



WATER ACTION DECADE: 2018-2028
“Water for Sustainable Development”
MID-TERM REVIEW –MARCH 2023

UNECA Conference Centre 13-14 June 2022

UN General Assembly declared 2018-2028 : The International Decade for Action “*Water for Sustainable Development*”.

Goals of the decade:

- In recognition, access to water and sanitation is a precondition to life, a human right and vitally important to sustainable development.
- Focus on the sustainable development and integrated management of water resources for the achievement of social, economic, and environmental objectives.
- Galvanize the implementation of existing programmes and projects.
- enhance cooperation and partnership at all levels to help achieve internationally agreed water-related goals and targets.
- Inspire actions to achieve the 2030 Agenda.
- In Africa enhanced action to achieve, the AU Agenda 2063, 2030 Agenda, the African Water Vision 2025.

Objectives of Regional Consultative Meeting:

- To assess the midterm progress made by various African countries towards achievement of the targets and goals of the water related Sustainable Development Goals, SDG 6 & its targets.
- To determine options for building and strengthening partnership to accelerate implementation of objectives of Decade of Action for Water.
- To develop a Plan of Action to support countries accelerate actions in 2nd half of the decade and achieve its goals & objectives
- To ensure harmonized approach in presenting Africa's inputs to the Mid-Term Review of International Water Decade; "Water for Sustainable Development" in March 2023.
- Consider revitalization of UN-Water Africa

Structure of the 2-day regional consultations

Day : 1 Plenary & group discussions

Plenary:

- Opening session **9:00 – 10:00**
- Special Session on Groundwater Summit//WWDR 2022 **10:00 -11:00**
- Plenary session **11:00 – 13:00**
 - *Social*
 - *Economic*
 - *Environment*

Group discussions: Social, Economic & Environment

- Working Group Sessions - Interactive inputs **14:00 -16:00**
- Working Group wrap up **16:30 – 17:30**

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Day 2: *Presentations Plenary*

- Working Group Outcomes **9:00 – 11:00**
- Key Messages for the Mid-Term Review-Discussions **11:00 – 12:30**
- Road Map to UN- Water Conference 2023 **14:00 – 16:16:00**
- Closing Session. **16:30 – 17:00**

Overview of Special and Thematic Sessions

Social

- Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Water and Gender, Youth, Inclusion and Equity

Economic

- Water and Agriculture
(Water-Food-Energy Nexus)
- Water and Urban settings
- Finance, Investments, and Infrastructure
- Transboundary (Ground)Water Cooperation

Environment

- Water Resources Management and Ecosystem Conservation.
- Water and climate
- Water, Knowledge and Technology, Innovation, Education
- Acceleration Framework

Expected Outputs & outcomes:

- Synthesis of Regional Progress and Key Constraints.
- Key Messages for the HLFP and Water for Sustainable Development Conference.
- Roadmap of Reviews and Activities African inputs into the Groundwater Summit2022.
- Road Map of Activities to International Decade Mid-Term Review Conference 2023.
- Recommendations on revitalization of UN-Water Africa.