

AfWASA SESSION

Capacity development and knowledge sharing at the core of AfWASA support to the implementation of the Africa WASH vision 2025

 Tuesday, November 7, 2023 |  2:00–3:30 pm |  Room 3



Objectives

Share with the entire community of the WASH sector and more specifically Africans, AfWASA strategy in capacity development of WASH stakeholders as a support to the implementation of the Africa Water Vision 2025.

- Programmes implemented through peer to peer learning approach
- Knowledge sharing through WASH events and a KM platform
- Training through African Water and Sanitation Academy (AWASA)
- Research through offer of small grants

Chair & Moderator



Mr. Sylvain Usher
AfWASA

Keynote Speaker



Dr. Eng. Simeon Kenfack
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Panelists



Mr. Stefan Reuter
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Prof. Dongo Kouassi
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Mr. Gilles Tagne
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Dr. Tanko Yussif Azzika
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Context

WHO/UNICEF joint report released in March 2022 that achieving the 2030 SDG targets in Africa will require 12x increase in current rate of progress on safely managed drinking water, 20x increase in current rate of progress on safely managed sanitation, and 42x increase in current rate of progress on basic hygiene services. It also showed the fact that in 20 years, Africa's population increased from 800 million to 1.3 billion. So far, 500 million people gained access to at least basic water services, and 290 million people gained access to at least basic sanitation services. However, the report goes on showing that in those 20 years, 411 millions lacked basic water services, while 779 million lacked basic sanitation services (incl. 208 million open defecators), and 839 millions still lack basic hygiene services. Only 7 out of 42 African countries are on track to eliminate open defecation by 2030.

The lagging of water and sanitation sector in Africa could be explained by the major factors such as the lack of skills (especially innovations and appropriate technologies to specific countries' challenges), the government overlapping responsibilities as well as pandemics such as Covid-19. Hence, it is important to note that Africa is not on track to achieve the SDG targets by 2030. But how can water utilities and other industries accelerate this achievement ?

Some of the solutions could be found in sharing the best practices in the sector, for instance, the Peer-to-Peer Learning Partnership. In addition, the emerging of new actors, and new collaboration approaches : ESAWAS, AMCOW developing a new engagement plan with partners, AfWA turning to AfWASA to accelerate sanitation actions, the establishment of the African Water And Sanitation Academy (AWASA) and many more initiatives that could help Africa leapfrog the water and sanitation sector.

Session outline

Time	Activities	Responsible
02:00 - 02:05 pm	Opening Remark	Mr. Sylvain Usher (AfWASA)
02:05 pm -	Keynote Speaker	Dr. Eng. Simeon KENFACK (AfWASA)
02:25 - 03:10 pm	Panel Discussion: Panelists - Dr. Eng. Simeon KENFACK (AfWASA) - Mr. Stefan REUTER (GWP) - Prof. Dongo KOUASSI (UFHB) - Mr. Gilles TAGNE (IRC) - Dr. Tanko Yussif AZZIKA (AMCOW)	Mr. Sylvain Usher (AfWASA)
03:10 - 03:25 pm	Question/Answer (Q&A)	All participants
03:25 - 03:30 pm	Wrap up and closing	Dr. Eng. Simeon KENFACK (AfWASA)