

Declaration of the Moroccan Coalition for Water «COALMA»

We, participants in the Side Event organized on the initiative of the Moroccan Coalition for Water held in Marrakesh on November 8th, 2016 on the theme : «Together for the nexus of water and Climate: a shared objective»

Conscious that climate change should have direct negative impacts on the availability and quality of water resources;

Conscious that the first tangible effects of climate change already threaten the quality and the quantity of water resources, particularly in emerging countries;

Conscious of the narrow interactions between water and climate change;

Recognizing that the negative impacts of climate change on the availability of water resources become intensified with the increase of greenhouse gas emissions;

Conscious also that the challenges of water management are inseparable from strategies of fight against climate change, the implementation of the objectives of the sustainable development and the struggle against poverty;

We **greet** the adoption of Paris Agreement on climate by the COP21 in December, 2015 and the acceleration of the procedure of its signature and its ratification which allowed its entry into force before COP22 of Marrakesh;

We **greet** the adoption of the sustainable development Program on the horizon 2030 by the UN General Assembly in September, 2015;

Bear in mind that climatic disturbances require a united and differentiated world commitment;

Acknowledge that water constitutes the priority demand in the Intended Nationally Determined Contributions (INDCs), in particular the countries of the African continent.

these levels of ambition and while trying to avoid any regression of instruments of fight against the climate change;

Reinforce the appropriate measures of reduction of the climatic risks, in order to cure the losses and damages related to the harmful effects of the climate changes, in particular on water;

Acknowledge the right of initiative of the nonofficial stakeholders engaged in the field of water and sanitation within the United Nations;

Give a special attention to the particular vulnerability of Africa vis-a-vis climate changes, to the hydrous deficit and the fight against poverty and respond in a priority way to its needs and constraints in terms of mitigation, adaptation, financing, technology, capacity building, education and sensitizing.

We, the Moroccan Coalition for Water «COALMA» and its partners, we are committed to:

Adhere to the objectives of this Declaration;

Continue to defend the taking into account of water in the negotiations and in particular relating to the financing, adaptation, mitigation, reinforcement of the capacities and access to technologies in connection with the implementation of the Agreement of Paris of 2015;

Act in favor of a sustainable management of water resources;

Support and share proactive, alternative, collaborative and inclusive solutions with the problems of the management of water resources;

Adopt convergent procedures of measurements of water footprint and carbon footprint and to **encourage**, in particular the companies and the operators, to introduce the culture of water footprint and to measure this footprint following the example of carbon footprint;

Enhance national expertise, **share** this expertise within the framework of a collaboration South-South and North-South.