

International High-Level Panel on Water Investments for Africa Event during the 2022 Stockholm World Water Week

Mobilising partnerships and finance to close the water investment gap in Africa

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1.0 International High-Level Panel on Water Investments for Africa

An International High-Level Panel on Water Investments for Africa, which draws representatives from current and former Heads of State as well as other global leaders, was launched at the 9th World Water Forum in Dakar, Senegal by H.E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal and Chair of the African Union.

The Panel is led by three Co-Chairs: H.E. Macky Sall, H.E. Mark Rutte, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, H.E. Hage Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia, and Alternate Co-Chair, H.E. Jakaya Kikwete, Former President of the United Republic of Tanzania, in his capacity as Chair of the board of GWPSA-Africa Coordination Unit, which is the host of the Joint Secretariat for the Convenors.

High Level Panel Leadership



H.E. Macky Sall
Co-Chair
President of the Republic of Senegal
Chair: African Union



H.E. Hage Geingob
Co-Chair
President of the Republic of Namibia



H.E. Mark Rutte
Co-Chair
Prime Minister of the Netherlands



H.E. Jakaya Kikwete
Alternate Co-Chair
Former President of the United Republic of Tanzania

The goal of the Panel is to mobilise high-level political commitment and leadership required to transform and improve the investment outlook for climate resilient gender transformative water security and sustainable sanitation for a prosperous, peaceful, and equitable African society. The objective of the panel is to develop actionable pathways for mobilising US\$30 billion annually by 2030, for implementing the Continental Africa Water Investment Programme (AIP) and close the existing water investment gap in Africa estimated at US\$11-US\$20 billion/year. US\$30 billion/year needs to be invested to meet the Sustainable Development Goal 6 target on water and sanitation. Currently, only US\$10-US\$19 billion is invested each year. The Assembly of the African Union Heads of State and Government adopted the AIP as part of Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa – Priority Action Plan 2 (PIDA-PAP 2) on 7 February 2021.

The Panel's Report and Investment Action Plan will be launched during the UN Conference on the Midterm Comprehensive Review of the Implementation of the Objectives of the International Decade for Action in March 2023; and presented to the African Union Heads of State Summit in July 2023. The African Union Commission water policy will also be developed.

The Panel was convened by the African Minister's Council on Water, African Union Development Agency-NEPAD, United Nations Development Programme, United Nations Children's Fund - UNICEF, African Development Bank, Global Center on Adaptation, and Global Water Partnership.

2.0 High Level Panel Technical Expert Advisory Group

The Panel's work will be supported by a High-Level Panel Technical Expert Advisory Group comprising Sherpas/Advisors to the Panel members and experts from the technical working group developing the AIP-PIDA Water Investment Scorecard led by AUDA-NEPAD.

Support will include input into the Panel report and Investment Action Plan, high-level panel outputs, participation in Panel events, and others as may be required. The Panel Expert Advisory Group will hold its first meeting on 28 August 2022 and will be inaugurated on 30 August 2022 during Stockholm World Water Week.

2.0 High-Level Panel Event at the Stockholm World Water Week 2022

Led by the African Union Commission, AUDA-NEPAD, and the Panel Co-Chairs; Senegal, Namibia, Netherlands and the Alternate Co-Chair, the session will present the Panel Road Map towards UNFCCC COP 27 and the UN 2023 Water Conference as well as progress of its work in developing an Investment Action Plan and emerging pathways for mobilising US\$ 30 billion/year by 2030 to close the water security and sanitation investment gap in Africa. Concrete examples on how the panel is catalysing investment mobilisation on the ground will be showcased as well as opportunities on how development partners can contribute to the AIP and work of the panel. Perspectives for enhancing climate resilience, gender equality and private sector engagement will also be explored.

A first of its kind AIP-PIDA Water Investment Scorecard will be showcased as a tool to track progress in mobilization of water investments, identify bottlenecks, and enhance mutual accountability for action at the Heads of State Level. The High-Level Panel Expert Advisory Group will be inaugurated during the event.

3.0 Session Outcomes

The draft agenda for the session is shown below with the following expected outcomes:

- i. Road Map of the International High-Level Panel on Water Investments for Africa presented
- ii. AIP-PIDA Water Investment Scorecard shared as a tool to track progress in mobilization of water investments, identify bottlenecks, and enhance mutual accountability for action.
- iii. High-Level Panel Expert Advisory Group inaugurated
- iv. Opportunities for development finance and technical partners to support the work of the High-Level Panel and its Investment Action Plan shared
- v. Partnerships mobilised to support the work of the High-Level Panel

CEST	DRAFT AGENDA
11:00	<p>1. Welcome, Introduction and Setting the Scene: High-Level Panel Joint Secretariat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks from Senegal Minister of Water and Sanitation • Remarks from African Union Commission • Remarks from African Union Development Agency-NEPAD • Remarks from the African Ministers Council on Water
11:10	<p>2. Vision for the High-Level Panel, Road map for Investment Mobilization and Commitments towards UN 2023 Water Conference: The Kingdom of the Netherlands</p> <p>Inauguration of the High-Level Panel Expert Advisory Group</p> <p>High-Level Statements from Panel Co-Chairs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Republic of Senegal (Co-Chair) • Republic of Namibia (Co-Chair) • Kingdom of Netherlands (Co-Chair) • GWP-Africa (Alternate Co-Chair) <p>Special Address by Guest of Honour: H.M. King Letsie III Kingdom of Lesotho</p>
11:40	<p>3. High-Level Statements from Panel Members and Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Center on Adaptation • World Bank Group • Development Bank of Southern Africa • United Nations Development Programme • United Nations Children’s Fund • European Commission • Organisation for Economic Co-operation, and Development • Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency • Global Water Partnership Organisation
12:10	<p>4. High Level Panel Ministerial Segment: mobilizing country commitments to close the water investment gap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zambia Water Investment Programme: Ministry of Water Development & Sanitation, Zambia • Water Services Improvement program: Ministry of Water & Sanitation, South Africa <hr/> <p>5. Enhancing mutual accountability & transparency of climate resilient water investment mobilization</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIP-PIDA Water Investment Scorecard: AUDA-NEPAD • Water and Sanitation Sector Monitoring (WASSMO): AMCOW Secretariat • Mobilising climate resilience water & sanitation investments: Africa Water Facility / African Development Bank
12:25	<p>6. Formal inauguration of the Expert Advisory Group for the International High-Level Panel: Republic of Senegal-Panel Co Chair, and African Union Chair</p> <p>Close of the event: African Union Commission</p>



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