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Call for Proposals

Climate Resilient Water & Sanitation Projects

Submission Deadline:
5 pm (GMT) on 30th April 2023

AFRICAN WATER FACILITY
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1 Introduction

The African Water Facility (AWF) is a multilateral fund that is hosted and administered by African Development Bank (AfDB). It was established in 2004 at the request of the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW), to assist Member States of the African Union in addressing the increasing investment needs for the development and management of water resources. The AWF is a demand-driven, African-led project preparation facility that provides grants, mobilises investment financing, and offers expert technical assistance to support the preparation and implementation of innovative water and sanitation projects throughout Africa. In this way, it contributes to meeting the African Water Vision 2025 as well as water-related Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Paris Agreement as well as the African Union Agenda 2063.

The [AWF has a revised Strategy covering the period 2017-2025](#) that aligns with the operations of the Bank Group's new Water Policy (2021) and Water Strategy (2021), and the AMCOW Strategy 2018-2030 which all embraces a broader focus on water security, water governance and transboundary cooperation. The long-term goal of the AWF revised strategy is "improved quality of life for urban and rural communities in Africa". This will be achieved through a set of 22 strategic actions grouped under four strategic priorities, namely: (a) Strategic Priority 1: project preparation and promotion; (b) Strategic Priority 2: catalytic investments; (c) Strategic Priority 3: investment promotion; and (d) Strategic Priority 4: water governance. The strategy puts emphasis on mainstreaming and integration of climate resilience in its program interventions among other key crossing cutting issues of gender, environmental, safety, employment creation and social safeguards.

The Africa Water Facility works and maintains a strong partnership with key development partners to fulfil its mandate. From 2006 to 2022, the AWF mobilised approximately €205 million from 18 bilateral and multilateral financial institutions, foundations and African governments¹. In 2021/22, AWF successfully mobilized new additional funding of over EUR 39 million from Austria, Denmark, the Nordic Development Fund, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. AWF is a catalytic instrument mainly designed to leverage investments, on average, each €1 contributed by AWF has attracted €29 in additional follow-up investment, and it is planned to leverage investment projects worth €2.5 billion by the end of 2023. Applicants are encouraged to visit AWF's [website](#) for more information about the Facility and its work.

2 Call for Proposals

AWF has embarked on a rigorous exercise to expand and build a strong pipeline of bankable projects for financing and as well as for enabling mobilisation of additional funding for the water and sanitation sector in Africa, in support of Africa Water Vision 2025, African Union Agenda 2063, Paris Agreement for climate action and Sustainable Development Goals. Within its revised strategy, AWF is looking for high impact, transformative, catalytic, climate adaptation focused projects covering mainly the following sector areas: (i) Water supply and sanitation (Urban and Rural), (ii) Urban master planning (water supply, sanitation etc.); (ii) Urban-city-wide inclusive

¹ The main donors to the AWF include Algeria, Australia, Austria, Burkina Faso, Canada Chad, Denmark, Egypt, France, Nigeria, Norway, Senegal, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom, the Bank, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), the European Union, and the Nordic Development Fund (NDF).

sanitation; (iii) Climate change adaptation and ecosystem management; (iv) Solid waste and faecal sludge management; (v) Multipurpose (water, hydropower, irrigation and ecosystem managements); (vi) Transboundary/ basin-level integrated water investment planning and governance.

Eligible applicants and respondents to this call for proposals are African Governments, their agencies and organizations, Regional Economic Communities, River, and Lake Basin Organisations. Applicants are requested to prepare and submit project concept notes (maximum five (5) pages) using the template annexed below.

3 Submission

Completed Project Concept Notes in either French or English language should be submitted through email only to **africanwaterfacility@afdb.org** with copy to **S.blazyk@afdb.org** and **e.nyabeeya@afdb.org**, not later than **5 pm (GMT) on 30th April 2023**, indicating **‘2023 Call for Proposals’** as the subject of the email. The AWF will accept submission in Microsoft Word, or Adobe pdf formats.

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AWF PROJECT CONCEPT NOTE TEMPLATE

Project Information brief			
PROJECT NAME <i>[Provide a descriptive title for the project]</i>			
COUNTRY <i>[countries of intervention]</i>			
LOCATION <i>[Identify the geographic area that the project will cover]</i>	SCOPE: REGION [], BASIN [], COUNTRY [], TOWN [], MULTI-VILLAGE/TOWNS []		
RECIPIENT(S)			
EXECUTING AGENCY(IES)			
PROJECT TYPE*		PROJECT DURATION	
BENEFICIARY NUMBERS		TOTAL COST (Euro)	
<p><i>*(i) Water supply and sanitation (Urban and Rural), (ii) Urban master planning (water supply, sanitation etc.); (ii) Urban-city-wide inclusive sanitation; (iii) Climate change adaptation and ecosystem management; (iv) Solid waste and faecal sludge management; (v) Multipurpose (water, hydropower, irrigation and ecosystem managements); (vi) Transboundary/ basin-level integrated water investment planning and governance.</i></p>			
<p>Rationale <i>(Background, problem addressed and impact)</i> <i>[This section should describe the specific water and sanitation challenges that the project aims to address. It should include any relevant statistics, research, and context to support the need for the project. In addition, explain how climate change exacerbates the existing water and sanitation challenges]</i></p>			
<p>Project objective(s) <i>[Provide an overview of the expected outcomes of the project]</i></p>			
<p>Project description <i>[This section should provide a detailed description of the project, including its main components, activities, target beneficiaries, and sustainability plan and cost estimate structure]</i></p>			
<p>Climate change adaptation, mitigation and building resilience aspects <i>[Climate change adaptation involves measures taken to reduce the vulnerability of people, ecosystems, and infrastructure to the effects of climate change. In water and sanitation, this may include actions such as strengthening infrastructure to withstand extreme weather events or promoting more resilient agricultural practices. Climate change mitigation refers to actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and slow the pace of climate change, which can help mitigate the impacts of climate change on water and sanitation systems. Finally, building resilience enhances the ability of water resources, infrastructure, management structures, communities and ecosystems to cope with the effects of climate change and to adapt to changing circumstances, which can help to ensure the sustainability of water and sanitation systems in the face of changing climate conditions. These aspects are crucial in ensuring the availability and sustainability of safe and reliable water and sanitation services in climate change.]</i></p>			
<p>Social inclusion, gender equality, youth & women empowerment in water and Sanitation aspects <i>[Social inclusion ensures that all members of society have equal access to resources, opportunities, and services. Gender equality refers to the fair and equal treatment of men and women and elimination of discrimination based on gender. Empowering youth and women in water and sanitation involves promoting their active</i></p>			

participation and involvement in decision-making processes related to water and sanitation issues.]

Employment, livelihood, governance, operation & maintenance and sustainability aspects

[Employment and livelihood aspects involve creating job opportunities and supporting sustainable livelihoods related to water and sanitation issues. Governance, operation and maintenance include ensuring that water and sanitation systems are properly managed, operated and maintained to ensure sustainability.]

Basin level/transboundary cooperation, water governance and ecosystems protection

[This refer to whether the project is planned and managed at basin /water catchment level, including ecosystem protection regardless of political or administrative boundaries.]

Project status of preparation or implementation

[The project status refers to whether the project is in the planning or implementation stage.]

Governance, implementation responsibilities and arrangements

[Governance refers to the structures and processes used to make decisions and manage the project. Implementation responsibilities refer to the roles and responsibilities of the different stakeholders involved in managing and implementing the project. Arrangements refer to the agreements and mechanisms used to coordinate and manage the project.]

Potential partners, investors, stakeholders and co-financing aspects

[Potential partners, investors, and stakeholders refer to individuals or organizations that can support the project financially or through other means. Co-financing refers to the contributions of multiple funding sources to the project.]

Alignment and contribution to Country/regional and continental priorities, policies and international commitments (SDG, Paris Agreement, etc)

[Alignment and contribution refer to the extent to which the project is consistent with and supports the priorities, policies and commitments of the country, region or continent, as well as international agreements such as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Africa Water Vision 2025, Sharm El Sheikh Commitments and the Paris Agreement.]

Potential project risks

[Risks are internal and external factors, some of which may be beyond the executing agency capacity to manage and control, which may affect the project scope, timelines, cost, quality, etc]

Note: The project concept note must not exceed five (5) pages