

AfriCap (African Water Association (AfWA) Capacity Building Program)

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Background :

Although the final millennium development goals (MDG) evaluation report has globally shown progress in drinking water access, there remain challenges in achieving sanitation goals. The UN millennium water group however pointed out that the current pace of progress is still too slow to reach the goals in Africa, where only very few countries had met the targets. However, the long-term sustainability of the current achievements is not guaranteed. With the international community preparing to engage the race toward achieving the sustainable development goals (SDG), there is increasing agreement that, solving WASH-related challenges in Africa require reaching a wider audience with the lessons learned from best practices. Such approach will hopefully effectively contribute towards addressing systemic issues with sustainability and indiscriminate approaches that plague the WASH sector in Africa.

Goal :

This project aims at supporting AfWA to achieve its broad mandate in capacity building of African WASH stakeholders through (i) dissemination of knowledge (ii) Peer-to-peer learning partnership and (iii) AfWA institutional capacity development.

Life of Program : Phase 1: 2015-2019,
Phase 2: 2019-2022

Previsionnal budget : USD 6,000,000
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Geographic Focus: Africa

Implementing Partners :

- ▶ African Water Association (AfWA), African Water and Sanitation Academy (AWASA),
- ▶ West Africa Municipal WASH (MuniWASH),
- ▶ African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW)
- ▶ Regional Implementing Partners:
 - West Africa: CEMEAU (ONEA)
 - Central Africa: ERA (CAMEROON)
 - East Africa: IREC (NWSC)
 - Southern Africa: RAND WATER and eThekwinini Municipality

Program Description :

The African Water Association (AfWA) is a continental knowledge management platform of the water and sanitation sector that brings together utilities of drinking water production and distribution, utilities managing sanitation services, as well as the regulators of water and sanitation sectorial policies in African countries in view of sharing knowledge and best practices. Though AfriCap program the following component are conducted:

Component :

- Disseminate knowledge products and best practices consistent with the demands of AfWA members;
- Develop partnerships and mentoring relationships between AfWA members; and
- Improve AfWA institutional capacity.

Implementation strategy :

The overall strategy will comprise three (03) levels of operations: (i) Overall coordination at AfWA headquarters in Abidjan, (ii) Classroom trainings through the AWASA structure and (iii) Peer-to-peer learning activities facilitated by Regional Implementing Partners.

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