

Water *for* Cities

WATER AND SANITATION IN AFRICA:
FACTS, FIGURES AND FORECASTS

Water challenges – ranging from chronic water scarcity to lack of access to safe drinking water and sanitation services, to hydrological uncertainty and extremes (floods and droughts) – are perceived as some of the greatest threats to global prosperity and stability.¹

In Africa, water demand is increasing at a **higher** rate than population growth.²

It will not be possible to reach the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Africa without an **African water revolution.**³

70% of people in sub-Saharan Africa do not have toilets.⁵

It is estimated that **half** of the **urban infrastructure** that will make up African cities by **2035** has yet to be built.⁴

Over the next **20 years**, the urban population of sub-Saharan Africa is predicted to **double.**²

The world could face **40% water deficit by 2030** under a business-as-usual scenario.⁶

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