

AFRICA - Transboundary Water Management in Africa

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PROPOSITION TEAM EUROPE



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

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)

- **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

MODALITIES/TOOLS

Policy dialogue

Technical assistance

Blending

TRANSFORMATIONAL POTENTIAL

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

KEY DELIVERABLES

Priority geographical focus:

1. **Blue Africa:** to strengthen the African bodies governing the Pan-African water security (African Union Commission, African Ministers' Council on Water, African Network of Basin Organization, River and Lake Basin Organisations and Regional Economic Communities).
2. **The Lake Tanganyika basin countries (Burundi, Tanzania, Zambia, DRC and Rwanda):** to improve the management of water and fisheries. The project is developing a monitoring system of water quality and is contributing to the reduction of water pollution.
3. **Lesotho:** Integrated Catchment Management programme (ReNOKA) to combat land degradation and the depletion of water catchments in the country, via inter alia the protection of the water tower of the Orange river, while working on the infrastructures necessary for water transfers and water access.

*This Team Europe Initiative is work in progress

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REGIONAL CONTEXT

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

GEOPOLITICAL CONTEXT AND RELEVANT SDGs

6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



2 ZERO HUNGER



5 GENDER EQUALITY



Water-energy-food security ecosystems (WEFE) nexus

1992 UNECE Water Convention

1997 UN Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses

EU Council Conclusion on Water Diplomacy, 2018

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



EU Water Framework Directive

EU-Sub-Saharan Africa regional programming

13 CLIMATE ACTION



14 LIFE BELOW WATER



15 LIFE ON LAND



African Green Stimulus Programme

16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



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