

Transboundary Water Management in Africa



Africa's transboundary rivers, lakes and aquifers:

- Vital resource for many sectors
- Cover 60% of the continent
- 80% of the population's water needs

Climate change - affecting availability and water uses, water-related disasters:

- 2020 flooding in the Niger river basin - at least 45 people killed and more than 225,000 people displaced in Niamey

Integrated transboundary water resource management, and water diplomacy are key to face the increased pressure on water resources

Policies:

- Protocol on Shared Watercourses of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)
- Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA)
- New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)
- African Union Green Recovery Action Plan 2021-2027
- Sub-Saharan Africa regional MIP



Water-energy-food security-ecosystems (WEFE) nexus

1992 UNECE Water Convention

997 UN Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses

EU Council Conclusion on Water Diplomacy, 2018

EU Water Framework Directive

EU-Sub-Saharan Africa regional programming

African Green Stimulus Programme



Geographic scope: support to the 35 countries in SSA and 3 countries in the Maghreb region

- SO 1: Continental policies and strategies, supporting knowledge, data and research
- SO 2: Institutional frameworks (regional, sub-regional, national) for transboundary basin cooperation and promotion
- SO 3: Holistic IWRM and WEFE nexus approaches
- SO 4: Key investment projects

Capacity development for continental and regional stakeholders (SO 1-4)

Strengthen TWM and TBA governance and institutional organisation (SO 1-2)

Introducing novel approaches for transboundary cooperation (SO 3)

Improving knowledge, analytical tools and information systems (SO 3)

Strategic planning for measures and actions, including adaptation to climate change (SO 3-4)

Consolidation of independent and sustainable financing for the TBA (SO 4)

Knowledge and project preparation for investments of transboundary relevance designed for joint benefits (SO 4)



Policy dialogue

Technical assistance

Blending

Transformational potential

- Support the transboundary water management in Africa to support development and regional integration

Common areas of intervention

- Water
- Climate change
- Growth

*This Team Europe Initiative is work in progress

**SDGs included based on a new JRC electronic text mining tool, which identifies SDGs (targets)