**Launch of the High Level Panel on Water Africa Legacy Initiative**

**Africa Water Investment Programme (AIP)**

**Water Security for job Creation, Industrialization, Climate Resilient, Development and SDG Implementation**

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**Venue: Room 27**

*Session Conveners: HLPW Africa (South Africa, Senegal, Mauritius), World Bank/UN, AfDB, AU, AMCOW and GWP*

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Keynote Speakers

H.E. Macky Sall, President of Senegal, HLPW Panel Member

Mr. Sall is the President of Senegal, and is a Former Prime Minister and President of the National Assembly of Senegal. He’s held the post of Mayor of Fatick twice. He was a long-time member of the Senegalese Democratic Party (PDS). After coming into conflict with then President Abdoulaye Wade and being removed from his post as President of the National Assembly, Mr. Sall founded his own party named APR, and joined the opposition. After winning the backing of other opposition candidates he prevailed over Wade in the second round of voting in 2012. Mr. Sall is a HLPW member.

H.E. Miroslav Lajčák, President of UN General Assembly

Mr. Lajčák is the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations. When elected, he was in his third term as Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, while also serving as Deputy Prime Minister. Mr. Lajčák has represented his country and the international community on various posts.

Mr. Lajčák helped shape the newly formed European External Action Service, as its MD for Europe and Central Asia. He served as the EU’s Chief Negotiator for the Association Agreements of the EU with Ukraine and Moldova, as well as the EU Representative for the “5+2 Talks” on the Transnistrian Settlement Process.

Ms. Laura Tuck, World Bank Vice President for Sustainable Development

Ms. Tuck is World Bank’s Vice President for Sustainable Development. She oversees the global practices and thematic groups that bring together the best expertise from across the World Bank Group, and from partners, to help countries tackle their most complex challenges. Previously Ms. Tuck worked for consulting firms in agricultural policy, food policy, and food needs assessments; served on the faculty of Princeton University on a research project, and worked and lived in Africa. She has an MPA from Princeton in Economics and Public Policy and a BA from the University of California at Davis in Economics.

Mr. Gugile Nkwinti, Minister of Water and Sanitation

Mr. Gugile Nkwinti is South Africa’s Minister of Water and Sanitation. Previously Mr. Nkwinti held the post of Minister of Rural Development and Land Reform. He holds a Master’s degree in Public Policy and Management from the University of London and a Bachelor of Administration degree specialising in Political Science, Public Administration and Applied Economics from the University of South Africa. Prior to his appointment as a Minister of Land Reform he was Speaker of the Eastern Cape Provincial Legislature from 1994 to 1999; MEC for Housing from 1999 to 2005; and MEC for Agriculture Eastern Cape from 2005 to 2009.
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Speakers

Prof. Dr. Patrick Verkooijen
World Bank Special Advisor
Prof. Dr. Verkooijen is a Dutch national and serves as the World Bank Group Sherpa of the High Level Panel on Water (HLPW). The HLPW champions comprehensive, inclusive and collaborative ways of developing and managing water resources, and improving water and sanitation-related services and, in particular Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6: availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all. Prof. Dr. Verkooijen is the Special Adviser for Climate Change and a non-residential Professor of Sustainable Development Diplomacy at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy in Boston and a Visiting Professor of Global Governance at Wageningen University and Research Center in the Netherlands.

Mr. Alex Simalabwi
GWPSA Executive Secretary
Alex Simalabwi is the Executive Secretary of the Global Water Partnership (GWP) Southern Africa and Head of GWP Africa Coordination Unit. He is GWP’s global Lead on climate change and Global Coordinator of the Water, Climate and Development Program for GWPO, an international organization set up by the World Bank, UNDP and government of Sweden. Mr. Simalabwi co-chaired the World Bank Expert Group for climate resilience, advising the Bank where to invest climate funds among 34 countries worldwide. He conceived, developed and leads the Water Climate Development Program (WACDEP) that supports water security, investment preparation and climate resilience across 60 countries spanning four continents. He has Masters in Public Policy and Economics from Harvard University and an MBA from Wales.

Dr. Jennifer Blanke
Vice President Agriculture, Human and Social Development – African Development Bank
Dr. Blanke is Vice-President Agriculture, Human and Social Development at the African Development Bank. She was previously Chief Economist at the World Economic Forum, and has written and lectured extensively on issues related to national competitiveness. Ms. Blanke holds a Master’s degree in International Affairs from Columbia University, New York, and an MA and PhD in International Economics from the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva. Presently a member of the Canadian Government’s Council of Economic Growth and holds a number of non-executive board responsibilities in the not-for-profit sector.

Panel Discussion

Ms. Catarina de Albuquerque
Executive Chair – Sanitation & Water for All
Ms. de Albuquerque is part of the global partnership Sanitation and Water for All (SWA). She advocates for SWA’s pivotal role within the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and political prioritization of WASH at a global high-level. She leads SWA’s Steering Committee and was previously the first UN Special Rapporteur on the right to safe drinking water and sanitation.
Ms. de Albuquerque is an invited Professor at the Law Faculties of the Universities of Braga and Coimbra, Portugal, and a Senior Legal Adviser at the Office for Documentation and Comparative Law.

Mr. Henk Ovink
Special Envoy on Water – The Netherlands
Mr. Ovink is the first Special Envoy for International Climate for the Kingdom of the Netherlands. He’s Principal of Rebuild by Design and was Senior Adviser to the former US Presidential Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task. He was both Acting Director General of Spatial Planning and Water Affairs and Director of National Spatial Planning for the Netherlands.
Mr. Ovink is on the International Advisory Board for Rotterdam. He was Curator for the 5th International Architecture Biennale Rotterdam 2012 ‘Making City’, and initiated the research program Design and Politics, the connecting chair at the TU Delft, and initiated and is chief editor for the series of publications called ‘Design and Politics’ with nai010 Publishers.

H.E. Josefa Sacko
Commissioner DREA, African Union
Mme Sacko, an Angolan national, is a leading African agronomist. Last year she was nominated as Executive Administrator on the UN’s International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). Mme Sacko is special adviser the Angolan Ministry of Environmental Affairs, where she’s also the Ambassador for Climate Change; and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, overseeing food security, eradication of hunger, and poverty reduction.
Mme Sacko is the special adviser to the Vice-President of The Pan African Women’s Organization for the Southern African Region, and has consulted in the National Angolan Investment Agency (ANIP).
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Panel Discussion

Hon. Jabulile Mashwama
Minister of Water Affairs, Swaziland
Ms. Mashwama is the Minister for Natural Resources and Energy for the Kingdom of Swaziland. She’s responsible for the development and implementation of policies and legislations to create a conducive environment and for efficient utilization and beneficiation of the nation’s natural resources in order to enhance socio-economic development.
She has 15 years’ private sector experience in environmental management, health and safety, and human resources management. Ms. Mashwama initially joined the public sector as Minister for Commerce, Industry and Trade where responsibilities included development and implementation of policies and legislation to support the nation’s goals.

Dr. Oyun Sanjaasuren
GWP Global Chair
Dr. Sanjaasuren is the Chair of GWP and former President of the United Nations Environment Assembly of UNEP. She’s a former Member of Parliament of Mongolia, former Minister of Environment and Green Development, and former Minister of Foreign Affairs. During that time, she led a number of governance reforms, including green development and in the water sector. She entered politics following her professional career as a geologist.
Dr. Sanjaasuren is Founder and Head of the Zorig Foundation, a leading Mongolian NGO dedicated to the advancement of democracy, and supports youth and education. She’s Chair of the Special Olympics Mongolia and Chair of the Mongolia Chapter of Women Corporate Directors.

Ambassador Jagdish Koonjul
Mauritius, Sherpa HLPW
Mr. Koonjul is the Secretary for Foreign Affairs for Mauritius. He’s been the Ambassador to Belgium and Permanent Representative to the European Union, Ambassador/Head of Bilateral Directorate for Asia and the Middle East, and Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations in New York.
During his previous tenure at the UN, he served as Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, chief representative and president of the Security Council, and as Chairman of the Alliance of Small Island Developing States.
Mr. Koonjul has also actively served as Team Leader of the Mauritius Continental Shelf Project, as well as Strategic Planning of the Mauritius Oceanography Institute. Mr. Koonjul is a Co-Chair with HLPW.

Hon. Eng. Isaack Kamwele
AMCOW President
Eng. Isaack Kamwele is the President of the African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW). He’s also the Minister for Water and Irrigation in Tanzania, an elected member of parliament and a member of the country’s main political party, Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM).

Mr. Claudio Bacigalupi
Head EU-DEVCO (Water)
Mr. Bacigalupi is the Head of Sector Water at European Commission Directorate for Development Cooperation. He is also the Head of Sector Water. He was the head of Infrastructure and Environmental Sector at European Commission Delegation in Congo July 2006 – November 2010. He holds a Master in Renewable Energies Sapienza Università di Roma.

Ms. Jennifer Sara
World Bank – Director Global Water Practice
Ms. Sara, a US national, is the Director for the World Bank Group’s Water Global Practice. Previously she was Sector Manager for Sustainable Development for Vietnam. She joined the Bank and spent 13 years as a Research Analyst for the Water and Sanitation Program with assignments in Brazil, Bolivia and Vietnam. Ms. Sara’s been Lead Infrastructure Specialist in Latin America and the Caribbean, Senior Water and Sanitation Specialists in Africa and for WSP. She customizes the Bank’s global water strategy to the country dialogue, and provides policy advice and operational support in response to specific client needs.