

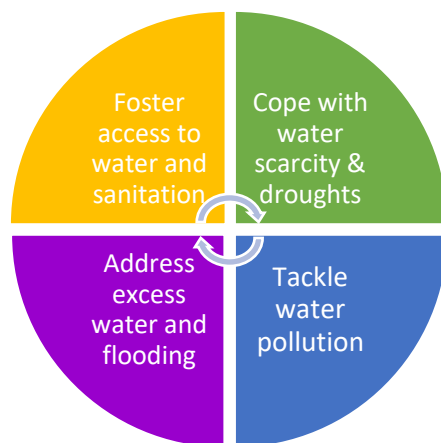
# The Roundtable of African Mayors for Water Security

## Raising African voices on water security

### Why a Roundtable of African Mayors for Water Security?

In Sub-Saharan Africa, **40% of people** lack basic access to water supply and **70% to basic sanitation**

Over the past 15 years, **floods and landslides** have affected **38 million people in Africa** and caused damage estimated at over \$4 billion



By 2030, **75 to 250 million people** in Africa will be living in areas of high water stress, likely displacing **24 to 700 million people**

Every hour, an estimated **115 people die from diseases** related to improper hygiene, poor sanitation or contaminated water.

Two-thirds of African cities at **extreme risk of climate-related shocks** including tropical cyclones, flooding, droughts and crop failure.

### What is the Roundtable of African Mayors for water security?

The Roundtable brings together **50+ Mayors** from cities of different sizes across the **five sub-regions of Africa** to raise the voice and boost the capacity of city leaders.

The platform aims to facilitate the design and implementation of robust **local water policies** by producing granular data and evidence, sharing knowledge, experience and best practices, and enhancing collaboration among Mayors.



#### City to city partnership

To share knowledge, experience and best practices on local policies for water security



#### Data collection & policy analysis

To set up an Observatory with scientific data and knowledge on water security in African cities, especially on SDGs 6 and 11



#### Capacity building

To facilitate the uptake of the OECD Principles on Water Governance at local level



#### Advocacy

To foster dialogue between local authorities and stakeholders to drive synergies and build consensus on a multi-dimensional approach to water



Check our report on  
**Water Governance**  
in African Cities



## Ten reasons to support the Roundtable of African Mayors for Water Security

1. **Raise the voice of African Mayors** in national agendas, regional platforms and international fora
2. **Connect to 50+ African local governments leaders** and understand their water security priorities
3. **Produce granular data** on African cities' distance to water-related SDGs, incl. SDG 6 and 11
4. **Shape better water policies** for better lives in African cities and countries
5. **Boost the capacity of Mayors** to enhance good governance, financing and management of water
6. **Share your expertise on water** with African city administration staff and decision makers
7. **Learn from concrete solutions and best practices** already in place in many African cities
8. Engage with/for **vulnerable groups and communities** via capacity and awareness activities
9. **Connect water management and adaptation planning** in city governments
10. **Foster synergies** between water, nature-based solutions and urban planning in African cities.

## Join the Roundtable!



**Get inspired** by good practices and case studies implemented around the world and build capacity



**Get connected** to national and subnational authorities from Africa and engage in peer-to-peer dialogue



**Gain international recognition and visibility** for your local authority's action in water.



Create the conditions to **boost access to financing** for your local water-related projects.



**Receive tailored guidance** and access self-assessment methodologies and tools to guide your policies, investment and decisions

January  
2022

- Kick-off meeting (*online*)
- Discussion on the strategic objectives of the Roundtable

March  
2022

- 9th World Water Forum (Dakar, Senegal)
- First official meeting of the Roundtable

November  
2022

- COP27 (Cairo, Egypt)
- Launch preliminary Data & Observatory

March  
2023

- 2023 UN Water Conference (NYC)
- Launch of the synthesis report

2024

- 10th World Water Forum
- Launch of the City-Level Policy Dialogues

March  
2025

- XIX IWRA World Water Congress
- Launch of datasets, dialogues & reports

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