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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 African Financing for Water Development (AFWD) and the African Development Bank (ADB). It was able to attend in view of the important general international development in the water in the East 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 Financing for Water Development (AFWD) and the African Development Bank (ADB). The workshop was organized by the African Financing for Water Development (AFWD) and the African Development Bank (ADB).

The workshop was a very good platform for exchanging views on water and shared experiences which provided a rich information about Africa's water situation and the future needs for growth in water resources development and management.

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

- Africa has the 6th largest population in the world, 600 million people, but has been ranked 161st in terms of water resources and technical level of the population.
- Continental discharge of 100 km³ water flows from the continent, and 100 km³ water is required for the population by demand in terms of per capita requirements.
- In spite of the abundant water resources in Africa, the continent is still facing the shortage of water for development of the water for biggest benefit. Countries with water rich like the hydroelectricity is a source of energy and development.
- Africa water has abundant water resources and has the 10th largest water resources in the world. However, the water resources are not being used in the best way. The water resources are not being used in the best way. The water resources are not being used in the best way.
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Some of the facts in view that many challenges, water Africa to manage and develop water resources for the benefit of its people and have increasing the quality of the water resources for the people of Africa. The water resources are not being used in the best way. The water resources are not being used in the best way. The water resources are not being used in the best way.

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