AIP International High-Level Panel on Water Investments for Africa
The goal of the campaign is to mobilise at least $30 billion annually by 2030 to close the water investment gap in Africa for the achievement of the water related SDG targets on the continent.

What

Delivery of water infrastructure across Africa remains below targets required to meet the water needs of the continent.

At least an additional USD $30 billion is required annually to meet Sustainable Development Goal 6, yet only USD $10-19 billion a year is invested in water infrastructure.

The water investment requirement is even larger for Africa to achieve the Africa Water Vision 2025, which requires an annual investment of US$64 billion/year, according to the African Development Bank.

Why

Over 300 million Africans do not have access to clean drinking water and over 700 million live without access to good sanitation.

Presently, investments in water infrastructure and support services fall short of what is needed to meet the continent’s economic and social needs. Lack of access to clean water and sanitation has a major negative impact on poverty reduction and economic development. Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) also hold significant potential for jobs, economic growth, and health.

Sub-Saharan Africa loses 5% of its GDP annually because of a lack of water, contaminated water, or poor sanitation.

By 2030, the African population will reach 1.6 billion and the continent will need to produce at least 50% more food. Africa will also need at least ten times more water for energy production to support modernisation of economies.

Three out of four jobs are water dependent and Africa needs to create more job opportunities, especially for its youth population. Africa’s young people would have increased by 42% by 2030, and with youth comes the opportunity to industrialise, innovate and transform Africa’s economy towards prosperity and peace. On the flipside, youth unemployment and lack of productive youth engagement has potential to cause large scale revolt and impact social-political stability and peace.

The objective of the campaign is to raise awareness, influence change, and ultimately - prompt behaviour change that can result mobilisation of investments towards climate resilient water security and sustainable sanitation in Africa.

Commitments mobilised will contribute to the AIP High-Level Panel Report and Investment Plan, and the UN 2023 Water Action Agenda.
53% of African countries have low implementation of integrated and coordinated approaches to water management, development, and sanitation services.

- Water crises are usually governance crises.
- Technical solutions often exist, but the challenge is translating them into “who does what, at which level, and how” which is too often lacking.
- Water challenges are embedded across the economy and society and are often overlapping. We therefore require an integrated approach, building on the notion of Integrated Water Resource Management.

Finance Gap:

At least an additional **US$30 billion** a year should be invested in water and sanitation in Africa.

- The low prioritisation of water as an investment by the business sector, philanthropies, and other non-state funders is partly due to poor incentives, incoherent policies, and solid project pipelines, which discourage risk-averse financiers.
- The private sector contributes only 9% of water investments in Africa, vs 87% in telecoms and 45% in power.
- The High-Level Panel invites African Heads of State and global leaders to join efforts to double current water investments by 2030.

Capacity and Data:

71% of African countries are lagging in implementation of integrated water resources management and have inadequate capacity for effective implementation.

68% of countries report that there is inadequate coverage on data arrangements across sectors and their country on water resource management implementation.

Capacity Development will increase the quality of implementation and make interventions more sustainable.

Achieving SDG 6 requires stronger collaboration across sectors and clear information flows to enable better planning, funding, and partnerships.
1. Mobilise action: to implement the nine (9) finance targets proposed by the High-Level Panel in the pyramid of water investment transformation.

2. Raise ambition: for water investments by increasing awareness on the centrality of water security for social, economic development, and resilience to climate change.

3. Secure commitments: new funding to bridge the water investment gap by convening stakeholders and connecting investment opportunities with sources of finance.

The campaign will run from September 2023 to 2030. After one year of implementation, Mind the Gap - Invest in Water will convene an Africa water investment summit.

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