



## THE AFRICAN SANITATION POLICY GUIDELINES

- What:** Virtual event to launch, *The African Sanitation Policy Guidelines*
- Who:** Heads of States, Ministers, governments officials, UN Agencies, donors, the media, civil society organizations, WASH experts and relevant actors.
- When:** Thursday 10 June 2021, 1500hrs Lagos Time (GMT+1)  
Press conference from 1720hrs – 1800hrs Lagos Time (GMT+1)
- Where:** Virtual, click [here](#) to register.

The African Sanitation Policy Guidelines (ASPG) are designed to guide African governments on the review, revision, and development of sanitation policy, as well as its implementation strategy. They consist of background information, advice on the policy development process, and suggested contents for a sanitation policy.

The ASPG was developed in close consultation with the member states of the African Union and sector stakeholders. It aims to guide African countries to improve or develop sanitation policies and implementation strategies to strengthen the enabling environment and improve sanitation governance across the continent and accelerate access to safe sanitation and hygiene services to all by 2030.

The ASPG launch is an opportunity to create awareness among wider stakeholders across the member states and beyond as well as generate the necessary momentum required for adoption. High-level participants including heads of states, governments officials, ministers, donors, the media, civil society organizations, WASH experts and relevant actors are the target audience for the launch. Further, the launch will increase participant's understanding of the ASPG content and value addition in shaping the sanitation landscape and enabling environment of the African continent.

AMCOW believes that the launch will activate stronger motivation for the ASPG adoption. Working closely with partners, influencers, and member states to officially launch the ASPG, will increase the dissemination coverage towards mobilising financial and technical support needed for quick uptake and subsequent policy reforms for improved sanitation access and attainment of the Ngor commitments and SDGs 6.2.

**Notes to editors**



Access a [media brief here](#)

For more information and to learn more about the ASPG, click [here](#)

### **About the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW)**

The African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW) is an intergovernmental, Pan-African, non-budgetary institution working under the Specialized Technical Subcommittee of the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment (ARBE) of the African Union. AMCOW provides political leadership, policy direction and advocacy on water management and provision of sanitation services. As part of that mandate, AMCOW has the responsibility to effectively and efficiently coordinate actions of key water and sanitation players, facilitate the strengthening of regional cooperation and transboundary water resources management and development as well as build the capacity of relevant institutions and agencies. AMCOW is mandated to provide political leadership in the implementation of the African Water Vision 2025 and water components of the African Union's Agenda 2063. <http://www.amcow-online.org>

### **About the African Union (AU)**

The African Union (AU) is a continental body consisting of the 55 member states that make up the countries of the African Continent. It was officially launched in 2002 as a successor to the Organisation of African Unity (OAU, 1963-1999). <https://au.int/en/>

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