



ADDRESS BY THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES, ENGR. SULEIMAN HUSSAINI ADAMU, FNSE AT THE INTER-REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION FOR UPSCALING INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (IWRM) AND ECOHYDROLOGY FOR ACHIEVING WATER SECURITY IN AFRICA

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Your Excellency, The High Commissioner of Malaysia in Nigeria;
The Regional Director and Representative, UNESCO Multi-Sectorial Regional Office, Abuja;
The Representative of the Director, UNESCO Regional Office for Science in Asia and the Pacific;
The Executive Director, National Water Resources Institute Kaduna;
Representatives of various Water Resources Agencies
Participants from Asia and the Pacific;
Other participants present;
Gentlemen of the Press;
Ladies and Gentlemen.

I am delighted to welcome you to the Inter-Regional Workshop on South-South Cooperation for Up-scaling Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) and Ecohydrology as tools for achieving Water Security in Africa.

As you are aware, sustainable water solutions, whether at the local, regional and global levels, require creativity, new scientific knowledge, discoveries and innovations through scientific co-operations.

I am aware that this workshop has brought together Water Resources Experts, Practitioners, Managers, Policy Makers, Scientists, Civil Society Organizations from Africa and Asia and the Pacific to share knowledge, exchange information

and collaborate on implementing innovative ideas that can improve the sustainable management of Water Resources in Africa.

I wish to inform you that the Federal Executive Council of the present administration recently approved the Water Bill, and the Water Resources Road Map for Nigeria. Furthermore, yesterday I inaugurated the newly constituted Management Teams of the River Basin Development Authorities. These efforts are geared towards upscaling Integrated Water Resources Management as tools for achieving water and food security.

I am convinced that at this workshop, Africa will benefit tremendously from the insight into modern approaches for implementing IWRM, and how HELP and Ecohydrology can be used as practical tools for delivering IWRM.

I want to assure this distinguished gathering that the Federal Government of Nigeria on its part will implement to the letter, all recommendations made at this workshop for appropriate framework and workplan for promoting IWRM in Africa.

On this note, ladies and gentlemen, I wish all of us very fruitful deliberations and knowledge sharing during the period of this workshop.

While thanking you all for your audience, I hereby declare this workshop open.

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