

Summary of Key Decisions reached at the General Assembly September 6-8, 2007, Cairo, Egypt

1. **Constitutional Review:** The General Assembly approved the revised version of the constitution with some minor changes. It was agreed that the secretariat will work with a lawyer to edit and finalize the constitution. All members should receive a copy once it has been finalized. (October 30th)
2. **Elections of board members:** Elections were held using the revised Constitution and 11 members were elected to the ANEW board of Trustees. Prof Edward Kairu from Maji na Ufanisi and the host of ANEW Regional secretariat was elected as the Chair of the board.
3. **Regional Secretariat:** It was agreed that Maji na Ufanisi will continue to host the Regional Secretariat in Nairobi to avoid disruptions of ANEW activities.
4. **ANEW Sub regions:** It was agreed that ANEW membership will be divided into 5 sub regions (instead of regions) in alignment with AMCOW sub regions, as follows:

Central Africa: Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Chad, Cameroon, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Congo Brazzaville

Eastern Africa: Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, Sudan, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia, Seychelles

Northern Africa: Mauritania, Morocco, West Sahara, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt.

Southern Africa : South Africa, Madagascar, Swaziland, Lesotho, Botswana, Namibia, Angola, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Malawi, Mauritius, Comoros.

Western Africa: Niger, Benin, Togo, Ghana, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Liberia, Gambia, Mali, Guinea Conakry, Guinea Bissau, Cape Verde Island, Senegal, Nigeria, Sierra Leone.

3. Sub regional Offices: ANEW will have five sub regional offices hosted by one of the members in the sub region. It was agreed that the following members will host the respective sub regional coordinators

1. Central Africa: ADC in Chad
2. Eastern Africa: UWASNET in Uganda
3. Northern Africa: AOYE in Egypt
4. Southern Africa: Kalahari Conservation Society/NAWISA in Botswana
5. Western Africa: Enda Rup in Senegal

To begin with; four sub regional coordinators (excluding Northern Africa since they were not eligible in the EU project) will be employed as soon as the EU contract is signed. The board and the secretariat will make extra efforts to fundraise for Northern Africa to be able to have a sub regional coordinator and a functioning office. In the meantime, AOYE will continue to coordinate ANEW activities in the sub region.

4. Thematic areas of focus for ANEW (2007-2009)

The General Assembly also agreed that ANEW will focus its advocacy initiative on five key thematic areas which are:

1. Sanitation (including urban/rural settlements)
2. Water supply (including urban/rural settlements)
3. Water governance (accountability, M+E)
4. Water resources management
 - Surface and ground water
 - Watershed management
5. Trans boundary water management
6. Cross Cutting Issues which include:
 - Gender
 - Conflicts
 - HIV/AIDS
 - Data and research
 - Other social issues across all themes
 - IWRM

Each members of ANEW will join one or two of the above mentioned thematic areas. Respective Working Groups will be formed and led/coordinated by a Moderator/Team Leader.

The working groups will be responsible for:

1. Developing and maintaining a detailed work schedule in relation to the theme
2. Reviewing and commenting on draft strategies and policies
3. Reporting to the Board and General Assembly

4. Gathering and disseminating information
5. Working with Coordinators in planning and implementing advocacy strategies
6. Carrying out any other duties developed by the Working Group.

Specific Duties of the Working Group Leader include:

1. Provide regular updates and progress reports
2. Select Working Group members to represent ANEW in different meetings
3. Present the results of the working group to the board/General Assembly (Either in person or by appointing an alternate from the Working Group).

Actions for members: Please let the Secretariat know which of the five thematic areas you are interested in joining and also indicate if you are willing to be considered for the team leader/moderator position. This information is needed by September 24th, 2007.

International year of sanitation IYS 2008: it was agreed that ANEW should play a more visible role of coordinating its members' activities in 2008. Some of the activities suggested include:

1. Sub regional case studies presenting alternative solutions
2. Documentation of good practices in sanitation
3. Policy reviews and analyses
4. Working with the media