

## “Africa: Megacities, Water, and Climate Change” First Regional Meeting

30 Nov – 1 Dec, 2021 | 15:00-17:00 pm (CET Time)

Host Office: UNESCO Harare Office

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### Programme

#### I. Background

African continent is expected to house most of the new Megacities in the world in this century. Currently three cities are considered Megacities whereas the Greater Johannesburg Metropolitan when considered within the Gauteng Province, reaches the mark.

The MAWAC will provide a platform for Megacities to share their experiences and challenges, propose solutions, and obtain access to technical and financial support for programs and projects enabling them to successfully overcome the challenges of climate change. This platform is expected to be formally launched on the occasion of the [Second International Conference on Water, Megacities and Global Change \(EauMega 2022\)](#), which is scheduled to take place from 11 to 14 January 2022 at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris.

#### II. Objective

Prior to the Second International Conference “Water, Megacities and Global Change”, UNESCO would like to facilitate the establishment of a regional platform for Africa (MAWAC-AFR), presenting the work plan for developing a regional cooperation framework (Terms of Reference).

The proposed meeting will be an opportunity to:

- Present and exchange the current and future challenges to water security, economic activity and social stability as well as adaptation and mitigation strategies in AFR-based megacities.
- Prepare the Regional Chapter’s participation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference “Water, Megacities and Global Change (EauMega 2022).
- Discuss and prepare a work plan for developing a framework and the first draft of Terms of Reference (TOR) of the MAWAC-AFR Regional Chapter.

#### III. Expected Megacities and Representatives

The meeting intends to invite nominated 1-4 representatives of (1) decision maker, (2) water and wastewater operator, (3) researcher, (4) river basin authority (taking into account gender balance) from the current and emerging megacities of AFR region, including:

- Cairo
- Kinshasa
- Greater Johannesburg Metropolitan
- Lagos

#### IV. Provisional Agenda

##### Day 1 | 30 November 2021

15:00-17:00 (Harare local time)

15:00 – 15:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UNESCO Welcoming remarks;</b> <i>Mr. Phinith Chanthalangsy, Programme Specialist of UNESCO Harare</i></li> </ul>
15:15 – 15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Introduction to the Megacities Alliance for Water and Climate and the MAWAC- AFR regional chapter;</b> <i>Mr. Philippe Pypaert, Programme Specialist, UNESCO</i> <i>Ms. Kaixin Lin, Consultant, UNESCO</i></li> </ul>
15:30 – 16:45 (15 minutes each city)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Megacities’ presentations and official statements; Q&amp;A</b> <b>Cairo</b> <i>Ms. Walaa M. Elsorogy, Director General of General Administration of Intelligence and Remote Control, Cairo water company</i> <b>Greater Johannesburg Metropolitan</b> <i>Mr. Tiaan Ehlers, Environment and Infrastructure Services Department, City of Johannesburg</i> <i>Ms. Nomvula Mofokeng, Water Services regulation and Policy regulation, City of Johannesburg</i> <b>Kinshasa</b> <i>Ms. Sikulisimwa Céline, Professor of University of Kinshasa and Specialist in IWRM</i> <b>Lagos</b> <i>Ms. Funke Adepoju, Executive Secretary, Lagos State Water Regulatory Commission, Lagos State</i></li> </ul>
16:45 – 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closing remarks;</b> <i>Mr. Koen Verbist, Programme Specialist of UNESCO Harare Office, UNESCO</i></li> </ul>

##### Day 2 | 1 December 2021

15:00-17:00 (Harare local time)

*Moderator: Mr. Bisher Imam, Senior Programme Specialist of UNESCO Cairo Office, UNESCO*

15:00 – 15:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcome and introduce the megacities representatives</b> <i>Mr. Bisher Imam, Senior Programme Specialist of UNESCO Cairo Office, UNESCO</i></li> </ul>
15:10 – 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discussion</b> <i>Moderator: Mr. Philippe Pypaert, Programme Specialist, UNESCO</i></li> </ul>
(20-25 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Participation to the 2nd International Conference “Water, Megacities and Global Change” (EauMega 2022);</li> </ul>
(20-25 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Terms of Reference for the Regional Chapter structure;</li> </ul>
(20-25 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1<sup>st</sup> Draft of Strategic Global Framework of MAWAC (MAWAC-SGF) document;</li> </ul>
16:30 – 16:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Agree on the Work Plan</b></li> </ul>
16:50 – 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Summary and closing remarks</b></li> </ul>

## V. Expected Outcome

- A summary report for the 1<sup>st</sup> MAWAC-AFR regional meeting;
- Consultation feedbacks to the MAWAC Strategic Global Framework (MAWAC-SGF);
- Understanding of the MAWAC roadmap and commitment from Megacities in AFR region.

## VI. Logistics

- The meeting will be organized using the [Zoom platform](#) ;
- Language of this meeting: **English**;
- Coordination will be provided by UNESCO Headquarters, Yaoundé Office, Abuja Office, Harare Office, Cairo Office, Nairobi Office.

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## List of Invitees

### Cairo

Ms. Walaa M. Elsorogy, Director General of General Administration of Intelligence and remote control, Cairo water company

Mr. Mohamed Abdeen El Zaher Ghazi, Public relation specialist, Cairo Water Company

Ms. Alyaa ElHousainy, Public Relations Manager, Cairo Water Company

### Kinshasa

Ms. Sikulisimwa Céline, Professor, University of Kinshasa and Specialist in IWRM

Mr. Tangou Thierry, Professor, University of Kinshasa and Specialist in IWRM

Ms. Ibebeke Yvonne, Professor of National Pedagogical University; President ai of Global Water Partnership/RDC

Mr. Lungu Louis, Director of Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development

### Lagos

Ms. Funke Adepoju, Executive Secretary, Lagos State Water Regulatory Commission

### Greater Johannesburg Metropolitan

Mr. Tiaan Ehlers, Executive Director, Environment and Infrastructure Services Department

Ms. Nomvula Mofokeng, Deputy Director, Water Services regulation and Policy regulation

Mr. Ariel Mafejane, Senior Manager Operations Support, Johannesburg Water (SOC) Ltd

Mr. Adeshola Ilemobade, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of the Witwatersrand Johannesburg;

Mr. Jayant Bhagwan, Executive Manager, Water Research Commission

Ms. Esper Jacobeth Ncube, Acting General Manager Scientific Services, Rand Water Board

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