

## **DECLARATION OF AFRICAN MINISTERS RESPONSIBLE FOR WATER RESOURCES:**

Edward Lowassa, Tanzania's Minister for Water and Livestock Development, presented the Declaration of African Ministers Responsible for Water Resources, which highlights Africa's major water concerns, the challenges, the international solidarity required and action areas necessary, including, institutionalizing intergovernmental policy dialogue, securing finance, building management capacity, transferring appropriate technology, enhancing governance, and strengthening the role of women. Calling for regional and global alliance for water security for all in Africa, he announced the intention to establish an African Ministerial Conference on Water with its inauguration planned for March/April 2002 in Abuja, Nigeria.