



GRUPE DE LA BANQUE AFRICAINE DE
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AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK GROUP

**MEDIA ADVISORY
PRESS CONFERENCE**

14 March 2012 –4.30-5 :00pm
Forum mondial de l'eau
Marseille, France

NEW SUPPORT FOR THE AFRICAN WATER SECTOR:

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A PRESS BRIEFING
AT THE 6th WORLD WATER FORUM**

Tunis, 6 March 2012 – The African Development Bank, in collaboration with the African Union Commission, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the African Ministers Council on Water, is holding a press briefing on March 14, 2012, to highlight the necessary financial support to the water sector from African governments and development partners. The press conference follows an AfDB conference about the solutions to accelerate the development of the water sector in Africa, including through the Bank's two flagship initiatives : the rural water supply and sanitation initiative and the African Water Facility.

You are invited to attend this press conference. Details are as follows:

Date: Wednesday 14 March 2012

Time: 4:30-5:00pm

Venue/room: room : Marseilleveyre - PEV A1, Palais des événements, Parc Chanot.

*Note that only journalists accredited by the Forum will have access to the press conference.

To register: <http://www.worldwaterforum6.org/fr/presse/formulaire-presse/>

Panelists of the press briefing:

- **Donald Kaberuka**, President, African Development Bank
- **Michel Camdessus**, Honorary Governor of Banque de France. Former Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund. Member of the United Nations Secretary General's Advisory Board on Water and Sanitation
- **Jean Ping**, Chairperson, Africa Union Commission
- **Abdoulie Janneh**, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa
- **Edna Bomo Edith Molewa**, Minister of Water Affairs, South Africa. President of African Minister's Council on Water

The following AfDB high-level experts will also be on site and available for interviews upon request:

- **Jallow Sering**, AfDB Director Water and Sanitation department; the African Water Facility
- **Akica Bahri**, Coordinator of the Africa Water Facility

CONTACTS :

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For more information, you could also look [on the AfDB website by clicking here](#) . It includes the following documents :

1. Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Initiative at a glance
2. African Water Facility at a glance
3. Day conference programme