

# CONFERENCE OF THE WATER DIRECTORS OF THE EURO-MEDITERRANEAN AND SOUTHEASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

## The African Water Facility Presentation and perspectives with the EU

by

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**Hellenic Government**  
Ministry for the Environment  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs



**EU Commission**  
DG Environment  
DG AidCo



**Mediterranean Component of  
the EU Water Initiative**  
European Commission



**EUROMED**  
Euro-Mediterranean  
Partnership



**Euro-Mediterranean  
Information System  
on Know-How in the  
Water Sector**



**Regional Monitoring and  
Support Unit**  
MEDA-Water Programme

## PREAMBLE

The **African Water Facility (AWF)** is an outcome of the implementation of the objectives of the **Africa Water Vision and Framework for Action for 2025** adopted at the 2000 WWF in the Hague:

- Strengthening governance of water resources
- Improving water wisdom
- Meeting urgent water needs
- Strengthening financial base for desired water future

## AWF ESTABLISHMENT PROCESSUS

- **Accra, April 2002:** Conference of the African Stakeholders: Establishment of a water specific funding mechanism
- **Abuja, April 2002:**
  - Establishment of the African Ministerial Council Of Water (AMCOW)
  - Adoption of the AMCOW's motion requesting the AfDB to host and manage the African Water Facility
- **Kampala, May 2004:** The Board of the Directors of the AfDB approved the Instrument establishing the African Water Special Fund

## AWF ESTABLISHMENT PROCESSUS (2)

- **End September 2004:** Commitment of about EURO 60 million by donors
- **April 2005:** Nomination of the AWF Director
- **July 2005:** Inaugural Meeting of AWF Governing Council

Adoption of **2005-2009 operational programme:**  
Mobilizing 500 million €

- Donors : Financial contribution; Secondment of Staff; Co-funding
- African Governments : Financial Contribution
- Beneficiary Contribution : Co-funding; Provision of facilities, services and equipment; Human Resources

## AWF Structure

### **Governing Council: 13 representatives**

- **AMCOW (5)** 1 per each AMCOW region:  
Northern, Western, Central, Eastern, Southern
- **Donors (5)**  
Canada, Denmark, EU, France, Norway
- **African Water Sector (3)**  
NEPAD – UN WATER AFRICA - AfDB

Chaired by Dr. Abu ZEID Minister of Water  
Resources and Irrigation in Egypt

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- **Help to reduce poverty and promote sustainable development by expanding Africa's access to financial resources for the water and sanitation sector**
- **Attract massive, appropriate and strategic investments and also for the development and management of sustainable water resources**
- **Strengthen enabling environment for water management to generate more investments**

## AWF Areas of Intervention

- **Key Areas of Intervention are:**
  - **IWRM implementation and joint development of shared waters resources in RMCs**
  - **Water resources development programmes and projects preparation**
  - **Investment for small-scale water infrastructure development.**
- **Two crosscutting components :**
  - **Information and knowledge**
  - **Monitoring and Evaluation**

# ELIGIBILITY TO AWF FINANCING

## Recipient

- Central Government/Ministry or Agencies
- Local Government/Municipalities
- Africa based NGOs/CSO
- Community Based Organisations (CBO)
- Regional, sub-regional and sectoral organizations (i.e. Regional Economic Organization)
- River Basin Organizations

## ELIGIBILITY TO AWF FINANCING(2)

### Projects

- Related to at least 1 intervention area
- For investments projects
  - Innovative and pilot projects
  - Multiple water uses
  - Local technologies development
  - small scale – community based Projects
  - Co-funding – leverage effect

## PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

AWF commenced operation since January 2006

- 63 project proposals received
- 10 rejected
- 53 under consideration
- 33 under appraisal

current 33 activities are being handled at the cost of about EURO 42 Million covering projects in all the areas of intervention

## PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (2)

Project status	By end october 2006		By end december 2006	
	Number	Amount	Number	Amount
Completed	3	255,000	3	255,000
Agreement signed	5	3,060,000	12	9,967,000
Appraised but not signed	7	6,907,000	18	
Under appraisal 2006	18	13,325,000		13,325,000
Under appraisal 2007	20	18,691,000	20	18,691,000
<b>Total projects</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>42,238,000</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>42,238,000</b>

## PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (3)

Component	No. Activities & Projects by December 2006	Actual Budget Amount to May 2006 (Euros)
Implementation of National IWRM	7	4,350,000
Transboundary Water Resources Management	3	1,715,000
Regional Initiative Projects	2	1,484,000
Capital Investments	3	2,653,000
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>10,222,000</b>

## SYNERGIES WITH THE EU

- Focused on Northern African Countries:
  - EMWIS: I&K, M&E
  - GWP MED: IWRM, TWRM
- All African Countries:
  - EUWF Reserve list

## WHAT MAKES AWF SPECIAL?

- Home Grown African Ownership
- Partnership of African institutions, Donors and Stakeholders
- Flexible Eligibility
- Fast Access
- Fast Processing
- Quick Disbursement
- Leveraging Effect

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