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Date:	29-10-2018	Time: (Heures)	4:00 PM	to	5:35 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)	Water Security: Infrastructure, Investments and Innovation.						
Session No.	SS5	Title: (Titre)	The High Five (5) Priorities of the African Development Bank				
Country: (Pays)	GABON	City: (Ville)	Libreville	Location: (Lieu)	Stade de l’Amitié Sino-Gabonaise, ANGONDJE		
Rapporteur (Rapporteur):	Henri Georges MADYBA				Technical Partner: (Partenaire technique)	SASI GABON	
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Abbreviations and acronyms: (Sigles et abréviations)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AfDB (African Development Bank), AHWS (Water Development and Sanitation Department) 						

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

Lead Convener (Responsable):	African Development Bank (AfDB)
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SPEAKER IDENTIFICATION (IDENTIFICATION DES INTERVENANTS)

Moderator (Modérateur):	No moderator.
Speakers (Intervenants):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr David Herbart Coleman, Water Resources and Climate Change Specialist • Ms Wambui Gichuri, Director of the Water and Sanitation Sector Development Department

SESSION OBJECTIVES (OBJECTIFS DE LA SESSION)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an overview of the AfDB’s ten-year strategy (2013-2022) and its High Five (5) Priorities • Highlight the contributions of the five (5) major priorities on water security • Provide a brief overview of the AfDB’s draft water policy and how it addresses water security in Africa • Listen to the views of the participants
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SESSION PLAN (PLAN DE SESSION)

- Ten-Year Strategies of the African Development Bank (2013-2022) - At the Heart of Africa's Transformation
- What do we need to succeed in transforming Africa? AfDB estimates?
- The Bank's five priorities for economic transformation in Africa
- The High Five (5) Priorities and water security
- The centrality of water in the High Five (5) Priorities agenda
- Illuminating and powering Africa - New Energy Agreement for Africa
- Illuminating and feeding Africa - implications for water security
- Feeding Africa
- Feeding Africa - Implications for water and security
- Industrialising Africa
- Industrialising Africa - Implications for water security
- Integrating Africa
- Integrating Africa - Implications for water security
- Improving the living conditions of the people of Africa
- Improving the living conditions of the people of Africa-Implications for water security
- The AfDB Water Policy Project
- The AfDB's commitment to the water sector

SESSION SUMMARY (RÉSUMÉ DE LA SESSION)

Feeding Africa

- Pre-feeding versus feeding in certain areas of Africa
- Africa is a net importer of food commodities
- Africa's agricultural production potential is enormous
- Africa accounts for 51% of jobs in Africa, but only 25% of the continent's GDP
- Climate variability and climate change
- African companies play a minimal role in downstream processes

Illuminating and feeding Africa

- Energy shortage
- 645 million Africans do not have access to electricity
- Potential for renewable energy production
- Hydroelectricity provides about one-fifth of Africa's current renewable energy capacity
- The AfDB pledges \$12 billion over the 2016-2020 period
- Hydroelectricity is a major component of potential renewable energy generation
- Necessary care must be taken to guarantee local water security
- Great potential in the Congo Basin
- Increasing the promotion of multiple-use storage
- The water-food-energy connection is central to sustainable development
- Agriculture is the largest user of water and irrigated lands are expanding beyond the 7% currently required.
- Increasing the individual treatment system used to improve the agri-food value chain
- Need to ensure that global demand and pollution are taken into account in comprehensive plans to feed Africa

Industrialising Africa

- The African industry sector generates about 700% of the GDP per capita
- African exports consist of low-technology manufactured products and processed natural resources
- Incremental industrialisation will help diversify economies, increase production capacity and create jobs
- Many industrial processes require secure supplies of high-quality/quantity water
- Increasing industrialisation to more than double current production will put pressure on local water resources
- Many sectors likely already a local industry as a result of local industrial ecosystems
- Funding is often granted to large urban areas, which are already experiencing substantial population growth.

Integrating Africa

- Intra-African trade accounts for the lowest percentage at 15%, compared to 54% in the North American Free Trade Area, 70% in the European Union and 60% in Asia
- Limited integration of regional markets for infrastructure services, including in the energy, water and sanitation sectors
- Some 80 transboundary basins and 38 shared aquifers
- Support development of multi-purpose dams, transboundary river resources and other river basin programmes for flood control, irrigation, transport, drought prevention and industrial water supply
- Enhance the capacity of African lake and river basin organisations to develop water infrastructure
- Sustainable development issues related to transboundary water management
- Adopt measures aimed at building the environmental and climate resilience of ecosystems and infrastructure, including freshwater ecosystems.

Improving the living conditions of the people of Africa

- Water and sanitation services at the heart of water security at national and regional levels
- Water security is an important factor in addressing health problems and inequalities
- Potential for creating economic opportunities that can foster resilience and reduce vulnerability
- Ensure that efforts focused on water security take into account cross-cutting issues such as gender.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (QUESTIONS ET RÉPONSES)

Question No.	1	Author (Auteur):	Question from the audience
Wording (Libellé):	Where can we find water to improve living conditions in rural areas?		
ANSWERS (RÉPONSES)		Speakers (Intervenants)	
Drinking water can be provided in rural areas if the governments of African countries ask our organisation to finance a government project to provide water to populations in rural areas.		Wambui Gichuri, Director of the Water and Sanitation Sector Development Department	
A strong commitment by African governments is essential if the AfDB is to have the necessary funding for rural water security infrastructure to ensure people's well-being.		David Herbart Coleman, Water Resources and Climate Change Specialist	

Question No.	2	Author (Auteur):	Question from the audience
Wording (Libellé):	What percentage in terms of quality of life has the AfDB achieved in Africa since implementing actions taken in agreement with African governments?		
ANSWERS (RÉPONSES)		Speakers (Intervenants)	
The AfDB, through African countries' water development projects, has been able to fully participate to ensure these water security projects are implemented. The funds for these projects have been deployed to ensure safe drinking water supply and improved sanitation.		Wambui Gichuri	
In terms of improving living conditions, providing safe drinking water for the population is vital for African governments, which is why the partnership between the AfDB and African countries will continue in order to achieve the necessary development. South Africa, for its part, has adopted important strategies to provide better water sanitation in its different regions.		David Herbart Coleman	

Question No.	3	Author (Auteur):	Question from the audience
Wording (Libellé):	Can the AfDB engage in an investment dialogue on water development projects in Africa as well as on environmental conservation?		
ANSWERS (RÉPONSES)		Speakers (Intervenants)	
The AfDB is aware of the water-related challenges facing Africa, water being a continental priority. This is why, together with African governments, the AfDB is working to implement various priority projects while protecting the environment.		Wambui Gichuri	

Question No.	4	Author (Auteur):	Question from the audience.
Wording (Libellé):	What happens with projects that are not completed?		
ANSWERS (RÉPONSES)			Speakers (Intervenants)
The AfDB is making considerable efforts to maintain meaningful collaborative relationships with African governments seeking financial support for their projects. However, these achievements can only be possible if the terms of contracts are met.			David Herbart Coleman
The AfDB is firmly committed to supporting the implementation of government projects and contributing to water security in African countries seeking funding. Thus, compliance with contract terms is important for the implementation of these projects, which are vital for the populations.			Wambui Gichuri

Question No.	5	Author (Auteur):	Question from the audience.
Wording (Libellé):	Does the AfDB finance nuclear projects for the development of Africa? Is there any research on this issue?		
ANSWERS (RÉPONSES)			Speakers (Intervenants)
The AfDB focuses on new energy sources and not on nuclear energy projects for Africa.			Wambui Gichuri
Nuclear projects for the development of Africa's energy sector are not on the AfDB's agenda and such projects could be costly if they were to be adopted. In addition, reflections on nuclear energy development in Africa are not on the agenda.			David Herbart Coleman

CONCLUSIONS OF THE SESSION (CONCLUSIONS DE LA SESSION)

<p>The African Development Bank (AfDB) is committed to working with African countries to promote water development and sanitation for the people of Africa. The AfDB is also working to achieve change through five key priorities: food, lighting, integration into global markets, industrialisation and improved living conditions for Africa's people. It is therefore recommended to consider evolutionary growth with the involvement of African governments and the AfDB, in order to implement various projects with a view to maintaining water security in Africa. This would provide a considerable supply of drinking water to the population, as well as fostering agricultural development that would reduce hunger in Africa and lead to robust industrialisation and long-term water management. Compliance with the terms of agreements between governments and the AfDB is important for an effective implementation of various water security and sanitation projects on the continent.</p>
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