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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 »
29 OCT. – 02 NOV. 2018

No.	AWW7-2018SS/6	Version No.	1	Report Date: (Date du rapport)	29-10-2018		
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)	Choices, approaches and actions for safely managed sanitation in Africa by 2030						
Session No.	SS6	Title: (Titre)	Opportunities for Developing the Sanitation Sector				
Country: (Pays)	GABON	City: (Ville)	Libreville	Location: (Lieu)	Stade de l’Amitié Sino-Gabonaise, ANGONDJE		
Rapporteur (Rapporteur):	Ms Erica Maganga Louemba				Technical Partner: (Technical partner)	SASI GABON	
Further details: (Informations complémentaires)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint Presentation (YES): 1) SS6 - AUSIF Presentation AWW 1810 • Technical Documentation (NO): 						
Abbreviations and Acronyms: (Sigles et abréviations)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDGs: Millennium Development Goals • SDGs: Sustainable Development Goals 						

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

Lead Convener (Responsable):	African Development Bank – AWF
Co-convener (Coresponsable):	BMGF
Contact:	

SPEAKER IDENTIFICATION (IDENTIFICATION DES INTERVENANTS)

Moderator (Modérateur):	No moderator
Speakers (Intervenants):	Jean Michel Ossete, Coordinator at the African Water Facility Franz Hollhuber, Sanitation Specialist at the African Water Facility

SESSION OBJECTIVES (OBJECTIFS DE LA SESSION)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the urban sanitation fund programme

SESSION PLAN (PLAN DE SESSION)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation 1 by Jean Michel Ossete, Coordinator at the African Water Facility • Presentation 2 by Franz Hollhuber, Sanitation Specialist at the African Water Facility • Q&A session

SESSION SUMMARY (RÉSUMÉ DE LA SESSION)

- Highlighting the unsatisfactory level of progress towards urban sanitation targets and listing the reasons for the delay, namely:
 - Insufficient urban planning
 - Institutional weakness
 - Governance weakened by a lack of budget

Proposed solutions:

- Improved preparation to attract investment and resources for recovery
 - Turning cities into urban driving forces (pilot cities)
 - Increased funding for urban sanitation
- Example of Ghanaian sanitation operator Ashaiman, a good quality pre-sorted waste treatment centre.
 - Example of the AfDB's funding, since 2014, of a biogas plant in Ouagadougou.
 - Explanations on the value chain by Mr Franz Hollhuber: Removal of raw materials (urine + faecal matter). In an effort to protect health and preserve dignity, the AfDB wishes to improve the conditions for collecting these raw materials, which are still collected by means of buckets in some places.
 - Presentation of the urban sanitation plan to achieve the SDGs.
 - Call for commitment from private partners, entrepreneurs, etc.
 - Presentation of the catalytic funding project as a driver of innovation, involvement and partnership. Call to develop and present catalytic projects for which \$16 million have already been raised to fund 7 projects in 16 countries targeted through contacts with town halls and water ministries.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (QUESTIONS ET RÉPONSES)

Question No.	1	Author (Auteur):	Participant
Wording (Libellé):	Construction of public toilets to prevent open defecation does not work in all countries due to insecurity. Is there an investment plan for individual toilets for families?		
ANSWERS (RÉPONSES)			Speakers (Intervenants)
There are various cultural features to sanitation, but the construction of these public toilets has been successful so far.			Franz Hollhuber

Question No.	2	Author (Auteur):	Participant
Wording (Libellé):	Who can be eligible for the urban sanitation programme? How is the sanitation fund allocated? Loan? Grants?		
ANSWERS (RÉPONSES)			Speakers (Intervenants)
Countries that have shown interest in the project may participate in the programme. Letters will be sent to present the urban sanitation programme. These letters will include a flyer and a participation form. The African Water Facility provides grants to local authorities, private business development NGOs (with social projects also targeting the poorest).			Jean Michel Ossete

Question No.	3	Author (Auteur):	Participant
Wording (Libellé):	What types of projects does the African Development Bank support?		
ANSWERS (RÉPONSES)			Speakers (Intervenants)
The African Development Bank assists countries in submitting properly prepared applications to donors. Letters will be sent describing the urban sanitation programme. These letters will include a flyer and a participation form.			Jean Michel Ossete

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CONCLUSIONS OF THE SESSION (CONCLUSIONS DE LA SESSION)

The urban sanitation programme aims to set up a functional model that can trigger a process designed to encourage universal involvement and resolve the issue of sanitation in cities, especially in the most disadvantaged areas.
