African Water Facility Strategy 2017-2025 at a glance

**Vision**

- **A water secure Africa** where the continent’s water resources are developed and managed equitably and sustainably for poverty alleviation, socio-economic development, regional cooperation, environment protection and climate change resilience.

**Mission**

- **The primary water instrument in Africa** that supports & facilitates resources mobilization to meet the huge investment gap for water infrastructure development.

**Goal 2025**

- **To mobilise resources to ensure water security in Africa** contributing to meeting the goals and targets established by the Africa Water Vision and the SDGs.

**Areas of Intervention**

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<td>Financing the preparation of Water Resources Development projects &amp; securing follow-on investment for implementation.</td>
<td>Diffusing innovation &amp; providing evidence for private stakeholders to invest by deploying small but catalytic investments, cofinancing with public &amp; private entities.</td>
<td>To increase the number of public and private investment opportunities beyond the reach of specific AWF funded projects.</td>
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<td>Feasibility Studies, Project Design &amp; Structuring, Scaling up Innovation, Bankable Projects</td>
<td>Replicating &amp; Piloting Innovative Solutions</td>
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<td>WRD Plans</td>
<td>Alternative business models, technologies &amp; financing mechanisms</td>
<td>Assessments of infrastructure investment needs &amp; preparedness; Inventory/ pipeline of potential projects; Creditworthiness assessments of project owners.</td>
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<td>Assesment of water resources potential; national &amp; transboundary IWRM planning</td>
<td>Providing Viability Gap Funding to leverage commercial finance</td>
<td>Networking Platform</td>
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<td>Investment-Conducive Environment</td>
<td>Generally strengthen the balance sheet; or</td>
<td>Establish a water investment networking platform; Market project opportunities to potential investors; Share investment-related experiences &amp; innovation.</td>
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<td>Governance frameworks &amp; tools: Regulation, WR data &amp; information, TWRM cooperation arrangements</td>
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<td>Raise awareness of risk mitigation; Establish a guarantee brokerage/ advisory function.</td>
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**Climate Change & Gender/ Social Equity & Fragile States & Private Sector**

**Results**

- Mobilising **€15 billion** for water and sanitation investment projects that will deliver:
  - Safely managed water for 25 million people.
  - Safely managed sanitation for 20 million people.
  - Irrigable land of Ha 680,000.
  - Hydropower capacity of 2,100 MW.
  - Multipurpose water storage of 14.3 billion m3.

Leverage factor of the AWF Fund of **1:60**
AWF Achievements

Since inception in 2006, projects prepared by the Facility have mobilised more than €1 billion in committed follow-on investments for projects in the broader water sector, including water supply, sanitation, irrigation and hydropower. AWF’s track record, with 66% of projects prepared securing the financing needed to implement the projects, offers an exceptional ability to deliver results and attract much needed investments for water infrastructure and services. As the African water sector’s primary instrument aimed at mobilising resources to bridge the huge investment gap, the AWF offers a unique value proposition to African governments and the development community: It has leveraged €32 for every €1 spent. In recognition of its achievements and unique positioning, the AWF won the “Project Preparation Facility of the Year Award” at the 2015 Africa Investor CEO Infrastructure and Development Summit Awards.

About the African Water Facility

The African Water Facility (AWF) is an initiative of the African Ministers’ Council on Water (AMCOW), and is hosted and managed by the African Development Bank (AfDB) at the request of the AMCOW. Established in 2004, AWF assists African countries to address the increasing investment need for the development and management of water resources in Africa, towards meeting the goals and targets of the Africa Water Vision (AWV) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). The AWF is a demand-driven, African-led project preparation and investment promotion facility that is focused on mobilising additional financing to meet Africa’s water infrastructure needs.

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