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AFRICA'S WATER DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

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It was a privilege to attend a recent workshop in Johannesburg, South Africa on Sustainable Water Resources which had been organized by the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) and the African Development Bank (ADB). It was able to attend in view of the important general international involvement in the water in the South African Department of Water Affairs and Forestry and of my background in international cooperation in the field of water resources and development. The workshop was organized by the African Development Bank (ADB) and the African Development Bank (ADB) in partnership with the African Development Bank (ADB) and the African Development Bank (ADB).

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Some of the interesting facts on African water resources are as follows:

- Africa has the 6th largest population in the world and the 2nd largest water resources in the world.
- The continent has a total area of 30 million km² and a population of 800 million people.
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In spite of the abundant water resources in Africa, the continent still faces the development of the water resources. Some of the main challenges are:

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