

African Water Facility leverages €1.2bn in follow-on projects

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The African Water Facility (AWF), an initiative of the African Ministers' Council on water, has attracted €1.2 billion of follow-on investments for water management projects pledged by donors, the African Development Bank (AfDB) said on Friday. According to an AfDB statement issued on Friday, the announcement was made during the 14th Governing Council Meeting held in Tunis, Tunisia.

“This is a major achievement for AWF’s 10th anniversary,” said Akissa Bahri, the Coordinator of the AWF.

The Chair of the AWF Governing Council, Sarah Reng Ocheke, Minister of Water Resources of Nigeria, commended the AWF for this achievement.

Ocheke said the AWF provided an unparalleled opportunity to address the critical gaps that African countries face in the provision of water and sanitation to many needy people.

The meeting brought together over 34 stakeholders and observers, including African Development Bank (AfDB) and AMCOW representatives, representatives from all AWF donors, Water Ministers from two countries and the Principle Secretaries of the Water Ministries of two more countries.

Representing the AfDB on the Council, Aly Abou-Sabaa, Operations Vice-President for Agriculture, Water, Human Development, Governance and Natural Resources, noted that the AWF had “developed into an effective vehicle for water security and green development and a successful financial leveraging instrument”.

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