



# FORMULATION OF AMCOW WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

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## BACKGROUND



The African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) is mandated to advance the development of water and sanitation sector in Africa



Ensuring water security is a significant part of this mandate, and AMCOW considers water security to entail both quality and quantity, which is why AMCOW Secretariat committed in its 2020-2014 Strategic Operations Plan to design and roll out a pan-African program on Water Quality.



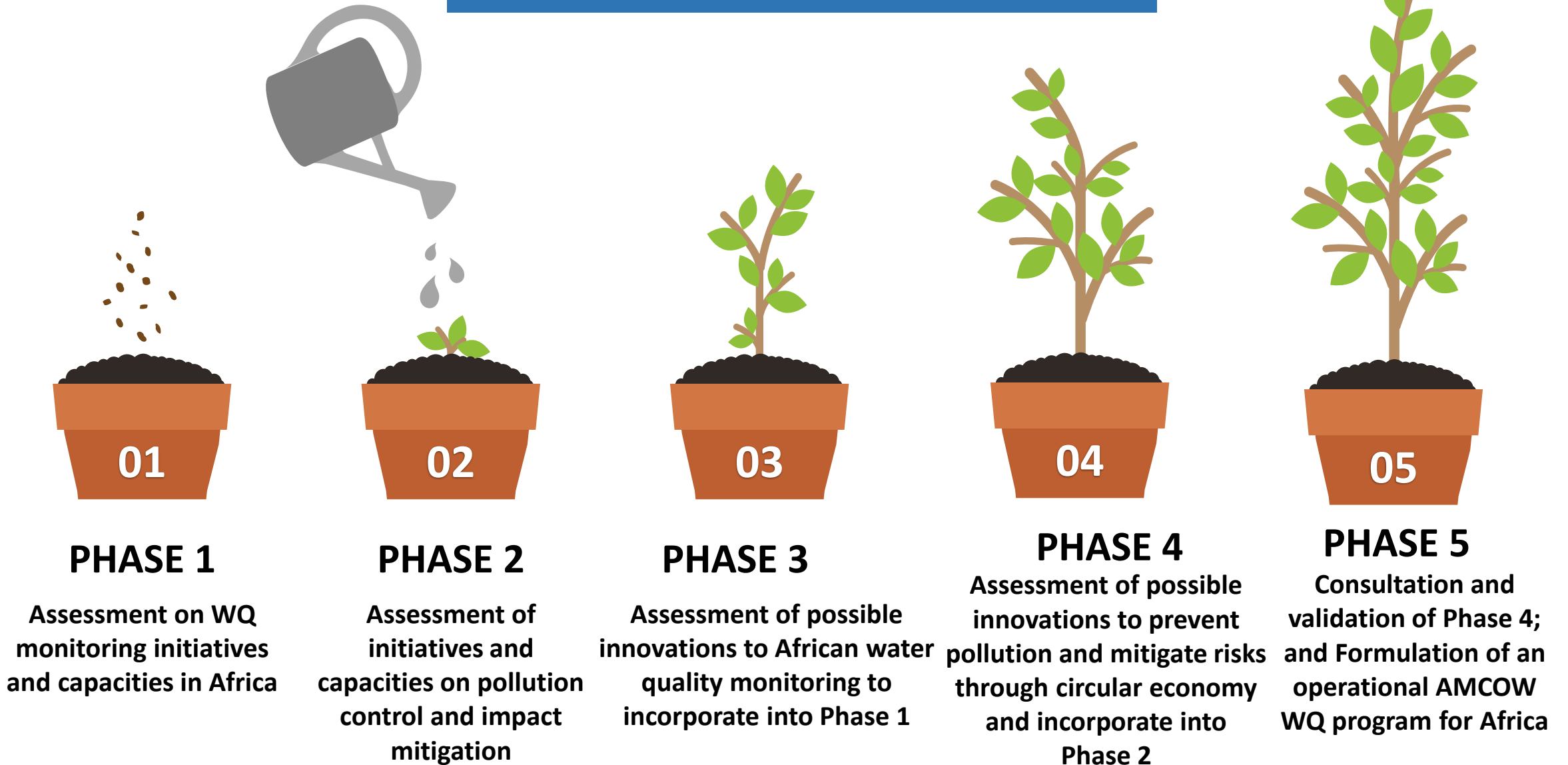
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## GOAL

The ultimate goal of AMCOW is the creation of a strong, self-driven water quality program and movement in Africa through PAWaQ to promote collective action, and to ensure protection of water quality as a critical element in enhancing water security in Africa.

# STEPWISE FORMULATION



## PATNERSHIP / SUPPORT

### AMCOW

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# THANK YOU!

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