



African Development Bank Pavilion at COP25

Technical Discussion

TITLE: BOOSTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF WATER AND CLIMATE PROJECTS: PARTNERING FOR INCUBATION

Venue: MDB Pavilion, Hall 8
Date: Tuesday 10th, 09.00 - 10.00

Organisers

Lead organizations: International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO), AfDB
Partner organization: ANBO, UNECE – Water Convention Secretariat

Background and Context

Increased frequency and intensity of droughts and floods, storms, rising sea levels, intense heatwaves, desertification or unpredictable rainfall patterns are already causing a severe, negative impact on communities in Africa: The impacts of climate change on the water cycle amplifies the threat to water security and associated food and energy security. Water Related SDG targets depend on climate change action as without the implementation of climate change measures, they will not be attained. However, current investments in adaptation constitute only a fraction of what is needed to avoid costly and catastrophic future impact for the water sector.

There is an urgent necessity to spur greater investment into climate adaptation and resilience, in both the public and private sectors, in order to address these challenges, achieve the SDGs and exceeds the ambitions of the mitigation and adaptation objectives set at the national & international levels (with the NDCs & Paris Agreement, respectively).

Understanding and managing the risks of water sector projects are critical to preparing bankable projects that will attract public and private financing partners. This session will therefore present the interest of a partnership-based approach between donors, operators and project holders to boost the development of water and climate projects.

The session will share and disseminate the lessons learnt through the partnership of AfDB, UNECE and INBO for the development of bankable projects (including the Dakar Training Workshop of June 2017, the publication of the Handbook “Financing Climate Change Adaptation in Transboundary Basin: Preparing Bankable Projects” in 2019 and the works of Incubation Platform that has already supported around 30 projects and now primarily focuses its activities in the AfDB geography with the initiative “100 water and climate projects for Africa”).

Objectives of the event

The objective of this event is to highlight the importance of support to the pre-investment phases of project development in order to accelerate the production of investment pipelines of water and climate projects, in order to achieve the objectives set in the SDGs and the adaptation-related priorities as set out in their NDCs in the medium-term.

Programme

Introduction (5 min):

1. **Ms. Sonja Koeppel**, UNECE 1992 Water Convention Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Panel 1. Case studies of development of bankable water and climate projects (40 min)

Moderated by Mr. Francis Daniel Bougaire, Head of Water Partnerships Coordination Division, Water Development and Sanitation Department, African Development Bank:

1. **Ms. Safaa Bahije**, Head of the international Cooperation Department, Ministry of Equipment, Transport, Logistics and Water, Morocco
2. **Mr. Amadou Lamine Ndiaye**, Director of environment & sustainable development, Organization for the Development of the Senegal River (OMVS)
3. **Mr. Khatim Kherraz**, Executive Secretary, Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS)
4. **Mr. Mikko Ollikainen**, Manager, Adaptation Fund (AF)

Questions & answers (10 min)

Conclusion (5 min):

1. Mr. Francis Daniel Bougaire, Head of Water Partnerships Coordination Division, Water Development and Sanitation Department, African Development Bank

Key messages

- There is a gap between the current pace of project development and the actions required for adaptation and mitigation in the climate sector,
- Incubation of projects is needed to bridge this gap, and AfDB, INBO, UNECE & their partners are providing assistance in this regard.

Links to background documentation:

AfDB-UNECE-WB-INBO publication: *Financing Climate Change Adaptation in Transboundary Basins: Preparing Bankable Projects*
(<https://openknowledge.worldbank.org/bitstream/handle/10986/31224/134236-WP-PUBLIC.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>)

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