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A round-up of the news, highlights and announcements from the second day of the annual water conference in Stockholm

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Senegalese minister Mansour Faye said today at World Water Week that sanitation is their greatest challenge. Photograph: Rebecca Blackwell/AP

The highlight of World Water Week day two was the Africa Focus sessions. Discussion points included the state and scale of hydropower, transboundary water management and the declining reliance on donor-funded infrastructure projects on the continent. We caught up with some of the speakers to discuss water challenges in more depth. Keep reading to see what they had to say.

Highlights

- The PepsiCo Foundation and the Inter-American Development Bank unveiled a new data management and water modeling tool called Hydro-BID. They say the tool "has the potential to forecast water availability and supply across Latin America and the Caribbean under virtually any climate, population and land use scenario".
- African Water Facility announced a new initiative to support African water projects that aim to build resilience to climate change. It will commit a total of €16m in funding grants.
- Several east Asian countries have achieved almost universal sanitation coverage in a short space of time. A report from WaterAid (pdf) published and presented today explores how we can learn from their success.
- A new study on sanitation projects in Madagascar was launched by CLTS Foundation. Over the last three and a half years the country has improved sanitation in almost 10,000 villages.
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Coming up

- Tomorrow we will follow discussions at the climate change workshop. Join in and share your thoughts on #wwweek.
- Stay tuned to hear who is joining the panel for our live chat on water and energy this Thursday. If you want to recommend someone, there’s still time. Send your suggestions to holly.young@guardian.co.uk.

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