

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 10th Ordinary Session of the Governing Council of the African Ministers Council on Water held in Dar es Salaam, the United Republic of Tanzania from 15th to 22nd 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”;

