



Africa Water Week

High Level Session on Project Preparation for Investments in Water, Climate and Development

Wednesday 20 July, 2016 at 11:00 – 12:30
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

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The High Level Session will explore opportunities for a strengthened continental mechanism and initiative for supporting African countries to leverage finance and investments from public and private sector. The initiative is a follow up on the outcomes of AMCOW's initiative on support to Project Preparation and Financing implemented as part of the Water, Climate and Development Programme (WACDEP). The work is carried out by the Global Water Partnership in collaboration with the Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA) hosted by the Africa Development Bank.

The session is also a follow up to the High Level Ministerial event convened by African Union, AMCOW and GWP as part of the Africa Day during COP 21 at the UNFCCC climate summit, in Paris, France.

Weak project preparation and prioritisation of adaptation interventions is one of the major challenges limiting African countries from accessing climate funds to support water management. The funds and their access modalities are often not well known and capacity to prepare good projects that can attract funding is limited.

The global climate financing architecture is taking shape with the operationalisation of the Green Climate Fund and other funds such as adaptation fund, Special Climate Change Fund (SCCF) and others. But technical assistance to enable African countries prepare well prioritised projects that can attract funding from such funds and the private sector is limited. Capacities to prepare bankable projects need to be strengthened across the continent. On-going plans to establish a "Blue Fund" as a global financing instrument for SDG 6 on water present more opportunities for Africa to scale up project preparation capacity and enhance access to finance for investments in water. The session will present lessons and case studies on project preparation from the five Africa sub-regions. The case studies will be drawn from AMCOW projects prepared by countries with support from GWP, the infrastructure consortium for Africa, Africa Water Facility and others.

HIGH LEVEL SESSION ON PROJECT PREPARATION FOR INVESTMENTS IN WATER, CLIMATE & DEVELOPMENT

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Sub Theme 2: 7th Technical Session: 11.00 – 12.30hrs
Topic: Project preparation for investments in Water, Climate and Development in Africa
Lead Convener: GWP
Co Conveners: ICA, AMCOW, AUC
Session Objectives: Present project preparation opportunities in Africa and set in motion a continental mechanism/initiative for supporting countries to leverage investments from public and private sector

Session Description: The session will present experiences on project preparation from the five Africa sub-regions. These experiences will be drawn from projects prepared by countries with support from the Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA), Africa Water Facility (AWF) and others.

Presentations

Project Preparation for water security in Africa

- ✓ Callixte Kambanda, Infrastructure Consortium for Africa

Constraints, bottlenecks and opportunities for Project Preparation and Financing

- ✓ Nura Suleiman, PegaSys Capital

High Level Panel Discussion

Towards a continental mechanism for project preparation to leverage investments from climate finance, public and private sector in Africa

- ✓ HE Hon Hon. Amadou Mansour Faye, AMCOW President, Minister: Hydraulic and Sanitation, Senegal
- ✓ Hon. Eugene Wamalwa, Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Kenya
- ✓ Mm Rhoda Peace, AUC-Commissioner for Agriculture
- ✓ Mohammed Ell Azizi, AfDB, Director for water and sanitation
- ✓ Mr. Phera Ramoeli, SADC Directorate of Infrastructure Services
- ✓ Mr. Jean Michel Ossette, Africa Water Facility

Moderator: AMCOW Executive Secretary, Bai Mass Taal