moldeus, UN Water



United Nations Water Conference
United Arab Emirates, 2026



**H.E. Lt. Gen. Bashir
Mohamed Jama**
Minister of Environment and
Climate Change
The Federal Republic of Somalia

The interactive dialogue
on Water for Climate,
Resilience, and
Environment



**H.E. Hon. Davis
Marapira**
Deputy Minister of Agriculture,
Mechanisation and Water
The Republic of Zimbabwe

The interactive dialogue
on Water for cooperation

Session 3: Africa's Priorities and Common Position in Upcoming Global and Continental Events



Comfort Kanshio, AMCOW



Moderated by Charles Akol, UNECA



Lunch Break

Session 4: First Implementation Plan for the Africa Water Vision 2063 and Policy (AWVP63)

First Implementation Plan for 2026-2033 and Water for sanitation reporting system WASSMO

Overview of the AU theme of the year 2026 and the AWVP63

The Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystem (WEFE) Nexus Investment Framework

Water as an Economic Asset and Financing Water infrastructure



Nelson Gomonda
AMCOW



Kidanemariam Tiruneh
AUC



Christopher Mutasa
AfDB



Nadia Ouedraogo
UNECA

Session 5: Transboundary and Groundwater Governance in Africa

Moderator: Dr Madeleine Nyiratuza
UNDP Regional Technical Advisor for Water, Oceans, Ecosystems
and Biodiversity for Africa





Francis Meinrald Mtitu,
Transboundary Water Management
and Investment Advisor, AUC



Mehjabeen Alarakhia
Policy Specialist, UN Women



Sten Schurer,
Technical Advisor for Water, GIZ



Sara Buzonni,
Policy and Programme Officer, EU
Delegation to the African Union



Dr. Zeynu Ummer
UNDP Director, Resilience Hub

Session 5:
Transboundary and Groundwater
governance



Health Break

Session 6: Closing session



Assistant Secretary General, Thomas Asare
WMO



Environmental Affairs Officer, Charles Akol
UNECA