



Invitation-only event during SIWI World Water Week



## Accelerating SDG Delivery through Financing Water Security

### Learning from Africa and scaling up

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017 08:00 to 09:30

Clarion Hotel Sign, Östra Järnvägsgatan 35, Stockholm

### AGENDA

- 07:30 - 08:00      **Registration, breakfast, and networking**
- 08:00              **Welcome and introduction**  
**Dr. Oyun Sanjaasuren**, Chair, Global Water Partnership
- 08:05              **Opening remarks**  
**Dr. Canisius Kanangire**, Executive Secretary, AMCOW
- 08:10              **Keynote address**  
**Ambassador Howard Bamsey**, Executive Director, Green Climate Fund  
*Introducing: GCF's Gender & Climate Change Toolkit & delivering climate-smart and inclusive water management solutions*
- 08:25 - 09:25      **Panel Discussion: Finding the leverage points to unlock financing and enable SDG delivery**
- **Hon. Minister Joseph Kofi Adda**, Minister for Water & Sanitation, Ghana
  - **Hon. Minister Nomvula Mokonyane**, Minister of Water and Sanitation, Republic of South Africa
  - **Jennifer Sara**, Director, Water Global Practice, World Bank Group
  - **Jean-Michel Ossete**, Acting Coordinator, African Water Facility
- Moderator: **Alex Simalabwi**, Executive Secretary, GWP Southern Africa
- 09:25 - 09:30      **Final Remarks**  
*Dr. Oyun Sanjaasuren*, Chair, Global Water Partnership
- 09:30 - 09:45      **Coffee and networking**

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##### AMCOW

Dr. Canisius Kanangire  
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## CONCEPT NOTE

Join GWP, GCF and AMCOW for a discussion on how financing water security can serve as a catalytic leverage point to accelerate delivery on the SDGs.

Water security is key to achieving SDG 6 and is pivotal for all other SDGs. Investments in water security are uniquely catalytic: water is a pivotal entry point to alleviate poverty, address the water-food-energy-ecosystems nexus, improve the supply and management of water in rapidly growing cities, reduce disaster risks, promote peace and enhance climate resilience for the most fragile and vulnerable communities in a way that is gender- and socially inclusive.

Water security is one of the highest priority areas in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) to the Paris Agreement and is poised to play an equally central role within Agenda 2030. However, a water security financing gap exists: the countries most in need of financing also need support in identifying and preparing bankable projects for investment. Building on examples from Africa, including the GWP-AMCOW Investments in Africa Programme, the panel discussion will explore **how the 2030 Agenda can be accelerated by closing the water adaptation financing gap.**

The event brings the development cooperation and finance communities together with the institutions driving SDG implementation at the national level, with the aim to gain a concrete understanding of **the types of investment support needed for countries around SDG 6.5** (integrated water resources management).

The panel discussion will include the following:

- Priorities, needs and opportunities for the SDG implementation challenge
- Concrete and replicable case studies that demonstrate the potential of water investments to accelerate climate adaptation
- The impact of closing the financing gap on advancing gender equality and inclusion, realizing the Agenda 2030's *no one left behind* approach

Ultimately, this event aims to provide actionable, tangible solutions with identified roles and responsibilities to unlock further financing and scale up targeted action in support of water governance for SDG implementation.