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Challenges and lessons learned related to the financing of water and particularly transboundary water cooperation and basin development, based on AfDB's experience as a regional multilateral development bank.

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Challenges Related to Financing Water in Africa

Infrastructure Deficit: Underdevelopment of water resources

- Only 63% access basic drinking water and 38% basic sanitation
- Low storage capacity and limited resilience to water-related disaster risks (droughts, floods, etc.) and climate change
- Undeveloped hydropower potential, less than 5%
- Arable land irrigated, about 5%
- WSS funding gap of over USD 27.5bn/year

Weak Sector Management and Governance

- Weak institutions, O&M systems, human capacity
- 80 transboundary water basins; weak regional cooperation
- Water related insecurity, **conflicts and** migration
- Low sector priority and visibility.



Inadequate water security hindering inclusive, collaborative and green growth

Overview of African Development Bank Group

African Development Bank (“ADB”)

- Established in 1964
- Resources primarily raised from capital markets

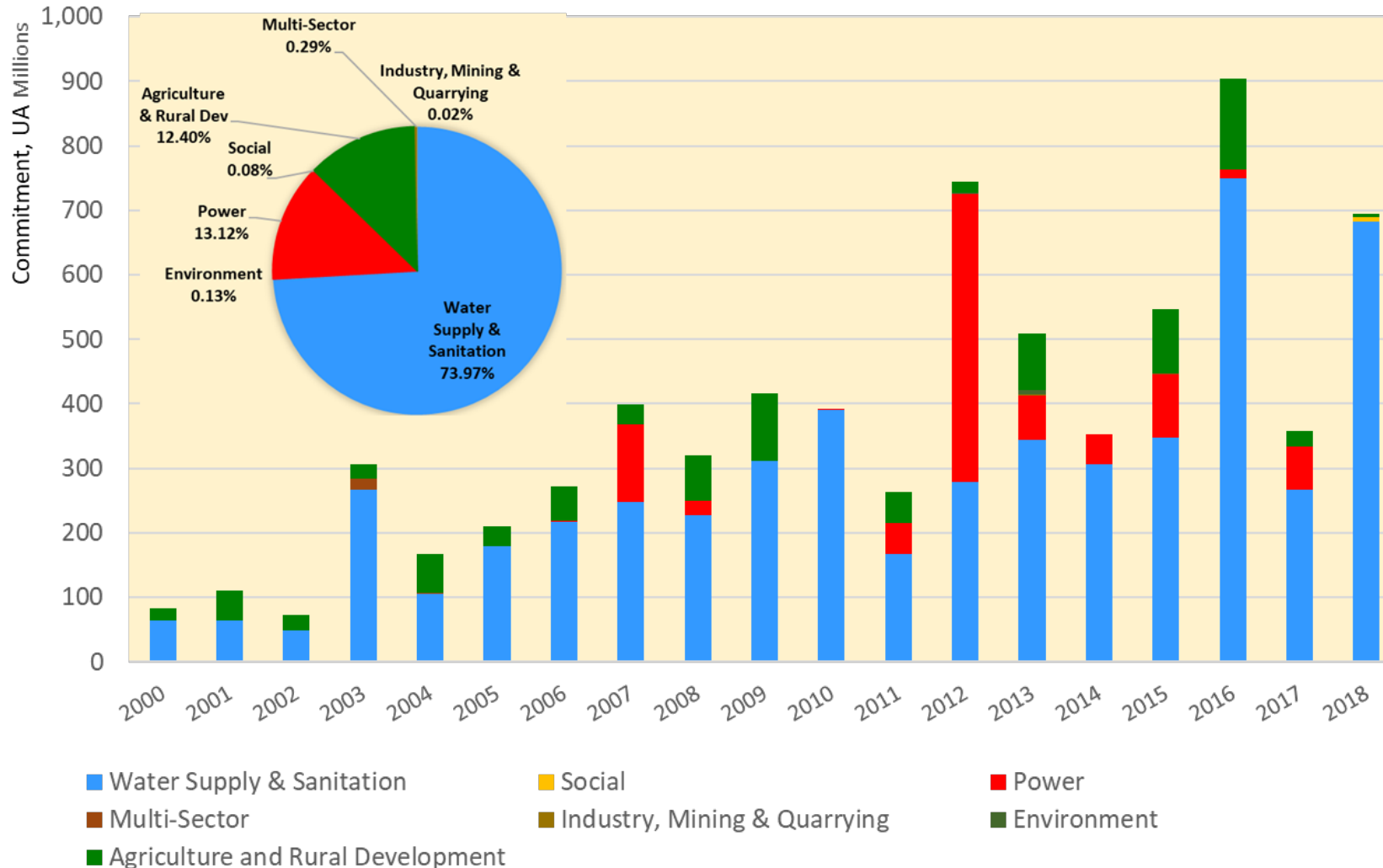
African Development Fund (“ADF”)

- Established in 1972
- Concessional Financing Terms

Nigeria Trust Fund (“NTF”): Established in 1972

AFDB Special & Trust Funds are an important complement to bank group resources: ~ 40

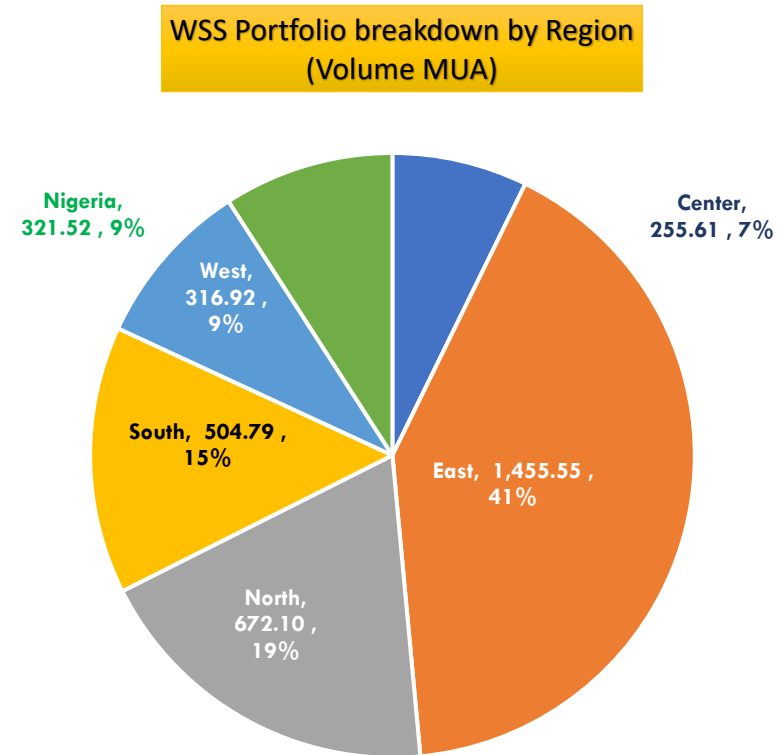
AfDB's water-related project approvals by sector (2000-18)



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Overview of Active Portfolio for Water and Sanitation by AfDB Region as at 31th December 2020

Region	Nber of projects	%	Amount (MUA)	%	Nber of Country
Center	11	11%	255,61	7%	5
East	31	30%	1 455,55	41%	11
North	12	12%	672,10	19%	5
South	27	26%	504,79	14%	10
West	17	16%	316,92	9%	8
Nigeria	6	6%	321,52	9%	1
Total	104	100%	3 526,49	100%	40



Significant footprint in all regions and most countries

A few TBWR projects that the Bank has supported

Project	Basin/ Region	Beneficiary	Amount (M€)
Development of ANBO	Africa	ANBO	0,439
Création de l'Autorité du bassin du fleuve Volta	Volta basin	Structure ad hoc des 6 Etats	0,165
Appui à la création OBT et préparation de projets d'investissement	Central Africa	CamerCongo-Gabon-Guinée Equato	1,07
Mise en œuvre de la Politique régionale de l'eau		CEEAC (11 Etats)	1,43
Charte de l'eau du bassin du lac Chad		CBLT	0,89
Charte de l'eau du bassin du Niger	West & Central Africa	NBA	
S&E pour l'eau en Afrique du Nord (MEWINA)	North Africa	CEDARE	1,91
Suivi et compte-rendu du secteur de l'eau en Afrique	Africa	AMCOW	1,99
Volta-HYCOS	Volta basin	ABV	1,2
Niger-HYCOS	Niger	ABN	1,2
Appui à la mise en place d'un Observatoire régional de l'eau	Central Africa	CCRE/ CEDEAO	1,2
Système d'information sur l'eau du bassin du Congo	Congo	CICOS	0,46
Geo-Aquifer : Système aquifère du nord-ouest du Sahara	Sahel-SaharaAquifers	OSS	0,49
GICRESAIT-GIRE des systèmes aquifères	East Africa	IGAD	1,832
Études préliminaires des infrastructures à usages multiples pour le PIDACC-Niger basin	Niger	ABN	0,96
Initiative d'AEA de la Commission du Bassin du Lac Victoria	Lac Victoria	LVBC - Pays riverains	0,99
Préparation du Plan d'action stratégique de GIRE du bassin du fleuve Congo	Congo	CICOS	1,989
Programme de développement du Bassin versant Songwe	Malawi-Tanzanie	Unité Ad'hoc	3,54 ,
Ruzizi - PREDIR - CEPGL	East Africa	Burundi-RDC-Rwanda	1,969
Programme PIDA	Regions-Basins	Union Africaine	1,27
GRET des lacs Rweru, Cyohoha et Marais Akanyaru	East Africa	Burundi-Rwanda	0,77
Ruzizi III (Centrale hydroélectrique)			
Projet multifonctionnel de GRE/ Nyimur		Ouganda-Sud Soudan	1,97
Projet de GIRE du bassin du fleuve Kayanga Geba	West Africa	OMVG	1,58
Togo-Ghana : Étude et services de conseil pour le Projet de transfert de l'eau		Togo-Ghana	1,41
Programme régional d'eau et d'assainissement de la SADC	Southern Africa	SADC	1,99
Développement de l'Approvisionnement en Eau Baro-Akobo-Sobat		ENTRO	2
Mpanda Nkuwa (Centrale hydroélectrique)		Mozambic & Repian States	

Operational Dimensions of AfDB's Approach towards Water security in Africa

- ☐ Economic Valuation of Water, Pricing of Water Services and Cost Recovery
- ☐ Sustainable, Smarter and Resilient Infrastructure
- ☐ Governance and Enabling Environment
- ☐ Financing and Investments
- ☐ The multi-purpose use of water and ecosystem approach
- ☐ Knowledge management, innovation, technology and research
- ☐ Partnership, Participation and inclusiveness.



CONCLUSIONS & TAKEAWAYS

- **Preparing high quality and bankable projects:** Scale-up project preparation facilities, like AWF, for economy and impact.
- **Unbundle large projects** and scope out bankable project components to leverage the private sector.
- **Going beyond our traditional scope:** Raising the profile by investing in complex projects (Water, Energy and Agriculture).
- **Effective L/RBOs** are essential for fast-tracking cross-border Water Infrastructure Investments.
- **Benefit-sharing approaches**, including social and environmental aspects, are necessary tools for realistic investment planning and decision making.
- **Enhancing countries, REC, RBO governance and capacities** to attract non-public financing into the sector and ensure more effective use of mobilized resources.

Thank you very much!

