



The African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) has named winners of Africa's premiere awards for exemplary achievements in sanitation and hygiene. AMCOW AfricaSan awarded a Lifetime Achievement honor to **GETF Senior Advisor Dr. Albert Wright**, who for more than four decades has made significant contributions to strategic development of water, sanitation, and hygiene at global, African and national levels. He has been a teacher, researcher, innovator, investment advisor, policy advisor, and inspiration and mentor to an entire generation of the African water and sanitation community.

AMCOW is the driving force behind the AfricaSan movement, a regional initiative that seeks to place sanitation and hygiene at the top of the development agenda in Africa. The AMCOW AfricaSan Awards are dedicated to recognizing outstanding efforts and achievements in sanitation and hygiene in Africa which result in large-scale, sustainable behavior changes and tangible impacts. The aim is to raise the profile of sanitation and hygiene by drawing attention to successful approaches, promoting excellence in leadership, innovation, and sanitation and hygiene improvements in Africa.

To read AMCOW's introductory remarks about Dr. Wright given at the awards ceremony, click **here**. To read Dr. Wright's acceptance speech, click **here**.