



## **NIGERIA'S STATEMENT AT THE RECEPTION EVENT OF NEW PARTIES TO THE WATER CONVENTION TREATY.**

- **Preamble:**

Nigeria was admitted to the Water Convention as the 48<sup>th</sup> country following the presentation and acceptance of the Instrument of Accession in New York on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 2023, during the UN Water Conference. The steps for the accession included the following:

- **Preparation to Accession**

Participation in Water Convention meetings, including that of Parties.

Expression of interest.

- **Obtaining Consensus for Accession**

Establishment of inter-ministerial working group, presentation to the National Water Resources Council, series of zonal sensitisation workshops, drafting of the Road map.

- **Accession Procedures**

Involved various MDAs and Government officials in the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Justice, Finance, Budget and National Planning and Water Resources. Culminating to the signing of the Accession instrument by the former President, Muhammadu Buhari and the presentation at New York during the UN Water Conference on the 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2023.

- **After Accession**

Information of accession will be forwarded to Parliament and promotion of accession to other riparian States in the Lake Chad Basin Commission and the Niger Basin Authority.

**Benefits/Expectations-** the Convention will foster better management of our transboundary watercourses and strengthen cooperation among the riparian States. Promote and accelerate the attainment of SDG 6, thereby increasing access to water, sanitation and hygiene services for all.

**Opportunities-** increase economic activities for improved livelihood of the riparian State population. Conflict reduction. Adaptation of climate resilience Water, Sanitation and Hygiene services as well as agricultural services. Knowledge and experience sharing among Member States to improve integrated management of water resources.

**Challenges-** Inadequate human and material resources.

Getting other riparian States in the Basin Commission/ Authority to fulfil their obligations.

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