

AFRICA WATER INVESTMENT SCORECARD REPORT 2025 FACTSHEET



The AIP-PIDA Water Investment Scorecard is a continental tool for tracking investment in water and sanitation towards bridging the huge water investment gap in Africa.

BACKGROUND

The Continental Africa Water Investment Programme (AIP) was part of the Decisions of the 41st Ordinary Session of the AU Executive Council (EX.CL/Dec.1169(XLI) in 2021 whereby the Council REQUESTS the Commission and its continental and regional partners to accelerate the implementation of key initiatives, including the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA-PAP2), where AIP is part of PIDA-PAP2.

AIP aims to mobilise USD 30 billion annually by 2030 to close Africa's water investment gap, estimated at USD 45–54 billion per year. Furthermore, the African Leaders committed to support the implementation of the Africa Water Investment Programme (AIP), as part of the African Leaders Nairobi Declaration on Climate Change and Call to Action (2023).

The PIDA Water Scorecard Framework was approved by the African Union Heads of State and Government during the 35th ordinary session of the AU Summit in February 2022 (**Assembly Decision AU/Dec.813(XXXV)**) as a framework for tracking progress in the mobilization of PIDA water investments.

The Scorecard serves as a flagship tool under Pillar 2 of the AIP, designed to enhance mutual accountability, transparency, and efficiency in water finance and investments across PIDA-PAP 2 water projects (2021–2030). Moreover, the AMCOW Executive Council (EXCO/13/2022/WDH/18) recommended supporting the activities of the AIP High-level Panel and promoting the AIP-PIDA Water Investment Scorecard. The Scorecard supports AU Heads of State in tracking progress towards SDG 6 and the AIP target of mobilising USD 30 billion annually for water investments by 2030.

What the Scorecard measures

The Scorecard tracks progress on creating an enabling environment for investment; mobilising investment and finance; and ensuring the sustainability of investments.

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The report presents the first results of the investment readiness in 30 African Union Member States that submitted nationally validated data across several indicators.

The assessment shows that many Member States have strengthened regulatory and institutional readiness, but this has not yet translated into sufficient finance mobilisation or service improvements to meet continental water security objectives.

The assessment further reveals that across 28 African Union Member States, the overall index score reaches 40.3 (moderate progress) on the overall aggregate indicators. This reflects foundational institutional progress but remains insufficient to meet the ambitious USD 30 billion annual investments needed by 2030.

The **Planning and Enabling Environment Pillar** emerged as Africa's greatest strength, with Member States establishing robust planning and governance frameworks aligned with African Union

directives. The **Investment and Finance Pillar** is Africa's weakest progress, reflecting low per-capita spending and a high dependence on external finance. The **Performance & Sustainability Pillar** showed moderate effectiveness in translating plans into improvements in service delivery, with significant variations across countries.



Recommendations

- Member States are encouraged to use the Scorecard to identify bottlenecks & prepare targeted action plans.
- AUC, AUDA-NEPAD & AMCOW are invited to continue providing coordinated political & technical support.
- Partners & financiers are encouraged to align support with country-led priorities & to provide catalytic resources.
- All stakeholders are invited to engage actively in the preparation of the next report in 2027.