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## AfDB approves grant to finance the Songwe River Basin Development Programme project

On 25 May 2010, the African Development Bank (AfDB) approved an African Water Facility (AWF) grant of 3.549 million Euros to the Governments of Malawi and Tanzania to finance the detailed design and implementation of the Songwe River Basin Development Programme (SRBDP). Tanzania and Malawi jointly engaged in a preliminary study in 2001 and 2002 to address the frequent shifting of the inter-

national border between the two countries due to random meandering of the lower part of the Songwe river. As a result of this study, both countries submitted a funding request to the African Development Bank.

After analysis, the Bank identified two key facilities, namely the AWF and NEPAD-Infrastructure Project Preparation Facility (IPPF) as possible sources of finance to respond to the request.

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## Sub-cluster on Water and Sanitation elects Bureau of Coordinators

The sub-cluster on Water and Sanitation, which is embedded in the RCM Cluster on Environment Population and Urbanization, has elected officers into its bureau of Coordinators for the year 2010/2011. They are:

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## India, South Africa strengthen partnership

India and South Africa have decided to make their strategic partnership more result-oriented and of greater direct benefit to the peoples of both countries. South African President Jacob Zuma and Prime Minister Manmohan emphasized their commitment to cooperation towards raising the existing level of friendship and partnership between India and South Africa to even higher levels.

The two leaders recalled the defining documents of the South Africa-India relationship, the Red Fort Declaration of 1996, the Joint Declaration of 2003 and the Tshwane Declaration of 2006, and expressed satisfaction with the progress that had taken place.

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## **Bank approves grant for the Songwe River Basin Development**

The overall goal of the proposed project is to contribute to economic growth, reduced poverty, improved health, better living conditions, and enhanced food and energy security for the people in the Songwe Basin as well as economic development of the two countries.

The objectives are to assist the two countries creating a long-term strategic framework, investment plans, and enabling environment for basin-wide socio-economic development based on joint management of the shared waters. The project also provides detailed designs and other preparations for capital investments in the order of 400 million Euros, including a multi-purpose dam, and associated hydropower schemes, irrigated agriculture, river stabilisation, flood control, fisheries development, water supply, and roads.

The total costs of the projects are estimated at 5.779 million Euros, and will be financed by contributions from the AWF (3.549 million Euros); the IPPF (1.226 million Euros), the Government of the Republic of Malawi (407,610 Euros); and 596,610 Euros from the United Republic of Tanzania. The project is expected to last 32 months. The project corresponds to the focal areas of intervention of the Africa Water Vision 2025 for equitable and sustainable use of water for socio-economic development and the priorities of the African Ministerial Council on Water (AMCOW), and NEPAD on strengthened cooperative framework arrangement for transboundary water resources management, structural investments to enhance water and energy security, adaptation to climate variability risks.

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The two leaders expressed satisfaction at the consolidation of bilateral relations and underscored that the visit of President Zuma would contribute to consolidating the practice of regular political-level consultations.

The leaders recognized that South Africa and India draw their strength and inspiration from the diverse, multi-cultural societies constituting their respective nations; and stated that the best assurance for continued peace and prosperity lies in the adherence to democratic governance that is rooted in respect for human dignity and the fundamental rights of all people in accordance with their respective Constitutions.

The two sides signed an Air Services Agreement, a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on cooperation in the field of agriculture and allied sectors and an MoU between the Diplomatic Academy of International Relations and Cooperation of South Africa and the Foreign Service Institute of India. They expressed satisfaction at increasing cultural exchanges between the two countries and agreed to further promote educational exchanges including through University-to-University linkages.

In the area of economic cooperation, the leaders underlined the need to utilise their respective strengths to mutual advantage through greater cooperation between their business entities. In the regional context, President Zuma affirmed the importance of India as a partner of the African Union in the consolidation of peace and stability in the continent, through its contributions to peacekeeping.

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