



Communiqué: Roadmap adopted for an International High-Level Panel on Water Investments for Africa at Inaugural Meeting on side-lines of High-Level Dialogue on Climate Adaptation with Global Leaders

The African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW), along with the other co-convenors of the High-Level Panel on Water Investments for Africa adopted a roadmap during their inaugural meeting hosted by AMCOW and the Global Center on Adaptation in Rotterdam, Netherlands on 7 September 2021.

On 12 August 2021, the founding co-convenors – AMCOW along with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD), African Development Bank, Global Center on Adaptation (GCA), and Global Water Partnership (GWP) – adopted a resolution and established a partnership to convene the Panel and mobilize international commitment for water investments and to accelerate action towards the achievement of the SDGs and Africa Agenda 2063.

The International High-Level Panel on Water Investments for Africa will drive global political mobilization and international engagement to narrow the water investment gap on the continent and meet the socio-economic needs for water.

The Panel's goal is to improve the investment outlook for climate-resilient gender-transformative water security and sustainable sanitation, and to address the twin challenge of climate change and the Covid-19 pandemic and make Africa resilient towards future pandemics.

During the inaugural technical meeting, the partners adopted a roadmap for the Panel, which is intended to serve for 18 months, from 2021 to 2023. The roadmap includes the launch of the Panel during the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) in November 2021 in Glasgow, United Kingdom; meetings at the side-lines of the 9th World Water Forum in Senegal, March 2022; regional high-level water investments events across Africa; and the 2022 UN General Assembly (UNGA). A high-level event focused on mobilisation of private sector investments in water will also be convened during the course of 2022.

The Panel will develop a high-level action-forcing report and investment plan for the 2023 UN Conference and African Union Heads of States with a clear pathway and recommendations for countries to mobilize US\$30 billion/year towards the water investment gap in Africa, which is currently estimated at US\$45-US\$54 billion/year.

The Panel will be convened at the Heads of State and Government level, with membership drawn from current and former Heads of States within Africa as well as internationally, industry leaders, foundation leaders, and other eminent personalities.

The inaugural meeting was hosted by the GCA, on the side-lines of the [High-Level Dialogue on Climate Adaptation with Global Leaders ahead of COP26](#), in Rotterdam, the Netherlands, on 7 September 2021. The High-Level Dialogue was co-convened by Ban Ki-Moon, 8th Secretary General of the United Nations and Co-Chair of the GCA; Prof. Dr. Patrick Verkooijen, CEO of the GCA; and Ms. Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund.

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Further Information on the International High-Level Panel on Water Investments for Africa:

The Resolution signed by the convening partners of the International High-Level Panel on Water Investments for Africa and the Terms of Reference for the Panel may be accessed online [here](#).

International High-Level Panel on Water Investments for Africa support to Continental Africa Water Investment Programme's (AIP):

“The International High-Level Panel on Water Investments for Africa will support the Continental Africa Water Investment Programme's (AIP) efforts to respond to the shortfall in delivering water investments on the continent. The AIP was adopted, as part of the Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa Priority Action Plan, by African Heads of State, during the African Union (AU) Ordinary Summit in February 2021, to address the need to accelerate delivery of water investments on the continent to meet SDG 6 water related targets and mobilize US\$30 billion annually to narrow the water investment gap.”

Further information on the Continental Africa Water Investment Programme's (AIP) may be accessed via <https://aipwater.org/>.