For progress in the water sector to have maximum impact on the life chances and livelihoods of people across Africa the sector must address four structural inequities:

- Coverage between countries;
- Coverage between sub sectors (water and sanitation, urban and rural);
- Coverage between rich and poor; and
- Equal participation in the sector by men and women

AMCOW will present a regional overview report based on the learning from 30 individual Country Status Overviews on Water Supply and Sanitation undertaken across Africa in 2009/10. The report outlines new opportunities for government-led service delivery arising from Africa’s changing political and economic context, assesses the extent to which countries have embraced this opportunity and reports on good practice being established in building service delivery pathways to improve sector effectiveness and equity.

This part of the session will focus on recent African experiences of integrating gender in the water sector both at regional and national levels. At the regional level the AMCOW Strategy for Mainstreaming Gender in the Water Sector in Africa (2010-14) will be presented, focusing on the process, objectives, and way forward.

At the national level two case studies will be presented to highlight good practice. The first case will demonstrate practical tools for mainstreaming gender in the water sector based on recent experiences in Kenya. The second will demonstrate an approach to capacity building on gender in the water sector in Burkina Faso.

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