



Government of the Netherlands

## International High-Level Panel on Water Investments for Africa: High Level Panel First Stakeholder Consultations on the Panel's Report and Investment Action Plan

*Potential Pathways for Mobilisation of USD \$30 billion/year to close the Water Investment Gap in Africa by 2030*

Thursday, 15 December 2022, 14:00-16:00 CAT

Register to join via Zoom: <https://gwp-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqf-yoqTlqH9BLGnwocCOVvCYrh9iUCq2S>

### Panel Leadership

			
<p>H.E. Macky Sall Co-Chair President of the Republic of Senegal Chair: African Union</p>	<p>H.E. Hage Geingob Co-Chair President of the Republic of Namibia</p>	<p>H.E. Mark Rutte Co-Chair Prime Minister of the Netherlands</p>	<p>H.E. Jakaya Kikwete Alternate Co-Chair Former President of the United Republic of Tanzania</p>

### 1. Background

1.1. The International High-Level Panel on Water Investments for Africa was launched on 25 March 2022, during the 9th World Water Forum in Dakar, by H.E. Macky Sall, President of the Republic of Senegal and Chair of the African Union, and Panel Co-Chair.



- 1.2. The Panel was formally inaugurated by H.E. Macky Sall on 8 November 2022 during an official side-event convened as part of the Heads of State High-Level Implementation Summit of the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP27 in Sharm El Sheik, Egypt.
- 1.3. Delivery of water investments across Africa is below target to meet the continent's growing needs. It is estimated that at least USD \$30 billion/year needs to be invested to meet the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 target on water and sanitation. Currently, only USD \$10-US\$19 billion is invested each year.
- 1.4. The Panel will drive global political mobilisation and international engagement to meet the socio-economic needs of the continent, SDG 6 water related targets, and the threat of climate change.
- 1.5. The Panel's High-Level Report 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 June 2023.
- 1.6. The report will contain high-level recommendations and pathways on how countries may mobilise US\$ 30 billion annually by 2030 towards achieving SDG 6 in Africa. This report will be prepared for launch during the UN 2023 Water Conference in March 2023 in New York and presented at the African Union Mid-Year Coordination Summit in July 2023. The Panel's Report will target Heads of State and governments, global leaders, and high-level decision makers in the public and private sectors.
- 1.7. The Panel's Water Investment Action Plan will be launched at the UN General Assembly in September 2023. The Plan will contain a concrete pipeline of water security and sanitation projects with an implementation and monitoring framework. The investment action plan will be informed by the recommendations of the Report, as well as the outcomes of the Action Agenda of the UN 2023 Water Conference.

## 2. 1<sup>st</sup> Stakeholder Consultations on the panel report and investment action plan

- 2.1. The stakeholder consultations will gather inputs and perspectives on the priorities the Report, potential pathways for mobilising finance, as well as key messages and recommendations for the Panel.
- 2.2. The consultation will also generate key messages and recommendations for the Report as well as the UN 2023 water conference Water Action Agenda and the African Union Summit of Heads of States in 2023.

## 3. Expected Outcomes of the Stakeholder Consultation

- 3.1. Potential pathways to mobilise finance and investments to close the water investment gap identified

- 3.2. Potential financing options and sources for water security and sanitation identified
- 3.3. Key messages and recommendations for the High-Level Panel report, as well as the UN 2023 Water Conference Water Action Agenda defined

#### 4. Draft Agenda

4.1 The consultation will be led by the African Union Commission and High-Panel Co-Chairs

4.2 the proposed draft agenda for the consultation is shown below.

Time (CAT)	Agenda Item
14:00-14:05	Welcome, introduction, background, and objectives
14:05-14:20	High-Level Statements from Sherpas of the Panel Co-Chairs and Alternate Co-Chair
14:20-14:30	Keynote from representative of the High-Level Panel Member
14:30-14:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Potential pathways for mobilising USD \$30 billion/year by 2030 to close the water investment gap</li> <li>• Potential investments options and financing sources for water security and sanitation</li> <li>• Key messages and recommendations for Panel report and UN 2023 Water Conference Water Action Agenda</li> </ul>
14:50-15:50	Discussion on potential pathways for mobilising USD \$30 billion/year by 2030, investment options, sources of financing ,key messages, recommendations for Panel report and 2023 Water Conference Water Action Agenda
15:50-16:00	Summary, Next Steps and Closing