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Please find attached hereto, the above-mentioned document for your consideration.

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## LIST OF ACRONYMS

AfDB	African Development Bank
AMCOW	African Minister's Council on Water
AWF	African Water Facility
CICOS	International Commission of Congo-Oubanguie-Sangha basin
EU	European Union
GC	Governing Council
HYCOS	Hydrological Cycle Observing Systems
IGAD	Inter Governmental Authority on Development
IWRM	Integrated Water Resources Management
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
NEPAD	New Partnership for Africa's Development
OWAS	Water and Sanitation Department of the AfDB
PAR	Project Appraisal Report
QPR	Quarterly Progress Report
RBO	River Basin Organizations
REA	Recipient Executing Agencies
REC	Regional Economic Communities
RFP	Requests for Proposals
RMC	Regional Member Country
RWSSI	Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Initiative
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
TOR	Terms of Reference
TWRM	Transboundary Water Resource Management
WRM	Water Resource Management
WSP	Water and Sanitation Program of the World Bank
WSS	Water Supply and Sanitation

## 1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 The purpose of this Quarterly Progress Report is to inform all stakeholders on the status of the various operational and organisational activities being undertaken by the AWF for the period of January to March 2008. The intended audience includes the AfDB Board, AWF Governing Council, AMCOW and its committees, and donors to the AWF.

1.2 The Quarterly Progress Report is prepared in response to the requirements of the AWF Operational Procedures section 9.2. The report examines the core operational activities, with a focus on the status of project processing schedule and ongoing projects. This is followed by a discussion on organisational activities during the quarter including the human resource capacity of the AWF, support to project operations, and important outreach, partnership and communication activities. The financial status of the AWF is then reviewed. The final section presents a brief summary of the key results in the quarter, highlighting the main achievements and challenges facing the AWF in meeting its operational objectives.

1.3 The planned activities and results are described in the 2008 Work Plan and Budget, which was approved by the Board on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007. Details on the work programme are described in various parts of this document where appropriate. The Work Plan and Budget is based on the first year of the 2008-2010 Operational Programme, which was approved the AWF Governing Council at its meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2007 in Tunis.

## 2 OPERATIONAL STATUS

2.1 The Operational activities consist of the projects implemented with the support of the AWF, as well as the various support activities which are financed from AWF internal funds and implemented directly by AWF staff.

### 2.1 STATUS OF PROJECT PROCESSING

2.1.1 **Project approvals:** This section discusses the processing of projects through project appraisal and approval stages, and including signature of grant agreements. Table 2.1 below presents a summary of the status of projects under processing by the AWF. As can be seen, 3 projects totalling €4,451,000 were approved during the last quarter, covering programme/project preparation (2) and water for productive uses (1). A brief description of the projects which were approved during the quarter is appended in Annex 3.

2.1.2 **Project appraisals:** The appraisal of one other project (€955,000) has been completed and it is currently under review for approval in April. Another 25 projects are under preparation for appraisal, of which 5 projects totalling €6,367,000 are expected to be approved before the end of June (see Table 2.1 for a list of these projects). Several other projects, based on a screening of the applications received, will most likely be included into the pipeline in the next few months. These may also be appraised later in 2008 or in 2009.

**Table 2.1 Status of project processing (amounts in Euro)**

<b>Projects Approved in Last Quarter (January to March 2008)</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Djibouti:</b> Water harvesting project for water supply and agriculture in rural districts of the republic of Djibouti	1,937,000
<b>Lake Victoria Basin Commission:</b> Water and sanitation initiative	994,000
<b>Liberia:</b> Monrovia expansion and rehabilitation of 3 county capitals water supply and sanitation study	1,520,000
<b>TOTAL: 3 projects approved last quarter</b>	<b>€4,451,000</b>

<b>Projects for approval next quarter (April to June 2008)</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>i) Projects Under Review for Approval as of 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Seychelles:</b> Water supply development plan 2008-2030	€955,000
<b>ii) Projects Under Appraisal</b>	<b>Approx. Amount</b>
<b>Burkina Faso:</b> Strengthening of institutional capacity for decentralised IWRM.	450,000
<b>African University of Science and Technology (AUST):</b> Support to the establishment of the AUST, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.	1,950,000
<b>Ethiopia:</b> Solar and windmill pump technology pilot project for community water supply schemes.	2,000,000
<b>Liberia:</b> Water sector reform and capacity building study.	1,257,000
<b>Burkina Faso:</b> Ouagadougou storm water management feasibility study.	710,000
Sub-Total: 5 projects under appraisal	€6,367,000
<b>TOTAL: 6 projects to be approved next quarter</b>	<b>€7,322,000</b>

2.1.3 *Signature of grant agreements:* In the past quarter, 4 project grant agreements were signed, bringing the total to 27 signed projects (see Annex 2 for date of signature of all project grant agreements). These are:

- Lesotho: Development of Planning Framework for Rural Water Supply and Sanitation
- Liberia: Study for the expansion of Monrovia water supply and sanitation system and rehabilitation of water supplies of three country capitals
- Djibouti: Water harvesting project for water supply and agriculture in rural districts of the republic of Djibouti
- Mozambique: Study and project preparation for COFAMOSIA irrigation project

2.1.4 Five approved projects are awaiting signature as of 31<sup>st</sup> March, consisting of the 3 approved projects in the past quarter plus the RWSS Institutional Support project in Chad and the Studies for the Rehabilitation of Canals in Egypt, (see Annex 2 for more details).

## **2.2 PROGRESS OF ONGOING PROJECTS**

2.2.1 Ongoing projects are those for which a grant agreement has been signed, up until project completion. The AWF is in the process of putting together comprehensive project

monitoring and reporting systems for ongoing projects. In the interim, the following status assessment of progress has been compiled. A summary table of the status of ongoing projects is shown in Annex 2.

### **Grant Effectiveness**

2.2.2 Before a project can become grant effective, the grant recipient has to meet the conditions set out in the grant agreement, which generally involves the opening of a Special Account and appointment of a Project Coordinator, among others. The total number of projects which are grant effective remains at 21, with no additional projects becoming grant effective in the past quarter (see Annex 2 for complete list). Actions are being taken to ensure that the remaining 11 of the 32 approved projects quickly become grant effective. The actions mainly involving dialogue or meetings with recipients to find ways to resolve problems in meeting grant conditions.

### **Project Launching and Supervision**

2.2.3 A Project Launching Workshop was undertaken in Bangui, Central African Republic, on the 11th and 12<sup>th</sup> of February 2008, for the Water and Sanitation Study and Investment Preparation in 16 District Capitals Project. The main objective of the workshop was to inform Districts authorities and stakeholders about the project, to involve them in the implementation process, and to present and examine the methodology proposed by the Consultant regarding the modalities for the implementation of the different components of the project.

2.2.4 Six (6) project supervision missions were carried during the quarter covering the following Projects:

- (i) Kenya Kisumu District Primary Schools WatSan;
- (ii) Uganda IWSS for Urban Poor in Kagugube Parish;
- (iii) Uganda Roof Catchment Rainwater Harvesting and Management
- (iv) IGAD – Mapping Assessment and Management of Transboundary Water Resources in IGAD
- (v) Rwanda Pilot Project for Introduction of Rainwater Harvesting Techniques in Bugesera
- (vi) Ethiopia Development of Water Information and Knowledge

2.2.5 The supervision missions essentially discussed with Project Implementing Agencies the status of project implementation to date and the strategy for completing the remaining aspects of the projects. It was clear that the facilitative and capacity building parts of most of these projects are largely being implemented. Emphasis on implementing the infrastructure part of the projects, and the importance of time management and delivery of outputs, were highlighted. In the case of the Kenya Project, a key issue that was discussed was how the current conflict had affected the project and the implications for project execution. In summary the missions assisted the Recipient to find solutions to expedite project completion.

### **Procurement of goods, works and acquisition of consultancy services**

2.2.6 Most of the current AWF project activities concern studies, inventories, analyses, assessments, preparation of action or master plans, capacity building, technical assistance and training. Since these are activities which are usually carried out by consulting firms and

individual consultants, recruitment of consultancy services is the main procurement task for most projects.

2.2.7 Projects are at different stages in the procurement process for the recruitment of consultants, involving issuance of Special Procurement Notices, preparation of short-lists, preparation and issuance of Requests for Proposals (RFP), evaluation of proposals and contract signature. Specific procurement activities carried out by Recipients included:

- Consultancy Services Contract signed for undertaking the Congo Brazzaville Water Supply and Sanitation Study for Brazzaville and Pointe Noire
- Evaluation of consultants' proposals was completed for the Cameroun Inventory of RWSS Infrastructure, the OSS Geo-Aquifer and the Senegal Ziguinchor Projects.
- Preparation and approval of short-lists of consultants was done by CICOS Capacity, CICOS IWRM and Namibia IWRM projects.
- Preparation of TORs and RFPs were underway for the Botswana Pandamatenga and CICOS IWRM projects.
- The preparation of bidding documents and processing of the procurement of various types of equipment and supplies continued.

2.2.8 Since the Facility was conceived as a demand-responsive instrument with a major objective to provide flexible and rapid response to Clients<sup>1</sup>, it was initially intended that use will be made of post procurement review procedures that allow Recipients to proceed with procurement of goods, works and services without having to obtain prior approval for some contracts. Procurement to be carried out under these procedures was only to be subject to post-procurement review for compliance<sup>2</sup>. Consequently, PARs initially delegated the responsibility for recruitment of consultants, procurement of goods and works directly to the Recipients Executing Agencies (REAs) without the need initially to revert to the AWF for approvals. In its execution however, the AWF has found that REAs frequently reverted to it when executing the procurement process because of, among others, lack of staff capacity and lack of familiarity with the AWFs procurement procedures.

### **Project Execution**

2.2.9 Of the 21 grant effective projects, there were twenty (20) projects under actual execution during the quarter (with one project having been completed in 2006). Activities included:

- IGAD Mapping, Assessment and Management of Transboundary Water Resources in the IGAD Sub-Region: A meeting with the Executing Agency - Sahara and Sahel Observatory (SSO) - took place on 15 January 2008 in Tunis to review progress on preparation of the implementation plan and initiation of procurement. The Project Steering Committee (composed of representatives of IGAD, SSO and IGAD members) held its second meeting in Addis Ababa, from 14-15 February 2008. They reviewed progress and approved the overall plan of operation (OPO) and the work programme for 2008. Appointment of a Project Manager from the IGAD member countries to replace the interim project manager from OSS was finalized.
- With respect to the Namibia IWRM Project, a progress review meeting was held with the Honourable Paul Smit, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Water and Forestry

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<sup>1</sup> AWF Operational Procedures Article 7.10.4.

<sup>2</sup> AWF Operational Procedures Article 7.11.3.

during the African Water Week to review and resolve the delays in implementation of the project.

- The Botswana Preparation of Improved Water Control and Management System for Pandamatenga Area project completed its Environmental Impact and Management Study.

### **Project Reporting and Planning**

2.2.10 During the quarter AWF designed a new standard Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) format for grant recipients. It generally follows the Bank's current format but was tailored to the specific requirements of the AWF reports. The format covers project start-up, organization and management, procurement status and projections including the procurement work plan for the project, implementation status and programme of work, project performance (results), financial (disbursement) status and projections, as well as issues and planned actions.

2.2.11 All recipients have been specifically requested to prepare and submit a QPR, including a Procurement Plan for the major items to be procured under each project. Nine of the twenty recipients responded with a QPR. Of these, only one third of that number (3) submitted acceptable Procurement Plans. The AWF is planning a training workshop for project coordinators to improve on procurement procedures.

### **Project Audits**

2.2.12 In pursuance of the execution of *Article 8.3 on Audit of Operations* in the AWF Operational Procedures, AWF commenced the recruitment of Auditors in March 2007. Consequently, Request for Proposals (RFPs) were forwarded to short-listed consultants with the closing date for the return of proposals set for 25 June 2007.

2.2.13 The status of the award of Audit Contracts for the various projects as at 31 March 2008, is given in Annex 4. In summary, the evaluation of proposals has been completed and auditors have been recruited for twelve projects. Contracts have been signed for four of these, while the remaining eight are pending signature subject to sufficient progress being made in project implementation procurement and disbursement to warrant the audits. As at the end of March 2008 no actual audits had yet been done. The first audits are scheduled to commence in June 2008.

### **Realisation of targeted results/outputs**

2.2.14 No ongoing projects are sufficiently advanced to report back on results realised.

### **Issues and Actions**

2.2.15 Some of the specific project execution issues that have been identified to date include the following:

- Lack of familiarity of Recipient Executing Agencies (REAs) with AWF and Bank procurement, disbursement and financial management procedures;
- Limited capacity of REAs;

- Limited Project Launching and Supervision by AWF;
- Lack of submission of Quarterly Progress Reports (QPRs) by REAs and the need for feedback from AWF;
- Constraints in initiating the auditing process due to limited project execution activities and expenditures on the ground.

2.2.16 During the past quarter various actions were identified and started to be implemented to remedy these constraints and thereby expedite project execution. Ongoing actions include the following:

- Sensitisation of REAs to the need to expedite project execution, through requests for preparation and submission of (i) a summary of the status of project execution to date; (ii) Quarterly Progress Reports; and (iii) a Procurement Plan for the Project
- Undertaking procurement, disbursement and financial management training workshops for REA staff;
- Intensification of AWF launching and supervision missions;
- Institutionalisation of AWF quarterly mission programming;
- Increased involvement of Country Offices in project execution;
- Recruitment of auditing firms, with specific actions as noted above (2.3.12).

### **3 ORGANISATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

3.1 This section reports on the various coordination and partnership activities, and support to AWF operations.

#### **3.1 HUMAN RESOURCES**

3.1.1 There have been some important changes in the staffing situation during the past quarter. Under a Bank wide restructuring exercise, both the Director and Coordinator of the AWF were transferred to other departments within the Bank, with their positions filled by existing Bank staff from other departments outside of OWAS. The list of staff as of the end of March is shown in Annex 1.

3.1.2 The extension of the positions of the three seconded Technical Assistance professionals (Austria, France and Norway) by another two years was granted by their respective donor countries.

#### **3.2 OPERATIONAL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES**

3.2.1 The AWF continues to carry out a number of important activities in support of project operations using internal administrative funds.

##### **Undertaking status assessments:**

3.2.2 The AWF is working with partners in undertaking important assessments of the status and need for various types of interventions. Activities in the last quarter included:

- The Pan African Assessment on Water Sector Monitoring and Evaluation, and the Compilation of the 10 Country Profiles on Information and Knowledge Management, are 2 major tasks executed by a Consultancy firm hired by the AWF. A draft template for rapid country M&E systems was prepared by the Consultant in order to allow 5 selected test cases in Congo, Malawi, Senegal, Tunisia, and Uganda. AWF staff were closely involved in reviewing the draft template and documents, providing linkages with ongoing M&E related to activities and stakeholders (especially the Water and Sanitation Programme for Africa and the WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme), preparing the Consultant Country missions (Senegal, Tunisia and Uganda duly executed), and accompanying the Consultant in Tunisia.

### **Project preparatory and appraisal missions and activities:**

#### 3.2.3 Appraisal missions undertaken in the last quarter:

- Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2008 to: (i) participate in the Expert Committee Meeting, Council of Ministers for the 2iE Group and the Steering Committee Meeting for the Project 2iE/AIST (African Institute for Science and Technology); (ii) proceed with the appraisal of the proposed AWF project to support higher water education of students from post-conflict and fragile states; (iii) meet with the Volta Basin Authority to discuss the Volta-HYCOS appraisal; (iv) contact the Government concerning the appraisal of the AWF support to decentralised IWRM in Burkina Faso; (v) appraisal of the Ouagadougou storm-water and solid waste management project. The mission worked in close cooperation with the ADB Resident Mission in Burkina Faso.

### **Preparation of Operational documents**

3.2.4 The earlier approved ‘*AWF Operational Strategy*’ and the ‘*2008-2010 Operational Programme*’ were published, with the support of the Banks Communications Unit, with 500 copies of each printed using a local printing company. The Operational Procedures has been revised and is awaiting printing. Remaining is the planned revisions to the *Operational Manual*, which is in the process of being finalized

## **3.3 OUTREACH AND PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

3.3.1 AWF staff have participated in several consultative workshops, conferences and meetings to foster co-operation, harmonize activities, and consolidate partnerships. These include:

- The Africa Water Week, held from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2008 in Tunis. AWF staff played a leading role in Bank preparations for this AWW, including chairing the Bank Task Force responsible for organising the event (Director), task managing the technical committee responsible for preparing the agenda and calling for papers, and participating in the financial committee. As well many AWF staff provided logistical and administrative support to the event. The Facility also made a presentation during the parallel sessions on ‘*AWF current and envisaged role in agriculture water development*’. The Facility distributed the newly published AWF documentation (Operational Strategy, 2008-2010 Operational Program as well as Achievements and Resource Requirements) to attendees.

- Informal dialogue on Africa's Water Agenda 2008 and International support for AMCOW: The meeting was organized on 10 -11 March, 2008 by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) in cooperation with the Technical Advisory Committee of the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW-TAC) and the Africa Working Group of the European Water Initiative (EUWI-AWG). The meeting was called to enable dialogue on possible key political messages of the African Water Agenda. Progress was made on the identification of an action-oriented water and sanitation agenda, and exploration of ways to support and strengthen AMCOW in its political role as voice and advocate for the water sector in Africa. A follow-up consultation was also held at the margins of the water week
- Attended the Annual Meeting of the Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA) in Tokyo 12-14 Mars 2008. An AWF staff member gave a presentation at the session on Trans-boundary water Resources Management entitled "*Up-scaling Water Infrastructure Investments to Enhance Water Security - Water Governance, a key to Cross-border Infrastructure Development*". Discussions were held between African stakeholders and funding agencies on how to fast-track cross-border infrastructure investments, and informal contacts were made with representatives of various donors during the course of the events.
- Participation in the meetings organized within the Bank for the Niger River Basin (NBA) mission of 11-12 Feb. 2008, to prepare for the NBA Head of State Summit (30 April) and Donors Round Table Meeting (23 June) for the implementation of the Niger River Shared Vision and its associated action Plan (PADD) up to 2025
- Meeting with the World Food Program in Rome, February 11<sup>th</sup> 2008, where the AWF shared the project pipeline for possible co-financing and further follow up at the country level.
- Meeting with IFAD in Rome, February 12<sup>th</sup> 2008, who are currently co-financing an AWF project in Djibouti and expressed their desire to continue collaborating with the AWF.
- Participation in the WaterAid partner meeting held on 25th March in Tunis, where AWF staff presented an overview of the AWF and advised on how African NGOs and Civil Society Organisations can better engage with the Facility.

### **3.4 RESOURCE MOBILISATION ACTIVITIES**

3.4.1 A major activity of the AWF in the past quarter has been mobilisation of the funds needed to implement the 2008-2010 Operational Programme. Activities undertaken have been described in detail in a document prepared for the 7<sup>th</sup> GC meeting (*'Resource Mobilization Update'*), and so are not repeated here. The main outcomes of these efforts are the following:

- The Spanish Government committed to join the Facility, with the amount confirmed later as €12 million for 2008-2010.
- The Austrian Government committed to contribute €300,000 for 2008-2010.
- Sweden and Norway provided an update of planned support for 2008-2010, with expected amounts above that previously committed. Confirmations are expected in April for Sweden and later in the year for Norway.
- The issues relating to the European Commission support to the Facility was resolved in

December 2007, and enabled the EC to make its first disbursement in the past quarter.

- CIDA and ADB extended the Canadian agreement that would otherwise have expired in March 2008, bringing forward CAD 7,000,000 of un-released commitments.

## 4 FINANCIAL STATUS

### 4.1 FUNDING COMMITMENTS

4.1.1 The AfDB maintains a Special Fund for financing project operations and administrative expenses of the AWF. As of the end of March 2008, the amount of funds pledged by the various donors for projects to be undertaken by the AWF amounts to €77 million (see Table 4.1).

4.1.2 The amount of funds actually received (plus interest earned) totalled €40.5 million as of 31<sup>st</sup> March. In the past quarter funds were received from the EU (€9.13 million) and Canada (C\$3 million which is approx. €1.88 million) Discussions with donors indicate that additional payments of €22.44 million will be forthcoming in the remainder of 2008 (from the EU, France, Denmark, Austria and Spain).

**Table 4.1 Amounts Pledged by Donors to AWF Special Fund** (million Euros)

Donor	Amount Pledged	Funds Received as of 31Dec.07	Funds Received Jan. to Mar. 2008	Funds Expected	
				Apr. to Dec. 2008	Total 2008
EU	25.0	0	9.13	12.87	12.87
Canada	14.03 <sup>1</sup>	6.82	1.88		1.88
France	12.0	9.60		2.40	2.40
Denmark	5.37 <sup>1</sup>	3.22		1.07	1.07
Sweden	4.84 <sup>1</sup>	4.84			
Norway	3.6 <sup>1</sup>	3.74			
Austria	0.40 <sup>2</sup>	0.10		0.1	0.1
Spain	12.0 <sup>2</sup>			6.0	6.0
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>28.31</b>	<b>11.01</b>	<b>22.44</b>	<b>33.45</b>
Interest		1.19		0.4	0.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>€77.0</b>	<b>€29.5</b>	<b>€11.01</b>	<b>€22.84</b>	<b>€33.85</b>

1) Calculated using applicable exchange rate on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2006

2) New pledges made in March 2008 of €300,000 for Austria and €12 million for Spain

### 4.2 PROJECT COMMITMENTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

4.2.1 As of the end of March, a total of €28.6 million has been committed on 32 projects approved (see Annex 2), with €4,451,000 committed in the past quarter (see Section 2.1). Disbursements in the quarter were €35,000 on one project. In total, €8.6 million has been disbursed on the 21 projects which are grant effective, which is 30% of that committed.

### 4.3 STAFFING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES BUDGET

#### **AWF Administrative Expenses Budget**

4.3.1 The AWF maintains an administrative budget which categorises expenses according to certain predefined internal categories. In Table 4.3 below, the amounts planned for 2008 and utilised over the last quarter under each of the administrative expense categories have been compiled. In total, the AWF has allocated €2.0 million for administrative expenses in 2008. In comparison, €101,355 or 5% of the AWF budget was utilised by the end of March 2008. The expected utilisation is not as planned for most categories, especially consultancy firms due to the delays in starting project audits. The reduction in missions and workshops was due to the involvement of staff in preparations for the African Water Week.

**Table 4.3 AWF Administrative Expenses Budget for 2008 (in Euro)**

Item	Budget Allocation	Actual to 31Mar.08	% Utilisation
Staff Missions	300,000	29,150	10
Consultancy - Individuals	400,000	53,420	13
Consultancy - Firms	600,000	0	0
Workshops and Seminars	500,000	3,514	1
Governing Council Meetings	100,000	477	0.5
Resources Mobilisation	50,000	13,519	3
Communications	50,000	1,275	3
<b>Total AWF</b>	<b>€2,000,000</b>	<b>€101,355</b>	<b>5%</b>

#### **AfDB Staffing and Administrative Support to the AWF**

4.3.2 In addition, the AfDB is providing financial support for a range of activities associated with the implementation of AWF operational and management activities. These include Bank staff missions related to project identification, appraisal and supervision; provision of consultant services for assistance to AWF operational activities and to undertake special studies; and hosting of workshops and seminars. The amounts for 2008 are detailed in Table 4.4 according to the administrative expense categories used by the AfDB. The total allocation for the year was €208,000, of which €15,763 or 8% of the AfDB budget was utilised in the first quarter.

**Table 4.4 AfDB Administrative Expenses Contribution to the AWF (in Euro)**

Item	Budget Allocation	Actual to 31Mar.08	% Utilisation
Missions by AfDB Staff	104,000	12,776	12%
Consultant Services	104,000	2,987	3%
<b>Total AfDB</b>	<b>€208,000</b>	<b>€15,763</b>	<b>8%</b>

## 5 KEY RESULTS

### 5.1 ACHIEVEMENTS

5.1.1 Some of the main achievements during the third quarter of 2008 are summarised below:

5.1.2 **Projects appraised and approved:** Three projects were approved in the last quarter, totalling €4.45 million. The appraisal for another project (€955,000 million) has been completed and under review for approval as of 31<sup>st</sup> March. Another 5 projects (€6.37 million) are currently under appraisal, and it is expected that all of them will be approved before the end of the next quarter (total €7.32 million).

5.1.3 **Mobilisation of funding:** Significant efforts have been made over the last quarter to secure funds for the 3-year programme, and tangible progress has been achieved.

5.1.4 **Outreach and partnership efforts:** The AWF has been involved in numerous activities to strengthen partnerships and create awareness about the AWF. These include supporting Bank preparations for the Africa Water Week, and organising AWF related side events and meetings.

### 5.2 MAIN CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

5.2.1 Some of the main challenges that currently preoccupy the AWF are discussed below (others are discussed in the recently prepared 2007 Annual Report, and are not repeated here):

5.2.2 **Achieving the 2008 Activity Programme:** Achieving the planned number of 34 project approvals as noted in the 2008 Work Plan will be a challenge. Progress on appraisals in 2008 is falling behind schedule, with 3 projects approved in Q1 and 6 more expected in Q2 (vs. the 17 planned over these two quarters). The AWF is taking the necessary actions to increase the project approval rate and meet planned targets, including hiring of consultants to assist Task Managers in appraisals.

5.2.3 **Expediting project implementation:** Implementation of the many small projects according to their planned schedules is proving to be difficult. Supporting executing agencies in project implementation is necessary - especially for smaller NGOs and others who are not familiar with AWF and Bank procedures. Assistance to recipients to ensure good project level management, procurement in conformity with Bank guidelines, transparent financial control mechanisms and comprehensive reporting is often needed. Ways and means to efficiently provide this support is an ongoing preoccupation of the AWF, with plans for recruiting new project support staff in 2008 to assist in this process, particularly a Procurement Officer. Increased involvement of ADB field offices, where they have the human resources capacity (mainly water specialists and procurement staff), is also being undertaken.

5.2.4 **Increasing Project Sizes:** Average project size to date is about €900,000. The AWF will aim at increasing project sizes in 2008 in order to increase efficiency of project processing.

**ANNEX 1: AWF STAFF (AS OF 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2008)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Seconding Organisation</b>
Andrian Rakotobe	Director (AWF and OWAS)	AfDB
Freddie Kwesiga	Coordinator	AfDB
Tefera Woudeneh	Chief Water Operations Officer	AfDB
Peter Akari	Chief Water Policy Officer	AfDB
Jean Michel Ossete	Principal Water Resource Management Officer	AfDB
Abderrahman Outaguerouine	Principal Water and Sanitation Expert	AfDB
Hans Schattauer	Principal Water and Sanitation Expert	Austria
Torbjorn Damhaug	Principal Water Resources Management Specialist	Norway
Yvan Kedaj	Principal Monitoring and Evaluation Specialist	France
Lone Badstue	Principal Socio-Economics and Gender Specialist	Denmark
Malinne Bloomberg	Principal Financial Management Specialist	UK
Soto Ignacio Tourine	Young Professional Program	AfDB
Leli Didia Morgan	Secretary	AfDB
Nadege Dion	Secretary (Short Term Staff - STS)	AfDB
Haitheim Oueslati	Operations Assistant (STS)	AfDB
Adama Kone	Accountant (STS)	AfDB

## ANNEX 2: STATUS OF APPROVED PROJECTS (AS OF 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2008)

	Beneficiary Country or Organization	Project name	Grant amount	Date Approved	Status of grant signature G.E.C.L	Date Effectiveness	Amount Disbursed	Date of first Disbursement
1	Volta Basin	Support for the Creation of the Volta Basin Authority	165,000	25-mar.-06	07-apr.-06	20-apr.-06	165,000	
2	Burundi	Formulation of IWRM Plan for Burundi	480,000	01-sept.-06	22-sept.-06	09-may-07	200,000	21-jun-07
3	Ethiopia	Support to the Development of Water Information and Knowledge Management Systems in Ethiopia	500,000	02-oct.-06	31-oct.-06	14-may-07	150,000	25-jun-07
4	Niger basin Authority (NBA)	Support for Niger-HYCOS Project	1,200,202	06-oct.-06	18-oct.-06	02-feb.-07	1,021,705	23-mar.-07
5	Kenya	Kisumu District Primary Schools Water and Sanitation Project	228,606	19-dec.-06	29-jan.-07	21-may-07	154,000	21-may-07
6	Mozambique	Preparation of the National Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Programme	486,223	21-dec.-06	30-jul.-07	07-dec.-07	56,000	
7	Uganda	Implementation of an Integrated Project of Water Supply and Sanitation Services for the Urban Poor in Kagugube Parish, Central Division - Kampala	800,000	21-dec.-06	31-jan.-07	24-may-07	322,150	24-may-07
8	African Network of Basin Organization (ANBO)	Support to the Development of African Network Of Basin Organisations (ANBO)	439,000	22-dec.-06	29-mar.-07	03-jul.-07	302,850	18-jul.-07
9	Cameroun	Inventory Of Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Infrastructures	469,486	22-dec.-06	12-feb.-07	13-jul.-07	299,997	27-aug.-07
10	Namibia	Development of an IWRM Plan for Namibia	498,200	22-dec.-06	29-may-07	29-may-07	268,660	20-aug.-07
11	Rwanda	Pilot Project for the Introduction of Water Harvesting Technique in Bugesera	450,000	22-dec.-06	22-may-07	14-aug.-07	249,578	28-sept.-07
12	Senegal	Ziguinchor Sanitation Master Plan Study	935,000	22-dec.-06	09-aug.-07	06-sept.-07	465,967	27-sept.-07
12	Sahara and Sahel Observatory (SSO)	Geo-Aquifer: North-Western Sahara Aquifer System (SASS) Knowledge and Water Resources Management Improvement by using satellite imagery	487,800	26-dec.-06	03-jan.-07	23-mar.-07	327,300	12-jun-07
14	Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)	Mapping, Assessment and Management of Transboundary Water Resources in the IGAD Sub Region	1,831,600	09-jan.-07	18-may-07	15-aug.-07	561,350	6-sept.-07
15	Niger	Preparation of IWRM Action Plan for Niger	660,775	30-apr.-07	07-sept.-07	Not yet effective		
16	Uganda	Roof Catchment Rainwater Harvesting and Management in Uganda	449,830	09-may-07	04-jun.-07	29-jun.-07	193,441	30-jul.-07
17	Lesotho	Development of Planning Framework for Rural Water Supply and Sanitation	400,000	11-may-07	10-jan.-08	Not yet effective		
18	International Commission of the Congo-Oubangui-Sangha Basin (CICOS)	Strengthening the Information and Knowledge Capacity of CICOS on the Water Resources Management of the Congo Basin	455,000	17-may-07	01-jun-07	30-jul.-07	250,000	24-aug.-07

19	International Commission of the Congo-Oubangui-Sangha Basin	Preparation of the Strategic Action Plan for the Sustainable Water Resources Management of the Congo of basin	1,988,673	30-may-07	01-jun-07	30-jul.-07	792,434	24-aug.-07
20	Lake Chad Basin Commission (LCBC)	Preparation of Lake Chad Basin Water Carter	890,000	30-may-07	06-jul.-07	31-jul.-07	583,803	27-aug.-07
21	Botswana	Development of Improved Water Control and Management System for Pandamatenga Agricultural Production Project	1,169,000	12-jun-07	12-jul.-07	19-nov.-07	870,000	6-dec.-07
22	Congo Brazzaville	Support to a water supply and sanitation policy and priority investments preparation in Brazzaville and Pointe Noire	1,418,235	11-jul.-07	01-aug.-07	12-nov.-07	664,010	3-dec.-07
23	Centrafrique	Support to a water supply and sanitation study and priority invest preparation in 16 district capitals in central Africa	1,438,000	09-aug.-07	22-aug.-07	03-sept.-07	712,058	22-oct.-07
24	Senegal	Implementation of the IWRM action Plan for Senegal	1,580,000	28-aug.-07	10-oct.-07	Not yet effective		
25	Egypt	Comprehensive Studies for the Rehabilitation of the Nubaria and Ismailia Canals	1,900,090	18-oct.-07	Not yet signed	Not yet effective		
26	Mauritania	Formulation of IWRM and land use Plan for Mauritania	500,000	07-nov.-07	Not yet signed	Not yet effective		
27	Mozambique	Study and project preparation for COFAMOSA irrigation project	1,178,367	22-nov.-07	11-feb.-08	Not yet effective		
28	Tanzania	The Arusha strategic sanitation plan preparation	654,000	22-nov.-07	Not yet signed	Not yet effective		
29	Chad	Institutional Support for Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Inventory	490,000	27-dec.-07	Not yet signed	Not yet effective		
30	Liberia	Study for the expansion of Monrovia water supply and sanitation system and rehabilitation of water supplies of three country capitals	1,520,000	22-jan.-08	11-mar.-08	Not yet effective		
31	Djibouti	Water harvesting project for water supply and agriculture in rural districts of the republic of Djibouti	1,937,000	29-jan.-08	04-feb.-08	Not yet effective		
32	Lake Victoria	Lake Victoria Basin commission - Water & Sanitation Initiative	994,000	02-mar.-08	Not yet signed	Not yet effective		
	<b>Total Amount</b>		<b>28,594,087</b>				<b>8,610,303</b>	
	<b>Total Number</b>		<b>32</b>		<b>27</b>		<b>21</b>	

Notes:

1) Projects ordered by date of approval

2) Dates highlighted in yellow indicate progress in the past quarter (January to March 2008)

## ANNEX 3: DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS APPROVED IN LAST QUARTER

<b>Investments: Water for Agriculture and Food Security</b>				
<b>Project Title, Origin, Budget</b>	<b>Project Objectives and Components</b>	<b>Expected Benefits and Value Added</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Djibouti</b> Water harvesting project for water supply and agriculture in rural districts of the Republic of Djibouti €1,937,000, 20 months	Piloting innovative flood-water harvesting technologies for drinking water, irrigation and livestock uses in 2 rural districts. Improved knowledge of the hydrogeologic conditions in the project zone. Capacity building of government water resource engineering departments. Preparation of bankable projects for funding.	Improved livelihoods of the rural nomad populations. Increased investments through scaling-up of the new technologies in water harvesting at the country level.	Submitted by Gov. of Djibouti. Executing Agency is the Dept. of Hydraulic Resources of the Agriculture Ministry. Implemented in partnership with IFAD.	Approved 29 January 2008

<b>Project/Programme Preparation</b>				
<b>Project Title, Origin, Budget</b>	<b>Project Objectives and Components</b>	<b>Expected Benefits and Value Added</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Liberia</b> Monrovia expansion and rehabilitation of 3 county capitals water supply and sanitation study. €1,520,000, 16 months	To develop viable water supply and sanitation systems to meet 2025 demands in Monrovia and three county capitals. Study consists of feasibility study; detailed designs for WSS systems; preparation of tender documents; and resource mobilization donors meeting.	Proposals and designs for provision of reliable WSS services for the people of Monrovia (1,500,000 people), Kakata (25,000 people), Zwedru (10,000 people) and Buchanan (35,000 people).	Submitted by Gov of Liberia. Implemented by Liberia Water and Sewerage Corporation (LWSC) as executing agency.	Approved 22 January 2008
<b>Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC):</b> Water and sanitation initiative €994,000, 7 months	Identify an integrated package of interventions including water supply and sanitation improvements, solid waste management, drainage improvements in key areas, as well as capacity building and training. Preparation of detailed designs for urgent works and bankable investment plans for long term development in 15 high priority secondary towns/centers.	The 15 project towns/centers meet MDG targets for water supply, sanitation and health through execution of immediate works and provision of adequate funding for longer term improvements. Lake water quality improved, contributing to the management of its sensitive ecology.	Submitted by East Africa Community (EAC). Implemented by LVBC as executing agency in collaboration with UN-Habitat.	Approved 2 March 2008

## ANNEX 4: STATUS OF AWARD OF CONTRACTS FOR AUDIT OF AWF PROJECTS AS AT 31 MARCH 2008

Beneficiary Country or Organization	Project Name	Grant Amount Euros	Audit Firm	Contract Amount	Interim (First) Audit Scheduled
<b>Western Africa</b>					
<b>Senegal</b>	Ziguinchor Sanitation Master Plan	935,000	MAECO-SARL, Mali	Eur 5,400	Contract signed. First audit programmed to start in May 2008, before second disbursement.
<b>ANBO</b>	African Network of Basin Orgs	439,000	MAECO-SARL, Mali	Eur 5,400	
<b>NBA</b>	Support for Niger HYCOS	1,200,202	SEC DIARRA, Mali		
<b>Niger</b>	Preparation of IWRM Master Plan	660,775	SEC DIARRA, Mali		
<b>Eastern Africa</b>					
<b>Ethiopia</b>	Development of Water Information and Knowledge Systems	500,000	Tadesse Woldogabriel, Eth	Birr 92,587	1 <sup>st</sup> .Audit awaiting execution to justify and audit
<b>Burundi</b>	Formulation of IWRM Plan	480,000	Development Options, Kenya	Eur 5,613.5	Contract to be signed. First Audit to commence immediately after signature
<b>Kenya</b>	Kisumu District Primary Schools WSS	228,606	Development Options, Kenya	Eur 5,613.5	
<b>Uganda</b>	Integrated WSS for Kagugube Parish	800,000	Development Options, Kenya	Eur 5,613.5	
<b>Uganda</b>	Roof Catchment Rainwater Harvesting	449,830	Development Options, Kenya	Eur 5,613.5	
<b>IGAD</b>	Mapping, assessment of IGAD Transboundary Water	1,831,600	FIDUNION, Tunisia	Eur 9,500	Contract signed on 03 January 2008. Awaiting sufficient Project execution to warrant auditing
<b>Southern Africa</b>					
<b>Namibia</b>	IWRM Plan	498,200	Kobla Kwashie & Assoc., Swaziland	Eur 20,000	Contract to be signed. Awaiting sufficient Project execution to warrant auditing.
<b>North Africa</b>					
<b>OSS</b>	Geo-Aquifer Knowledge and Water Resource Management	487,800	FIDUNION, Tunisia	Eur 5,500	Contract signed on 03 January 2008. Awaiting sufficient Project execution to warrant auditing.