

**Final Communiqué:**

**The Dar es Salaam Roadmap for Achieving the N'gor Commitments on Water Security and Sanitation in Africa**

**PREAMBLE**

- a. **Arising** from the 10<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of the Governing Council of the African Ministers Council on Water held in Dar es Salaam, the United Republic of Tanzania from 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016;
- b. **Recalling** the Africa Water Vision 2025 of “**An Africa where there is an equitable and sustainable use and management of water resources for poverty alleviation, socio-economic development, regional cooperation, and the environment**”.
- c. **Further Recalling** the aspirations and commitments espoused in the African Agenda 2063 to optimize use of Africa's Resources to ensure positive socio-economic transformation; the 2008 Sharm el - Sheikh Declaration (Assembly/AU/Delc.1(XI)) on accelerating the achievement of water and sanitation goals in Africa; the 2004 Sirte Declaration (Ex/Assembly/AU/Decl.1(II)) on integrated development of Agriculture and Water in Africa; the 2008 Tunis Declaration on Accelerating Water Security for Africa's Socio-Economic Development; and the 2015 N'gor Declaration on Water Security and Sanitation in Africa;

**Further**

- d. **Recognizing** Africa's efforts to transition the unfinished business of the Millennium Development Goals into the programmes for action in the pursuit of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG);
- e. **Reaffirming** the commitment and political ambition stipulated in the Agenda 2030 and particularly SDG 6 and water-related targets to “Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all” and reach the furthest behind first;
- f. **Mindful** of the central role of water in achieving the Agenda 2030 particular with regard to the growing demand for water in agriculture and energy as a result of population and economic growth;
- g. **Recognizing** that water, sanitation and hygiene are drivers for economic and human development as well as essential contributors to a healthy environment;
- h. **Welcoming** the adoption of the Paris Agreement on climate change
- i. **Cognizant** of the need for comprehensive and sustainable financing strategies for water security, building on user tariffs, taxes and transfers as well as the investments of companies and households;
- j. **Referring** to the globally accepted principles, legal frameworks and trends in best practice on transboundary water management, as well as approaches to assure Water, Food and Energy Security;
- k. **Recalling** the imperative to fast track efforts to translate political commitments into action, particularly at community level;
- l. **Convinced** of the strong link between increased access to sustainable water sanitation, and hygiene services with good governance and transparency;
- m. **Informed** by the 2015 Africa Water and Sanitation Sector Report to the Assembly of the African Union on accelerating the achievement of water and sanitation goals in Africa; and the outcomes of the 6th Africa Water Week on the theme of “Achieving the SDGs on Water Security and Sanitation”;

