



6th AFRICA WATER WEEK SPECIAL SESSIONS Sunday 17th July

Topic:	Civil Society Forum	TIME	VENUE
Lead Convener:	ANEW	09:00 - 17:00hrs	Ruaha
Co Convener:	WaterAid		

- Develop a roadmap for implementing the SDG 6 as well as inter-linking goals on water security and sanitation.
- Improve stakeholder awareness of the implementable actions for achieving the set targets and actions
- Advocate for member states endorsement and operationalization of the N'gor Declaration on Water Security and Sanitation as a vehicle for achieving the Sustainable Development Goal
- Push for regular, evidence-based monitoring and reporting on agreed targets and implementation plans.
- Strengthen cooperation across countries with shared water resources
- Build stronger partnership for the implementation of AMCOW Work Plan and the N'gor Declaration on Water Security and Sanitation.

6th AFRICA WATER WEEK SPECIAL SESSIONS Wednesday 20th July

Topic: Regional Integration and development of major water infrastructure projects in West Africa Lead Convener: ECOWAS Co Conveners: IUCN/IIED (GWI & PAGE)		TIME 09:00 - 10:30hrs	VENUE Saadani Hall
Session objectives:	Share and promote the results of regional dialogue on Dams - ECOWAS Fuelling the debate on African economic, environmental and social issues of dams from field experiences in WA		
Session Description:	(Presentations / Panel Discussion) Introductory Remark: FAYE Mansour, Minister of Hydraulic and Sanitation of Senegal, CMS President IWRM / WA Regional Dialogue on major water infrastructure in West Africa: an innovative and promising approach for member countries; implementation of the ECOWAS guidelines on social aspects: experience feedback; implementation of the ECOWAS guidelines on economic aspects: Economic ex post evaluations of the dams;		
Speakers & Panelists:	OMVS High Commissioner, SADC, Director GWI-AO, Mahamane Dédéou TOURE (ECOWAS); Jérôme Koundouno (IUCN/GWI); Ibrahima Hathie (IPAR)		
Modérateur:	Tamsir N'Diaye (SOGED/OMVS)		
Topic: Improving Water Quality and Ecosystem health Lead Convener: UNEP Co Conveners:		11:00 - 12:30hrs	Saadani Hall
Session objectives:	The IWQGES disseminated and feedback obtained from participants for further improvement. Participants sensitized on how SDG targets 6.3 and 6.6 are being piloted in the GEMI project and how UNEP GEMS/Water can assist Governments to address the broader topic of ambient water quality		
Session Description:	Present and obtain feedback on UNEP's newly developed draft "International Water Quality Guidelines for Ecosystems (IWQGES)" which aim to aid governments set national standards and develop targeted action programmes to sustain and improve the health of freshwater ecosystems and deliver on the SDGs. To present and discuss how water quality monitoring and reporting is being envisaged in general and particularly within the SDG framework and how the UNEP Global Environment Monitoring System Water Programme GEMS/Water, which has received a renewed and strengthened global mandate in the United Nations Environment Assembly in 2014, can work with countries in support of water quality monitoring, providing evidence in the decision process through nationally tailored capacity development.		
Speakers & Panelists:	Ms. Nyaradzayi Anna Mawango, Ministry of Environment, Water and Climate, Zimbabwe; Mr. Callist Tindimugaya, Commissioner for Water Resources Planning and Regulation, Uganda; Mr. Hartwig Kremer, Head of GEMS/Water Unit, Scientific Assessment, Branch, UNEP; Ms. Deborah Chapman, Director GEMS/Water Capacity Development Centre, University College Cork, Ireland; Ibrahima Hathie (IPAR)		
Moderator:	Mr Joakim Harlin, Chief Freshwater Ecosystems Unit, UNEP		
Special Closed Session with Donors on Emerging Opportunities		14:00 - 17:30hrs	Saadani Hall

