

AU-AIP AFRICA WATER INVESTMENT SUMMIT 2025

13 - 15 August 2025
Cape Town, South Africa



AU AIP WATER INVESTMENT SUMMIT: PROJECT SHOWCASE

PROGRAMME/ PROJECT OVERVIEW	
Project name	Southern African Development Community Regional Climate Resilient Water Investment Programme (SADC AIP)_Climate Resilient Hydrological Cycle Observation System for SADC
Location (Country, Region, Coordinates)	Southern African Development Community
Involved countries (if regional)	Angola, Botswana, eSwatini, Lesotho, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe
Sub-Sector	Climate Information and Early Warning Systems (CIEWS), Water
Project description (Goals and expected outcomes)	Climate resilience through: i) strengthened political will for CIEWS and financing for water; ii) robust hydrometeorological monitoring services that are made widely available; iii) implementing Regional Impact-Based Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems; and iv) establishing a financing facility for climate-resilient water investments.
Technological details/ innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blended finance for climate-resilient water Enhanced CIEWS Advancing IB-MHEWS
Governance improvements / innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening capacities for gender-sensitive implementation of CIEWS Training of regional and national experts on CIEWS Building political will for financing CIEWS and water
IMPLEMENTATION & KEY PLAYERS	
Lead institution	SADC Secretariat
Implementing agent(s)	Development Bank of Southern Africa (AE), GWPSA (EE), UNCDF (EE), SADC Water Fund (EE)
Sponsors / Investors / Contractors / Advisors	GCF, SADC Water Fund
PROJECT TIMELINE & DEVELOPMENT STAGE	
Year of preparation, estimated start & end dates	Funding Proposal submitted, likely to be considered in 2026. 7 Year period, tentatively 2026 – 2033
Current development stage	Funding Proposal Submitted
PROJECT RATIONALE & STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE	
Alignment with national/regional plans, SDGs, Agenda 2063	Nationally Determined Contributions SDG 6,7,8,9,13 Agenda 2063 Africa Investment Programme
Contribution to NDC's and alignment with NAPs / Adaptation and Mitigation measures	CIEWS contributes to NDCs of all member countries
Paradigm shift potential (scalability, replicability, policy or behaviour change)	Paradigm shift through: i) enhancing political will for financing water and CIEWS; ii) developing robust, regional systems for hydrometeorological monitoring and early warning; and iii) developing a blended financing facility for future upscaling
FINANCIAL & INVESTMENT DETAILS	
Total project cost, currency	US\$106.5M

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Funding already raised (amount & sources)	N/A	
Proposed revenue model	Grant (US\$55M), Reimbursable Grant (US\$45M), Co-finance (US\$6.5M)	
Financial metrics (IRR, Payback Period, DSCR, NPV) available? Y/N, date	IRR: 14%.	
Economic performance (Benefit-Cost Ratio) Y/N, date	2.7	
INVESTMENT ASK & WAY FORWARD		
Remaining investment required: project component & type	Co-finance, Loan	
Opportunity for bundling with other projects (Y/N, date)	N	
Next steps	Finalise GCF submission and launch blended facility	
TARGET GROUPS & SOCIAL IMPACT		
Direct beneficiary population per project component	207,750,000	
Social & gender impact assessment (Y/N, date)	Y	
Job creation estimate / local economic benefit assessment (Y/N, date)	Y, 2025	
SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS		
Environmental compliance & climate assessment (Y/N, date)	Y, 2025	
Environmental impact assessment (Y/N, date)	N/A	
ESG performance (Y/N, date)	N/A	
Safeguards & community engagement (Y/N, date)	Y, 2025	
RISK MANAGEMENT		
Main risks & mitigation measures (Political, Legal, etc)	Risk	Mitigation
	Limited institutional coordination	Build coordination capacity
	Limited co-financing	Mobilise through blended facility
	Extreme events impact delivery	Continuous monitoring and adaptive management
Constraints or bottlenecks to finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Limited political will for investments in CIEWS waterLimited capacity for CIEWS and IB-MHEWSLimited access to, and experience with, blended finance for climate-resilient water projectsHigh perceived risk for investments	
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