

Africa water storage project

What is the African water facility (AWF)?

The African Water Facility (AWF) is an initiative of the African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW). It is hosted and managed by the African Development Bank (AfDB). The overall purpose of the Facility is to assist African countries to mobilize and apply resources for the Water and Sanitation sector. The AWF began its operations in 2006.

Does water pose a constraint to development in Africa?

On the face of it, water should not pose a constraint to such development for Africa appears to have abundant water resources. It has large rivers, big lakes; vast water lands and limited, but widespread ground water resources. Moreover, it has a high potential for the development of hydroelectric power.

Are water systems in Sub-Saharan Africa in crisis?

Water systems in Sub-Saharan Africa are increasingly in crisis. Growing populations and expanding economies are relentlessly driving rising demands. Like the Red Queen in *Through the Looking Glass*, water suppliers must run faster and faster just to stay in the same place. Instead, they are falling behind.

How can water be a natural asset in Africa?

Treat water as natural asset for all in Africa. Share management of international water basins to stimulate efficient mutual regional economic development. Ensure adequate water for life-supporting ecosystems. Manage watersheds and flood plains to safeguard lives, land and water resources.

What is the new vision for water management in Africa?

Liberalization of African economies that results from the new Vision is matched by a more market oriented approach to water-resources management. Water pricing and taxation within countries becomes sensitive to the relative availability of water within catchments boundaries and to demand.

What are the new water projects in South Africa?

The new R2 billion Foxwood Dam to provide additional water for irrigation and for the town of Adelaide. The new R1 billion Zalu Dam will provide additional water for the town of Lusikisiki and surrounding villages. The new R600 million Coerney Balancing Dam will improve water security for the Nelson Mandela Bay Metropolitan area.



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