

# JOINT STATEMENT

## BETWEEN

THE HONOURABLE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER  
RESOURCES,  
H.E. CHIEF P NGELALE  
(FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA)

## AND

THE HONOURABLE MINISTER  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY  
H.E. MR. R KASRILS  
(REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA)

## ON

BI-NATIONAL CONSULTATIONS IN THE WATER SECTOR

**JOINT STATEMENT ON NIGERIA / SOUTH AFRICA**  
**BINATIONAL CONSULTATIONS ON WATER RESOURCES**  
**HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> AND 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2002 AT THE**  
**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE,**  
**ABUJA, NIGERIA**

1. We, the undersigned, hereby endorse the Agreed Minutes of the Bi-National Technical Team Consultations held in Abuja from 29<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2002.
2. The Federal Ministry of Water Resources (Nigeria) and the Department of Water Affairs and Forestry (South Africa), in continuation of the discussions held during the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the Bi-National Commission, affirm the following.
3. That the respective institutions will co-operate to advance the high level of co-operation in the following areas: -

(a) **Local Manufacture of Handpumps**

South African private sector institutions will examine the possibility of establishing a manufacturing plant in Nigeria.

(b) **Local Production of Water Treatment Chemicals**

Nigeria will provide its technical reports to South Africa in order to facilitate future co-operation in this area. South Africa urged Nigeria to make use of the various courses offered by South African Institutions on water quality treatment and management.

(c) **Joint Venture Possibilities**

In the area of groundwater, Nigeria requested interested South African Companies to contact Nigerian River Basin Authorities in order to participate in their borehole drilling programmes, and investment opportunities in the irrigation sector.

(d) **Sanitation**

South Africa will make available to Nigeria information on the South African experience with sanitation, as well as the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) programme.

(e) **Dams**

South Africa undertook to provide Nigeria with information on instrumentation, monitoring and management of dams.

South Africa encouraged Nigeria to avail herself of various training opportunities offered by institutions in South Africa, in particular the workshop on the design, and construction and maintenance of dams (June 2002).

South Africa would provide information on suppliers of instrumentation, and earth moving equipment.

(f) **Hydrology / Hydrogeology**

South Africa undertook to share her experience on hydrogeological mapping.

South Africa undertook to examine the potential of building Nigerian capacity in isotope investigations and will examine the various modalities to facilitate such process through a public-private partnership.

(g) **Water Resources Planning**

South Africa undertook to support Nigerian efforts in database management and would share its experience in GIS/Remote Sensing mapping.

Nigeria undertook to share experience gained through the National Water Resource Masterplan process with South Africa.

(h) **NEPAD**

Nigeria and South Africa undertook to work together to develop common water resources development strategies within the framework of NEPAD.

(i) **Exchange of Technical Journals**

Nigeria and South Africa agreed to exchange technical publications and professional journals in the water sector on an on-going basis.

Done at Abuja this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2002 in two originals in the English Language.

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H.E. Chief P Ngelale  
MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER  
RESOURCES  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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H.E. Mr R Kasrils  
MINISTER OF WATER  
AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA