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## COMMUNIQUÉ OF THE UNVEILING AND CONSULTATION WITH PARTNERS FOR THE PIDA WATER PROJECT (2019-2024)

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We, the representatives of stakeholders and the organising institutions – African Union Commission (AUC), NEPAD Agency, African Development Bank (AfDB), Africa Water Facility (AWF), African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW), and the Global Water Partnership (GWP) – as well as distinguished partners, held a technical meeting to:

1. Express our sincere gratitude to the Global Water Partnership and NEPAD Agency for hosting this event on the Africa Water Investment Programme (AIP) support to the Program for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA) Water Project;
2. Take note of the vitality of water to nearly every aspect of ongoing efforts to implement the African Union (AU) Agenda 2063 and pursue rapid and sustainable pathways to build robust, competitive and climate resilient economies; accelerate employment; and deliver inclusive socio-economic development and livelihoods improvement;
3. Reaffirm one of the undertakings of the Member States, Ministers and delegates at the 3rd PIDA Week in Swakopmund, Namibia in December 2017 to accelerate progress on the priority transboundary water projects in part through addressing challenges identified in developing investment cases for attracting resources to move projects from conception to implementation;
4. Note with appreciation the engagements of the Heads of State and Government of the Republics of Mauritius, Senegal, and South Africa on the High Level Panel on Water (HLPW) established by the UN Secretary General and the World Bank President to set an Agenda for Water Action to tackle the challenge of the approaching global water crisis, as summarized in the HLPW March 2018 outcome document;
5. Further note with appreciation the contributions of GWP, AUC, NEPAD Agency, AfDB, AWF, AMCOW and the partner organisations in formulating one of the HLPW Legacy Initiatives – the Africa Water Investment Programme – to respond to the three bottlenecks identified in the delivery of the water infrastructure needed to underpin economic growth and transformation in Africa, namely: i) the need for enhanced governance and investment guarantees for water management; ii) the need for country-led, integrated economic analysis of the role of water in the economy; and, iii) the need for effective transaction management support;
6. Acknowledge the support expressed by the partners and stakeholders to accelerate project preparation and financing of PIDA water priority transboundary projects and foster a water-food-energy-environment nexus approach in the development of hydropower projects through implementation of the PIDA Water Project 2019 - 2024;

7. Encourage close cooperation with the AU Member States sponsoring the individual water and hydropower projects, as well as the active mobilisation and involvement of the private sector and the African Union's technical, financial and implementing partners to transform and improve the investment outlook for water security and sustainable sanitation in Africa.
8. Call upon the AMCOW Governing Council of Ministers to support the partnership to reprioritise and accelerate implementation of water infrastructure initiatives with the aim to contribute toward Africa's development agenda. To this effect, we encourage the nomination of an AU Presidential Championship on Water to promote investment in the sector.

Signed by The Representatives of:

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