Parallel Session
Date: 26 November 2018
Venue: Elephant Hills, Victoria Falls
Time: 11:00-13:00

PIDA Implementation through Good Governance – Realizing Smart Infrastructure for Africa’s Integration

Accelerating Project Preparation and Financing of PIDA Water Priority Transboundary and Hydropower Projects
**Objective of the Session**

To discuss strategic pathways to accelerating the preparation and financing of the PIDA transboundary water projects and foster a water-energy-food-ecosystems (WEFE) nexus approach in the development of the hydropower projects by mobilising partnerships, accelerating project preparation, financing and enhancing transaction management support and capacities among partnerships, institutions and stakeholders to catalyze investments and jobs.

**Specific Objectives**

- To share investment opportunities in transboundary water and hydropower projects
- To discuss bottlenecks and solutions to resolving these bottlenecks in order to accelerate implementation of the PIDA Water projects
- To provide an update on the development of PIDA Water within the framework of the Africa Water Investment Programme and receive inputs from key stakeholders
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**Session Synopsis**

The African Water Investment Program (AIP) has been developed to transform and improve the investment outlook for water security and sustainable sanitation in Africa through accelerating project preparations and mobilizing partnerships and resources. Projections of Africa’s population of 1.6 billion by 2030 translates into a need to produce at least 50% more food; and at least a tenfold increase in water needs for energy production to support socio-economic development. Rapid urbanisation and industrialisation will both increase the water demand. This requires huge investment in water not only to satisfy the social and economic demands but also to build resilience of Africa’s and its ecosystems.

In November 2017, the NEPAD Agency and the African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW) commissioned a review of the implementation of transboundary water projects under PIDA. According to the review water projects showed little progress compared to projects in other PIDA focus areas.

To address the limited progress from conceptualisation to implementation of water projects, the NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency in collaboration with the Global Water Partnership (GWP) has established ‘PIDA Water’ as part of the second Phase of PIDA from 2019-2024. PIDA Water will be implemented within the framework of AIP.

PIDA Water comprises a portfolio of transboundary water and hydropower projects and will be implemented by the NEPAD Agency, Regional Economic Communities (RECs), River Basin Organisations, member states and executed by GWP in collaboration with other partners.

**Expected outcomes from the session**

- Investment opportunities in transboundary water and hydropower projects shared
- Strategic pathways identified to accelerate the preparation and financing of the PIDA water and hydropower projects
- Showcasing and awareness raised on the achievements and successes of PIDA transboundary water and hydropower projects
- Reflections and inputs from stakeholders on PIDA Water
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