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Africa-EU Innovation Alliance for Water and Climate

### A note from our Project Director



Dear Reader,

Welcome to the latest AfriAlliance newsletter! In this issue, we are proud to present the next set of 5 AfriAlliance Action Groups that were launched this summer, following a competitive call. Also, we launch the AfriAlliance Handbook on data collection at two simultaneous events held in Africa in the week from the 29th of October to the 2nd of November.

As part of our knowledge brokering activities, IHE and ITC co-organised the 'African Spatial Delights' session at the recent Stockholm World Water week and the AfriAlliance Roadshow event on 'monitoring water for food security' took place in Zambia in the week from the 29th of October to the 2nd of November, facilitated by AfriAlliance partner Waternet.

Various AfriAlliance outputs are now available online, including our Social Innovation Factsheets (also in French!) and our Policy Briefs.

Last but not least, meet AfriAlliance partner AfWA.

For daily updates, follow us on Twitter [@AfriAlliance1](#).

Happy reading!

All the best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Uta Wehn'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Uta Wehn

## About us

The Africa-EU Innovation Alliance for Water and Climate (AfriAlliance), is a 5-year project funded by the European Union's H2020 Research and Innovation Programme. It aims to improve African preparedness for climate change challenges by stimulating knowledge sharing and collaboration between African and European stakeholders. [Read more about our project here.](#)



## What's new?

### The AfriAlliance Handbook on Data Collection

We have just launched the AfriAlliance Handbook on Data Collection during the Africa Water Week and the WaterNet/WARFSA/GWP-SA Symposium How can you best develop a data collection project, ensure that high quality data is collected and achieve maximum impact? [Read about it here.](#)



The Handbook on **Data Collection**

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## Launch of 5 new AfriAlliance Action Groups working on water and climate

AfriAlliance has selected the second set of 5 Action Groups that are currently launching their activities in different regions of the African continent. [Read more](#)

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## Social innovation Factsheets: now also available in French!

What are the innovation opportunities to foster short-term improvements in the preparedness of African stakeholders for water and climate change challenges? Find out in our AfriAlliance Social Innovation Factsheets - they are now also available in French! [Find them here.](#)

## AfriAlliance Policy Briefs

The AfriAlliance Policy Briefs focus on

1. How to achieve SDG6 in Africa in times of Climate Change
2. How to fund local Climate Change adaptation initiatives
3. How to fill the data gap: a common approach for data collection and use in Africa

Soon also available in French! [Read more](#)

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## 2nd AfriAlliance Roadshow on monitoring: a bottom-up approach to promote smart solutions!

The second AfriAlliance Roadshow was held in Pretoria (South Africa) on the 25th of July. It adopted an innovative format and provided interesting results.

Local innovators were given the opportunity to demonstrate their innovations during a pitching session. The pitching session was followed by a speed dating session for the attendees to meet with the innovators. The featured innovations included waste water technologies which use microbial food webs and biofilm technology to treat wastewater and innovations that use grey water to produce safe fresh water. [Read more](#)

## Where we've been

### Shopping at the 'supermarket for African spatial delights' at Stockholm Water Week

AfriAlliance partners IHE Delft and ITC co-hosted a lively and interactive session on geospatial data products during Stockholm Water Week (with ViaWater and G4AW). Twelve organizations and start-ups pitched their latest geospatial data innovations which were available for 'purchase' in the 'supermarket of African spatial delights'. Participants used their chocolate money to pay for their preferred products.

[Read more](#)

Read about how our Young AfriAlliance member Joel Angoran experienced the event in his [blog post](#).



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### Building bridges at Africa Water Week

AfriAlliance held a side-event at the Africa Water Week during which we showcased and discussed the diverse activities AfriAlliance is undertaking to foster social innovation for water and climate change challenges in Africa. [Read more](#)

## Events we're attending



**COP24·KATOWICE 2018**  
UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE

### **Join AfriAlliance at COP24 in Katowice (POLAND)!**

AfriAlliance is co-conveying a side event at the European Commission Pavilion during the 24th Conference of the Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The event, entitled "Climate action, land and the Nexus", will be held on Thursday 13th of December, from 6 to 8 pm. Join us to discuss the AfriAlliance Strategic Research & Innovation advice on Water and Climate in Africa. Keep an eye out on our website for further updates.

## Don't want to miss out on events?

Stay updated on the latest events regarding water and climate in Africa and worldwide by checking out our event inventory on our website. The AfriAlliance partners and their networks have jointly put at your disposal a list of relevant future water and climate events. Check it out [here](#) . And let us know if you would like us to feature your event: [afrialliance@un-ihe.org](mailto:afrialliance@un-ihe.org) .

## Meet our partner: the African Water Association

### African Water Association (AFWA)



The African Water Association (AFWA) is a Pan- African association with a membership comprised of sector utilities and governmental agencies from all the African countries. It is the primary facilitator of utility twinning in Africa through its Water Operators' Partnerships Program for Africa (WOP-Africa). AFWA provides capacity reinforcement to its members to enable the provision of clean drinking water and sanitation services to all, in an efficient manner, through three primary objectives: 1) to coordinate the search for knowledge and latest development in the technical, legal, administrative, and economic fields for drinking water production and supply and sanitation services delivery; 2) to promote the exchange of information on methods, processes, and procedures

of drinking water production and supply and sanitation; and 3) to initiate, encourage and promote any action of co-operation and exchange in professional training. In addition, the African Water Association aims to: provide its members with the results of studies, research, and surveys in all branches of activity in the drinking water, sanitation, and environment sector; encourage measures of general interest that will help upgrade professional skills; maintain close relations with all regional, continental, and international organs devoted to issues relating to the objectives of AFWA; organize a biannual congress, symposia, seminars, workshops, and scientific and technical committee sessions; and institute awards and distinctions to promote and stimulate members performance.

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#### **Role in AfriAlliance**

In AfriAlliance, AFWA is the key representation of the perspective of Water Utilities, and in general of Water and Sanitation provision. As such, it plays an important role in identifying specific demands and needs, as well as relevant innovations related to that sector. For the same reason, AfriAlliance benefits from their presence in the main project events, as well as from disseminating results in AFWA's events.

## AfriAlliance partners



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