

BRIEF MANIFESTO

To bring my years of experience and rich background as:

- A professional Civil Engineer of over three decades in the water supply and sanitation sector
- Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Water Resources
- Head of the Civil Service of the Federation (Nigeria)

Furthermore, I will also bring a lot of experience garnered over the years to the steering committee in areas of:

- a) General administration and quality control in water supply and sanitation
- b) harnessing human resources in this sector on a continental scale as a co-coordinator of the Working Group on Water Supply and Sanitation development in Africa (1995-1998)
- c) Experience in physical policies in water resources management

From the above therefore, I will be able to function as an informal public relations person for the Committee as I can easily carry out high level advocacy in the Water Resources sector. Also as a former Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, my obvious interaction at the level of the Presidency of Nigeria with a population of over 170 million, and also interactions at the National Assembly will obviously translate to gains in many areas to the committee influencing:

- i) Fiscal policies on Water and Sanitation
- ii) Budgetary Allocations to the sector
- iii) Influencing and easily being granted audience at the National and State Assemblies that may translate to high- lighting policies of the committee

My years of working with bilateral, multilateral organizations and development partners will also make me easily steer and influence policies in matter of water /sanitation

My Activities in the WASH Sector from 2010 to 2016

As a result of my contributions to the WSSCC from its inception and my working years as a civil servant, on my retirement as the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation (Nigeria) I was invited by the Council through its Executive Secretary, Jon Lane, to be the Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Ambassador for Nigeria (2010 to date); and thereafter as a member of the Steering Committee on SWA (2011-2015), I have been fully engaged in the sector.

In the last five years therefore I have carried out series of high level advocacy to the President, Vice President, Ministers of Water Resources/Finance/Women Affairs/ Information/ Environment/ Health; the Water Resources Committees of the Senate and National Assembly, the Governors and developmental partners/the private sector, members of the 2014 National Conference, to ensure that more funds are brought into the sector. I also engaged the school children, women organizations etc on the importance of the sector. I have been invited to participate and speak about the sector in numerous sanitation/hygiene and water related events e.g. the Presidential Summit on Water and Sanitation, the yearly Global Hand washing events, Council on Water Resources, co-opted member of the Presidential Committee on Rehabilitation and Reconstruction etc. I co-chair the WASH Emergency Meetings with the Chief of WASH UNICEF.