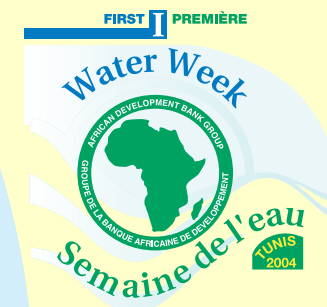


Participants

The Bank aims to invite around 300 participants from the different stakeholders. There will be a high-level representation with a large number of African Ministers, Donor representatives, and Heads of Agencies, NGOs, and the private sector. In addition, some very renowned international Water Experts have already confirmed their participation. Participation in the Water Week is on invitation only. Interested individuals, or organisations may forward a request to participate to the organising committee or fill registration forms available at the web site for confirmation.



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30 June - 2 July 2004

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With only 62% of its population having access to improved water supply (as against a global average of 82%) and 60% access to improved sanitation, Africa has the lowest coverage of water supply and sanitation services in the world. About Four hundred million people do not have access to adequate water and sanitation services. This situation contributes to the poor health statistics in the continent, with 50% of Africans suffering from one of six water related diseases. African women and children spend inordinate amounts of time fetching water instead of engaging in income generating activities or attending school. Water resources development and utilization to meet social, economic and environmental needs is very low in Africa with only one quarter of the irrigation potential being utilized and most of the hydropower potential remains unexploited. In addition, there is very limited scope for private sector participation in water sector activities.

Water and sanitation are critical elements in the poverty reduction strategy of the African Development Bank Group. The water sector is at the forefront of the Bank's Strategic Plan (2003-2007). The Bank considers the provision of accelerated access to safe drinking water supply and sanitation to the rural population in Africa as one of its contributions to achieving the Millennium Development Goals and the African Water Vision. The Bank has recently supported the development of major African water initiatives. Notable initiatives include support for the development of the African Water Vision and Framework for Action; the development of the Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Initiative (RWSSI); and the lead role in the preparation and implementation of the NEPAD Water Infrastructure Programme. The Bank is currently in the process of finalizing the arrangements for hosting and managing the proposed African Water Facility (AWF)– an initiative of the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW).

Objectives of the Water Week

- To promote water resources development in Africa by fostering partnerships around major initiatives of the African Development Bank;
- To enable stakeholders communicate and share experiences

on the most appropriate means of accelerating access to drinking water and sanitation in Africa.

- To chart the most appropriate means for achieving the common objective of accelerating access to water and sanitation services for the African population.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Wednesday, 30 June 2004

08:00-09:00	Registration
09:00-10:30	PLENARY : OPENING SESSION
09:00-09:15	Opening Remarks
09:15-09:30	Water Week overview
09:30-10:00	Opening speech (Bank experience, lessons and responses)
10:00-10:30	Break and photo session
10:30-12:00	Plenary : Key Note on Challenges and Experiences
10:30-10:50	Meeting the Challenges of Water Resources Development in Africa
10:50-11:10	Achieving the Water MDG targets for Africa
11:10-11:30	Experience of Partnership in Community Based WSS
11:30-12:00	Discussions
12:00-14:00	Lunch Break
14:00-16:00	Plenary: Launching of RWSSI
14:00-14:30	RWSSI: Concept and FFI
14:30-14:45	Regional & Country Partnership for RWSSI implementation
14:45-15:00	Launching statement
15:00-15:30	Statement of support & discussions
15:30-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-18:00	Plenary: Launching of AWF
16:15-16:40	AWF: Role in meeting the MDG targets
16:40-17:00	AWF: Governance and hosting arrangement
17:00-17:20	Launching statement
17:20-18:00	Statement of support and discussions
18:30	Reception

Thursday, 1 July 2004

09:00-12:00	Plenary: The NEPAD Water & Sanitation Programme
09:00-09:20	Overview of the NEPAD

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Infrastructure Programme
NEPAD Short term action plan STAP
transboundary water resources
management

Discussion

Coffee Break

Plenary: NEPAD Water Programme continued

Medium to Long Term
Strategic Framework

Collaborative Programme
in Agricultural Water Use
Discussions

Lunch Break

Parallel Sessions

Parallel Session I : Water Supply
& Sanitation

Parallel Session II: Financing
Water Infrastructure

Parallel Session III: Water
Resources development

Coffee Break

Parallel Sessions

Parallel Sessions & Round Tables

Closed Roundtable on RWSSI and
AWF

Parallel Sessions

Coffee Break

**Closed Roundtable on
RWSSI and WF**

Parallel Sessions

Lunch Break

Plenary: Closing Session

Presentation of outcome

Discussion on outcome

Keynote speech - Mobilizing

Partnership for a watersecure Africa
Future

Closing remarks

Cocktail