



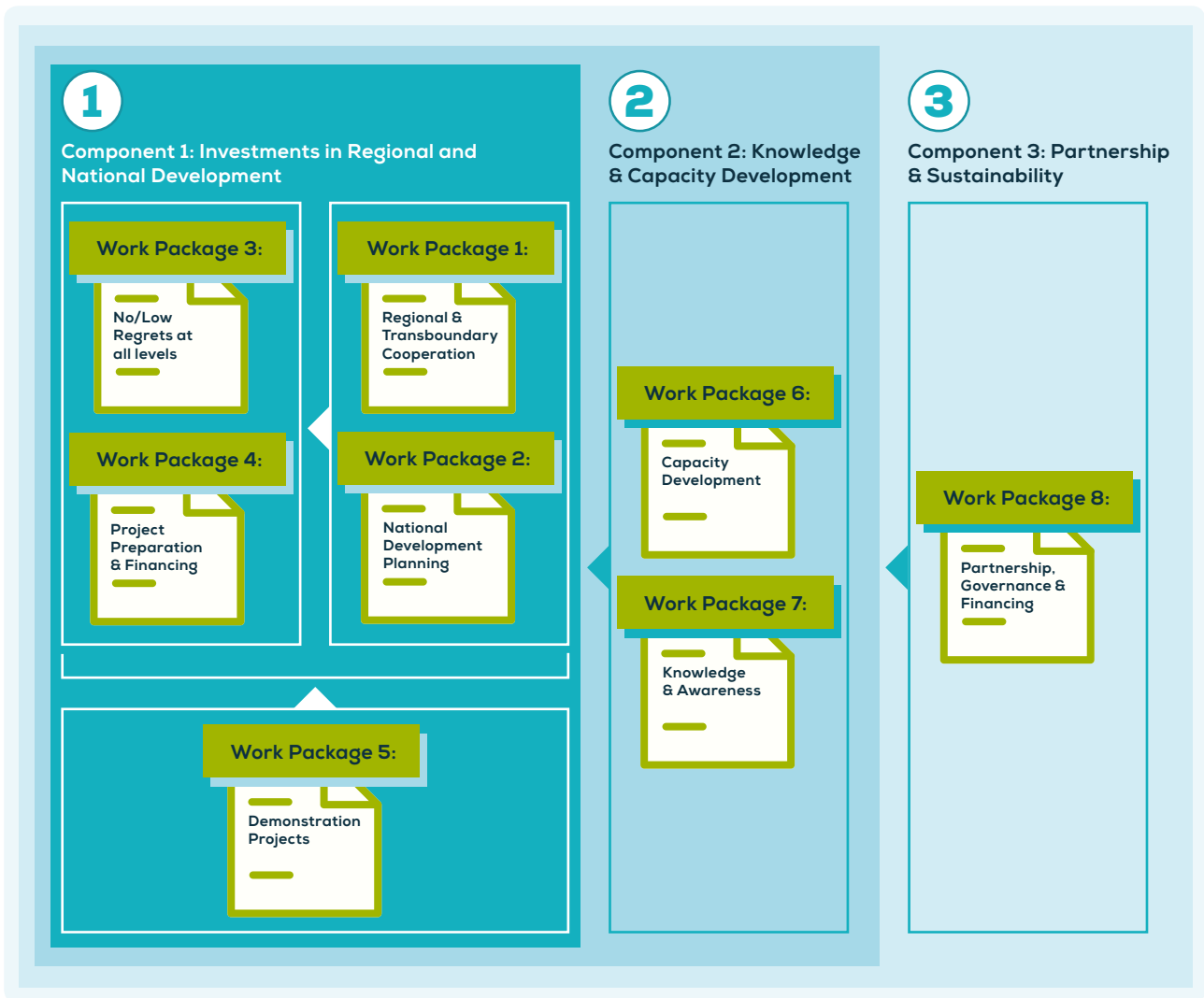
# Project Preparation and Financing in the Water, Climate and Development Programme

The Water, Climate and Development Programme (WACDEP), an African Ministers' Council on Water programme implemented by the Global Water Partnership and partners, aims to integrate water security and climate resilience in development planning processes, build climate resilience and support countries to adapt to a new climate regime through increased investments in water security across the continent. In order to promote water as a key part of sustainable regional and national development and contribute to climate change adaptation for economic growth and human security, four components, composed of eight respective work packages, were designed to address outcome challenges.

Component One, *Investments in Regional and National Development*, includes four different work packages. Work Package 1 sought to support River Basin Organisations and governments in developing tools and investment options that integrate water security and climate resilience. In Work Package 2, the project supported national organisations in developing legal frameworks, sectoral and development plans that would facilitate water security and climate resilient projects. Lastly, in Work Package 3, organisations were supported in the development of investment strategies that

would integrate water security for climate resilience. Work Package 6 and 7 on capacity development and knowledge management are the key enabling activities in delivering the work. Work Package forges a partnership approach an added value that the Global Water Partnership brings in project development.

With support from the Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA), Work Package 4 capitalised on the three previous streams to support 20 institutions at regional and national levels in Africa in project preparation and financing.



This work assisted national and regional institutions in project preparation by: (1) providing capacity development, (2) assisting in project screening and definition, (3) ensuring multi-sector engagement and consultation, (4) developing financing reviews and (5) producing concept notes.



## KEY RESULTS FROM WACDEP PROJECT PREPARATION AND FINANCING

The project preparation work supported by ICA, built on the platform provided by GWP through its extensive partnership, and assisted project development teams in engaging, defining and

developing robust, bankable projects. As the early stages of conceptualisation of projects receive little attention or focus by the funders, much of this work focused on early-stage project development.

**20+**

More than 20 institutions participated in this work package.



Regional and national investment climate analysis conducted to determine bottlenecks and constraints. Capacity development conducted for the 20 institutions to address the bottlenecks.

**20**

These institutions designed and developed more than 20 project concept notes.

**=18**

Seven projects were funded and 11 more are in the pipeline for potential funding.

9/5/4/2

9 hard infrastructure projects, 5 projects to improve information systems, 4 projects aimed at institutional strengthening, 2 projects targeting natural infrastructure.

**13 mil**

In total, roughly €13,000,000 were leveraged as a result of these Concept Notes.

### MAJOR OUTPUT

**110 mil & 50 mil**

This preparation work will trigger more than 110 million Euros which will directly benefit more than 50 million people in Africa.



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#### **About the Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA)**

The Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA) is a tripartite relationship between bilateral donors, multilateral agencies and African Institutions. Its Secretariat is hosted by the African Development Bank (AfDB) in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, financed by voluntary contributions from the ICA members and staffed by a combination of permanent staff from the AfDB and experts on secondment from ICA member countries. The vision of ICA is that all Africans have access to sustainable and reliable infrastructure services. Its mission is to strive to increase finance for sustainable infrastructure development in Africa, to help improve the lives and economic well-being of Africa's people. Overall, the ICA encourages, supports and promotes increased investments in infrastructure in Africa, from both the public and private sectors. It works to facilitate infrastructure development in the water, transport, energy and Information & Communications Technology (ICT) sectors, through both regional programmes and country-specific initiatives. Not a funding agency, the ICA is a platform that works to catalyse a step-change in the financing of infrastructure projects and programmes across the continent. The ICA also works to overcome technical and political challenges to building more infrastructure, and it helps to improve understanding of Africa's infrastructure development needs through the provision of better information.

#### **About the Global Water Partnership**

The Global Water Partnership (GWP) vision is for a water secure world. Our mission is to advance governance and management of water resources for sustainable and equitable development. GWP is an international network that was created in 1996 to foster the application of integrated water resources management: the coordinated development and management of water, land, and related resources in order to maximise economic and social welfare without compromising the sustainability of ecosystems and the environment. The Network is open to all organisations which recognise the principles of integrated water resources management endorsed by the Network. It includes states, government institutions (national, regional, and local), intergovernmental organisations, international and national non-governmental organisations, academic and research institutions, private sector companies, and service providers in the public sector. The Network has 13 Regional Water Partnerships, 84 Country Water Partnerships, and 3,000 Partners located in 172 countries.