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PLENARY SESSION DAILY REPORT
(RAPPORT JOURNALIER DE SESSION PLÉNIÈRE)
‘7TH AFRICA WATER WEEK’
« 7^{IE}ME SEMAINE AFRICAINE DE L’EAU »
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Date:	29-10-2018	Time: (Heures)	2:00 PM	to	3:30 PM	Language: (Langue)	English
Theme:	Toward Achieving Water Security and Safely Managed Sanitation for Africa						
French theme	« Vers la Sécurité de l’Eau et des Services d’Assainissement gérés en toute sécurité pour l’Afrique »						
Sub-theme: (Sous-thème)	4 - Funding SDG 6 Ambitions in Africa: Beyond Political Declarations						
Session No.	SS4	Title: (Titre)	Setting the stage				
Country: (Pays)	GABON	City: (Ville)	Libreville	Location: (Lieu)	Stade de l’Amitié Sino-Gabonaise, ANGONDJE		
Rapporteur (Rapporteur):	Jean Philippe Essone Ndong Minko				Technical Partner: (Partenaire technique)	SASI GABON	
Further details: (Informations complémentaires)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint Presentation (NO) • Technical Documentation (NO) 						
Abbreviations and Acronyms: (Sigles et abréviations)	MDG: Millennium Development Goal AfWA: African Water Association						

IDENTIFICATION OF THE LEAD CONVENER AND CONTACT (IDENTIFICATION DES RESPONSABLES ET CONTACTS)

Lead Convener (Responsable):	AfDB
Co-convener (Coresponsable):	UNICEF, Global Water Partnership, African Water Association
Contact:	

SPEAKER IDENTIFICATION (IDENTIFICATION DES INTERVENANTS)

Moderator (Modérateur):	Jean Michel Ossete (African Water Facility)
Speakers (Intervenants):	Ms Wombuyi Mr Sylvain Usher, Executive Director for Water Sanitation (AfWA) Mr Thierry Barbotte Executive Director of OUDOUMA, a water services provider

SESSION OBJECTIVES (OBJECTIFS DE LA SESSION)

The purpose of this session is to describe the state of funding for the development of the water and sanitation sector in Africa and outline challenges in financing its development. The session will also provide an overview of the programme and the objectives of the various technical sessions to be held throughout the week.

SESSION PLAN (PLAN DE SESSION)

- Presentation by Ms Wombuyi
- Presentation by Mr Thierry Barbotte
- Presentation by Mr Sylvain Usher

SESSION SUMMARY (RÉSUMÉ DE LA SESSION)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (QUESTIONS ET RÉPONSES)

Question No.	1	Author (Auteur):	Mr Nicolas ZENITH WATER PROJECT
Wording (Libellé):	Would it not be advisable to involve the private sector?		
ANSWERS (RÉPONSES)			Speakers (Intervenants)
Yes, indeed, the private sector could provide considerable assistance in helping poor people have access to water. Banks need the basics to invest, but they do not have them. They need to acquire these before they can move ahead with anything else.			Ms Wombuyi

Question No.	2	Author (Auteur):	Ms Olutaya
Wording (Libellé):	In relation to the proposed model, the quality and performance of nearly 70% of the pumps are inadequate according to a study. Why?		
ANSWERS (RÉPONSES)			Speakers (Intervenants)
The pumps break down after a short period of time due to their poor quality, as poor-quality pumps are often chosen because of their lower cost. Other factors include the hard water and inadequate monitoring of maintenance services after pump delivery.			Mr Thierry Barbotte

Question No.	3	Author (Auteur):	Mr Nicolas ZENITH WATER PROJECT
Wording (Libellé):	How can poor people gain access to water?		
ANSWERS (RÉPONSES)			Speakers (Intervenants)
To help poor people have access to water, it would be advisable to transfer taxes to the municipal level. The taxes would be used to pay for these people to gain access to water.			Mr Thierry Barbotte

CONCLUSIONS OF THE SESSION (CONCLUSIONS DE LA SESSION)

It is up to all stakeholders involved in the water sector to take action. Everybody needs to be involved for there to be a win-win partnership (moderator).