

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
OF THE AFRICAN WATER ASSOCIATION
FOR THE YEAR 2009

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The year 2008 has been a very active and full one for the African Water Association. In addition to the usual annual meetings, i.e. the Executive Board, the Congress, the General Assembly and the meetings of the Scientific and Technical Council, several other meetings were initiated in order to promote the great projects of our Association which has become a must today within the water and sanitation sector in Africa.

The statement of progress of our projects such as the Water Operator Partnerships, the African Water Academy, the Water Utilities Shadow Credit Rating, the Workshops on the Non Revenue Water, the Capacity Building as regards the Management and Maintenance of the works and equipments of the distribution Networks, etc is truly satisfying. I would like to

congratulate all the people who highly participated in their implementation, especially our partners who did not hesitate to trustfully get on the way of adventure with us towards the access to drinking water for everybody. I further congratulate them for their technical and financial support, and I encourage them to continue to believe in this contract of confidence with us for the effective and happy achievement of our common projects and programmes in order to reach our objectives.

Yet, it is true that many achievements have been made, but together we still have many challenges to face. And thanks to our common commitment and efforts, we shall go further. The year 2009 will undoubtedly be a very active one. In fact, it will be a turning point year for the preparation of the thirty years commemoration of our Association scheduled in Kampala in 2010 during the 15th edition of our Congress. I know that everyone of you is giving this event a great importance and preparing already to contribute to its success so that the AfWA can continue to play a first rank role in Africa as regards the struggle against poverty.

*Happy New Year
to you ALL!*

THE AfWA FUTURE IMPORTANT DATES (2009 Diary)

■ **21 JANUARY**

Conference for the Water Utilities facing the climate change (Madrid, Spain)

■ **23 & 24 JANUARY**

Meeting of the African Water Association's Ad'hoc Committee with a view to prepare the final programme of the Congress (Dakar, Senegal)

■ **28 JANUARY**

Meeting of the WOP AFRICA Steering Committee (Nairobi, KENYA)

■ **29 & 30 JANUARY**

Meeting of the Global WOP Steering Committee (Nairobi, KENYA)

■ **17 FEBRUARY**

Conference on the reuse of waste waters (Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire).

■ **23 & 27 FEBRUARY**

Meetings of the Scientific and Technical Council (STC), the Executive Board (EB) and the General Assembly of the African Water Association (AfWA) (Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire)

■ **16 to 20 MARCH**

5th World Water Forum (Istanbul, TURKEY)

■ **30 & 31 MARCH**

Brainstorming Workshop on the elaboration of the African Water Academy programmes (Kampala, UGANDA)

■ **14 to 17 APRIL**

Preparatory meeting for the launching of the WOP in Nigeria (Abuja, NIGERIA)

■ **20 to 24 APRIL**

High level courses on the reforms of the Water Utilities (Kampala, UGANDA).

■ **26 to 29 APRIL**

Conference on the Non Revenue Water denominated WATERLOSS 2009 (Cape Town, SOUTH AFRICA).

■ **8 to 11 JUNE**

High level courses on the Non Revenue Water and Launching of the African Water Academy (Tunis, TUNISIA)

■ **7 to 11 JULY**

Contractualization and Urban Sanitation Workshop (Accra, GHANA).

**Bonne et Heureuse Année
2009
à toutes et à tous**