

# The role of civil society in trans-boundary water management in Africa



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## PRESENTATION OUTLINE



1. Who is ANEW
2. Current status of CSOs participation in TBWM
3. Rationale of involving CSOs in TBWM
4. The role of CSOs in TBWM
  - a) Initiation of processes & representation
  - b) Institutional management
  - c) Programming & implementation
  - d) Financing
  - e) Accountability



## WHO WE ARE

The Africa Civil Society Network on Water and Sanitation (ANEW) is a regional networking body of African civil society organizations actively involved in the field of sustainable water management, water supply and sanitation

These CSOs are committed to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) and the World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD) targets.

They are also committed to ensuring availability of water for all in our continent, and its sustainability for all current and future generations









## WHO WE ARE







ANEW was set up to ensure that African civil society voices are represented in international and regional water policy forums





ANEW ensures that the African CSO voices are heard during the increasingly political water debates at national, regional and global levels







	<h2>CURRENT STATUS</h2>
	<p>At present, the role of civil society in transboundary water management is limited across the globe, but arguably least in Africa</p>
	<p>In some African regions, indigenous CSOs are participating in addressing particular issues, albeit at small scale, and amplified in sites of international interest</p>
	<p>This takes exception, in comparison with other regions across the world, and other areas of interest that African CSOs participate (politics, human rights)</p>
	
	


	<h2>RATIONALE OF INVOLVING CSOs</h2>
	<p>Transboundary water is a regional public good, meant to benefit poor populations of a region, most of whom CSOs represent</p>
	<p>In some parts of Africa, the rapidly developing civil society-government interface is a strong mechanism for second-track diplomacy and confidence building amongst transboundary catchment stakeholders</p>
	<p>Public must be engaged in development and implementation of strategies to address sustainable water resource management - environmental, social and economic catchment system. It influences impact beyond the catchment system.</p>
	
	

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">THE ROLE OF CSOs</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">INITIATION OF PROCESS &amp; REPRESENTATION</h3>
	<p>Offer civil diplomacy between neighbouring groups, even states</p>
	<p>Initiation of stakeholder dialogue/participation through networks/caucuses of civil society groups at basin or regional level</p>
	<p>Provide a link between national, regional players and local communities</p>
	<p>Advocate for government, local or national, to participate in initial TWM deliberations</p>
	

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">THE ROLE OF CSOs</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">INSTITUTIONAL MANAGEMENT</h3>
	<p>Establishment of networks/focal points for active public participation in policy development, analysis, dissemination and implementation</p>
	<p>Nodal points for data collection in development and operations of Information Management Systems</p>
	<p>Identify traditional structures used in natural resources management and integrate them into current arrangements</p>
	<p>Provision of technical and financial support for institutional strengthening/capacity building at various levels for effective and sustainable WRM</p>
	

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">THE ROLE OF CSOs</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION</h3>
	<p>Capacity building of grassroots communities to enhance appropriate resource use and water governance practices</p>
	<p>Participate in implementation as well as offer independent monitoring of implementation/post processes across the board</p>
	<p>Offer specialized expertise and identify emerging issues</p>
	<p>Consolidate through networks/caucuses, experiences and success stories from grassroots communities to facilitate mutual learning and co-ownership of water resources across the region/basin</p>
	

	<h2 style="text-align: center;">THE ROLE OF CSOs</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">FINANCING</h3>
	<p>Contribute own resources directly for co-funding</p>
	<p>Lobby governments, to make budgetary allocations for supporting TBWM initiatives</p>
	<p>Mobilize individuals/households across the board, to directly contribute towards implementation of concerted TBWM actions</p>
	
	



# THE ROLE OF CSOs

## ACCOUNTABILITY

Influence financing mechanisms/arrangements of TBWM outfits, to ensure active participation of all stakeholders, and ensure equitable resource allocation across the basin/region

Establish forums for accountability checks for all partners, including own

Form social action forums for ensuring riparian rights of all are respected across the basin



# THANK YOU

