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Update ICA Water Sector Platform

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Some trends and highlights

- **Commitments to the water sector have decreased** during last years (decrease of 38% from 2007-2009) but **increased** by 72% in 2010
- The **Bonn 2011 – Water, Energy and Food Security Nexus Conference** stressed the interdependence of the three sectors. Opportunity that water sector gains in importance
- More funding available to support **climate adaptation** in Africa: Role for ICA/Water Platform to co-ordinate climate adaptation strategies and to mobilize adaptation finance for the water sector

German Engagement in the Water and Sanitation Sector

- Germany is one of the **largest bilateral donors** in Africa (annual commitments of about 125 m € p.a., resources almost doubled in 2010)
- Strong focus on impacts: Germany plans to reach **30 m people in Sub-Saharan Africa with water and sanitation until 2015**
- Strong focus on the poor: applying **pro-poor approaches** and implementation of **small systems** for water supply and sanitation, focus on peri-urban areas
- On the trans-boundary level Germany supports more **Basin Organizations** than any other bilateral donor and is the most important partner of AMCOW
- New Energy and Climate Fund: 100m € p.a. to support adaptation to climate change in Africa, many projects in the water sector

Background

- **ICA Annual Meeting, May 2010:** Germany announced establishment of **Water Sector Platform** and financial support of **up to 2 million EUR** for Secondee and financing of platform activities
- **January 2011:** German Secondee started work at ICA Secretariat
- **May 17th, 2011: ICA Members Meeting:** Presentation & discussion of planned focus activities and adoption of **Inception Report**
- **June 2011:** Final version of Inception Report
- **July 2011:** Start of preparation of first activities and building network

Main Activities: status & next steps (1):

Matchmaking

2011

- **June –October** : Screening of Investment Programs of RECs to identify potential areas of support
 - Participation in SADC Water Investment Conference to support mobilization of financing
- Support of PIDA Process in reviewing TWR Study & participation in Sector workshops to identify priority projects
- **November:** Recruitment of short term consultant
 - Design ICA matchmaking events & identify partners
 - Provide implementation plan for activities in 2012-2013

2012:

- **February:** Discuss work plan provided by consultant in 1st WP Meeting
- **2/3rd Q:** Organize one matchmaking event /activity

Main Activities: status & next steps (2):

AMCOW

July 2011: Presentation of Water platform support to AMCOW TAC

Private Sector Engagement

2011:

- **3rd Q:** Preparation started for PPP-seminar organized by IFC, ICA, WSP

2012:

- **2nd Q:** Conduct PPP Water seminar in Dakar, Senegal
- **2nd half:** Publish outcome in ICA publication

Cross Border / Benefit Sharing

2011:

- **November :** Finalize TORs based on results of GIZ Pre-Study
- **December:** Procurement of Consultant for “Compendium of best practices in cross border investments & benefit sharing (case studies)”

2012:

- **May:** Present draft study at 1st Members’ Meeting
- **2nd half:** Disseminate results at water conferences (e.g. AWW)

Additional activities in 2011 – to be continued in 2012

- Implementation/Population of **Knowledge Centre** – water-related section
- Support of **AICD/AIKP study** through joint sector related studies (e.g. “Cost recovery, equity and water tariffs : study on selected countries and utilities”)
- **Workshops / Conferences** attended to promote WP & share expertise, e.g.:
 - AWF Strategic Workshop
 - World Water Week
- Building **network of partners** for future WP activities, e.g.:
 - German Water Partnership & Global Water Partnership
 - Regional Development Banks (e.g. BOAD)

1st WP meeting in 2012

- Preparation started on **1st WP Meeting** in **Frankfurt on February 1st, 2012**
 - Invitations & draft Agenda sent to all ICA members by mid December
- **International Water Symposium** organized by KfW on **February 2nd - 3rd 2012** in Frankfurt
- Potential topics for discussion (input by ICA Members/partners expected):
 - **Water Platform work plan / Budget** 2012 & update on activities
 - Enhancement of **Private Sector Participation** (e.g. JICA, IFC, GIZ)
 - Financing of **PIDA Priority Projects** in TWRM (e.g. AfDB)
 - **Adaptation Finance** in water sector (e.g. GWP, KfW)

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