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EU WATER INITIATIVE

The Africa Working Group and the Transboundary Water Resource Management

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The EUWI

Launched in Johannesburg in 2002 (WSSD)

- The reinforcement of political commitment towards action
- Strengthened co-operation through **promoting river basin approaches** in national and transboundary waters
- IWRM Working Group

The Africa Working Group

New Strategy

- 1- Establishment of a Water Policy Dialogue Forum**
- 2- Selective approach to country dialogues**

The Africa Working Group

→ Work Plan 2007

- 1- Mapping European Aid in the WSS and IWRM sectors in Africa and setting up an annual monitoring and reporting mechanism**
- 2- Facilitation of a sound African-European dialogue on WSS and IWRM key issues, in the form of a Water Policy Dialogue Forum**

The Water Policy Dialogue Forum

- 1- Multi-stakeholder discussions on African (AMCOW, AWF, RWSSI, NEPAD...) and European (A-EU IP, EU-ACP WF...) initiatives**
- 2- Multi-stakeholder structured discussions on two selected topics: sanitation and TWRM**

The TWRM topic

“Advisory Board” to the Africa-EU Infrastructure Partnership

- This Partnership is a response to the development objectives of AU and NEPAD
- It aims at increasing considerably EU investments in infrastructures in Africa in water, energy, transport and NTCl

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The aim is to make sure that:

- 1- Water is not “lost / forgotten” in the Partnership**
- 2- the Africa-EU IP delivers infrastructures (safe, appropriate,...) and respects the social and environmental best practices**

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Activities e.g.:

- Support the A-EU IP in **planning and prioritisation of regional water infrastructure investments**
- **Align activities** of A-EU IP with in-country and regional water policies and strategies including WSS
- Involvement of regional stakeholders in **decision making processes within A-EU IP**

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Draft agenda:

- First 2007 meeting of the AWG in Ouagadougou: April 2-3
- First Steering Committee of the A-EU IP by June

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Methodology:

- A core group will draft a first “strategic paper on Water issues for the A-EU IP” for the coming Ouagadougou meeting
- Communication at the first Steering Committee of the A-EU IP



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is a major partner!

Thank you!

