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Water finance: regional priorities and the role of banks

Session 5: Engaging International Development Banks in Financing WASH and WEFE Nexus Projects

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Achieving the 2030 targets for ending open defecation and universal access to basic WASH services will require acceleration, and universal coverage of safely managed services is increasingly out of reach



FIGURE 1 Global coverage of WASH services, 2015–2024 (%), and acceleration required to reach universal coverage (>99%) by 2030

Achieving SDG target 6.1 will require an eightfold increase in current rates of progress.

Achieving SDG target 6.2b will require a sixfold increase in current rates of progress.

Achieving SDG targets 1.4 and 6.2b will require a twofold increase in current rates of progress.

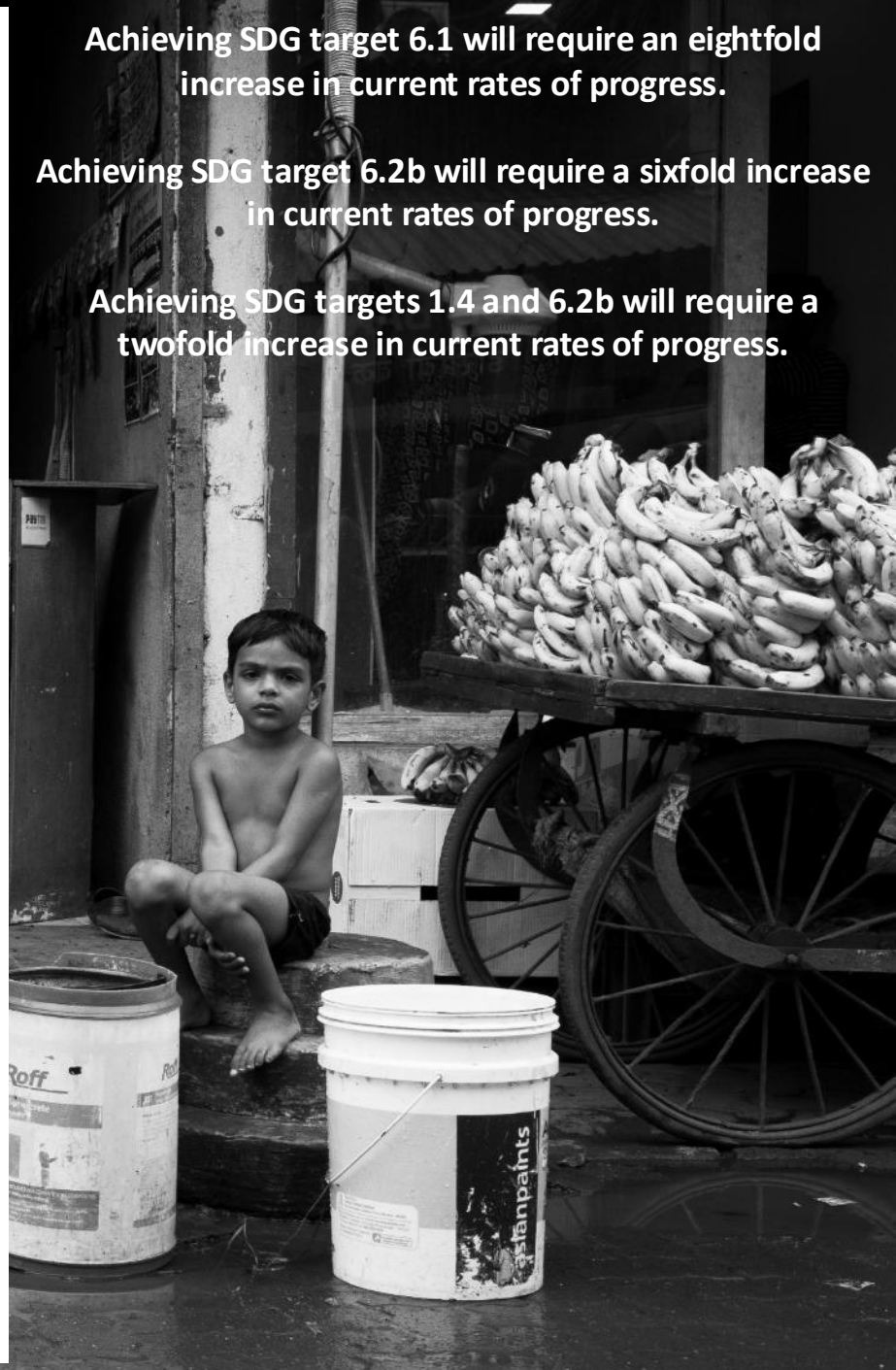


Table 1 MDB Approvals in Low-, Lower-Middle, and Upper-Middle-Income Countries, 2024

	Low-income countries	Lower-middle-income countries	Upper-middle-income countries	Total (\$ millions)
ADB	—	2,577	892	3,468
AfDB	245	469	—	714
AIIB	—	200	—	200
EBRD	—	76	233	310
EIB	130	336	43	510
IDB	—	—	1,065	1,065
IsDB	61	778	1,248	2,086
NDB	—	320	1,061	1,381
WBG	1,016	2,323	1,280	4,619
Total	1,452	7,079	5,821	14,352
	10%	49%	41%	

Source: MDB Water Sector Coordination Group.

Note: — = not applicable; ADB = Asian Development Bank; AfDB = African Development Bank Group; AIIB = Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank; EBRD = European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; EIB = European Investment Bank; IDB = Inter-American Development Bank Group; IsDB = Islamic Development Bank; NDB = New Development Bank; WBG = World Bank Group.

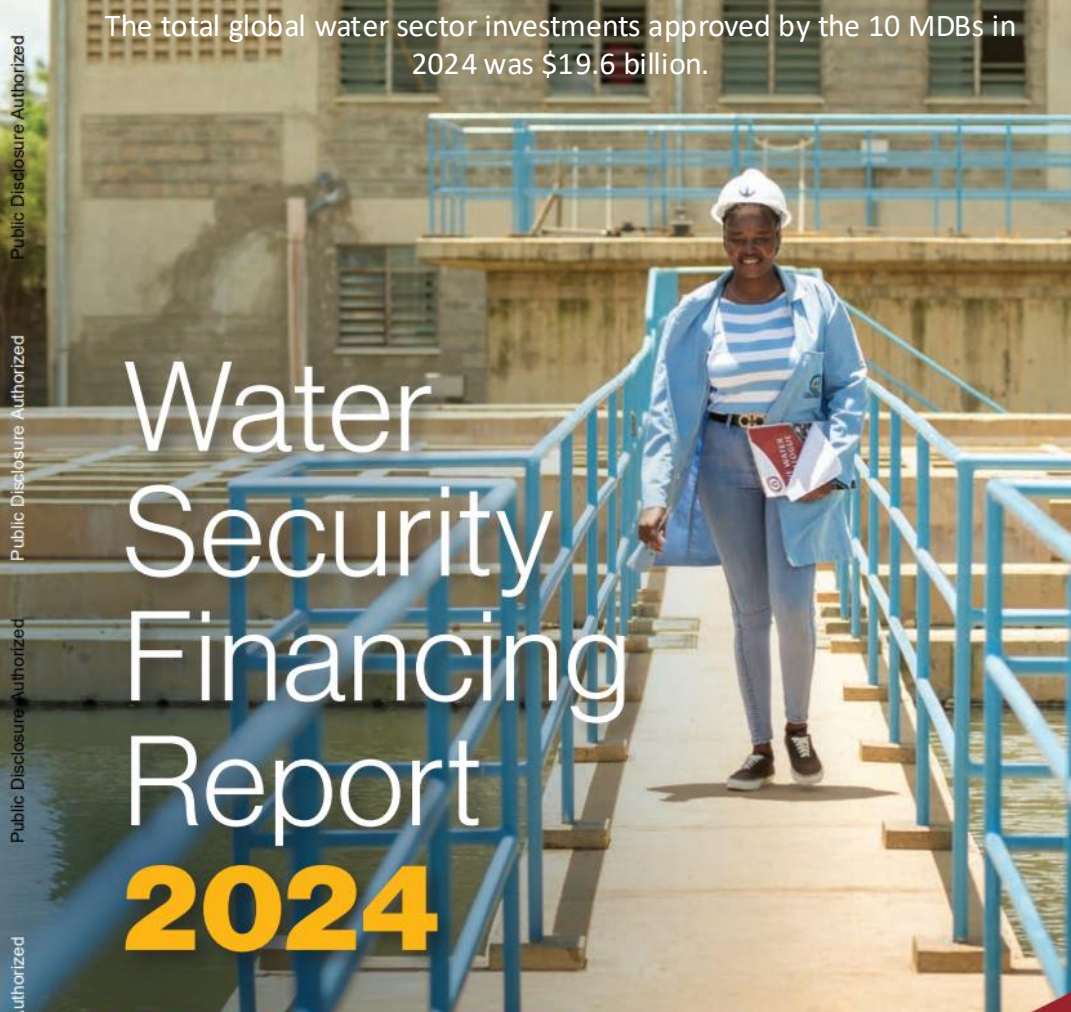
Table 2 MDB Approvals in High-Income Countries, 2024

	Total (\$ millions)
Asian Development Bank	33
Council of Europe Development Bank	110
European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	64
European Investment Bank	4,695
Inter-American Development Bank Group	190
World Bank Group	187
Total	5,278

Source: MDB Water Sector Coordination Group.

The total global water sector investments approved by the 10 MDBs in 2024 was \$19.6 billion.

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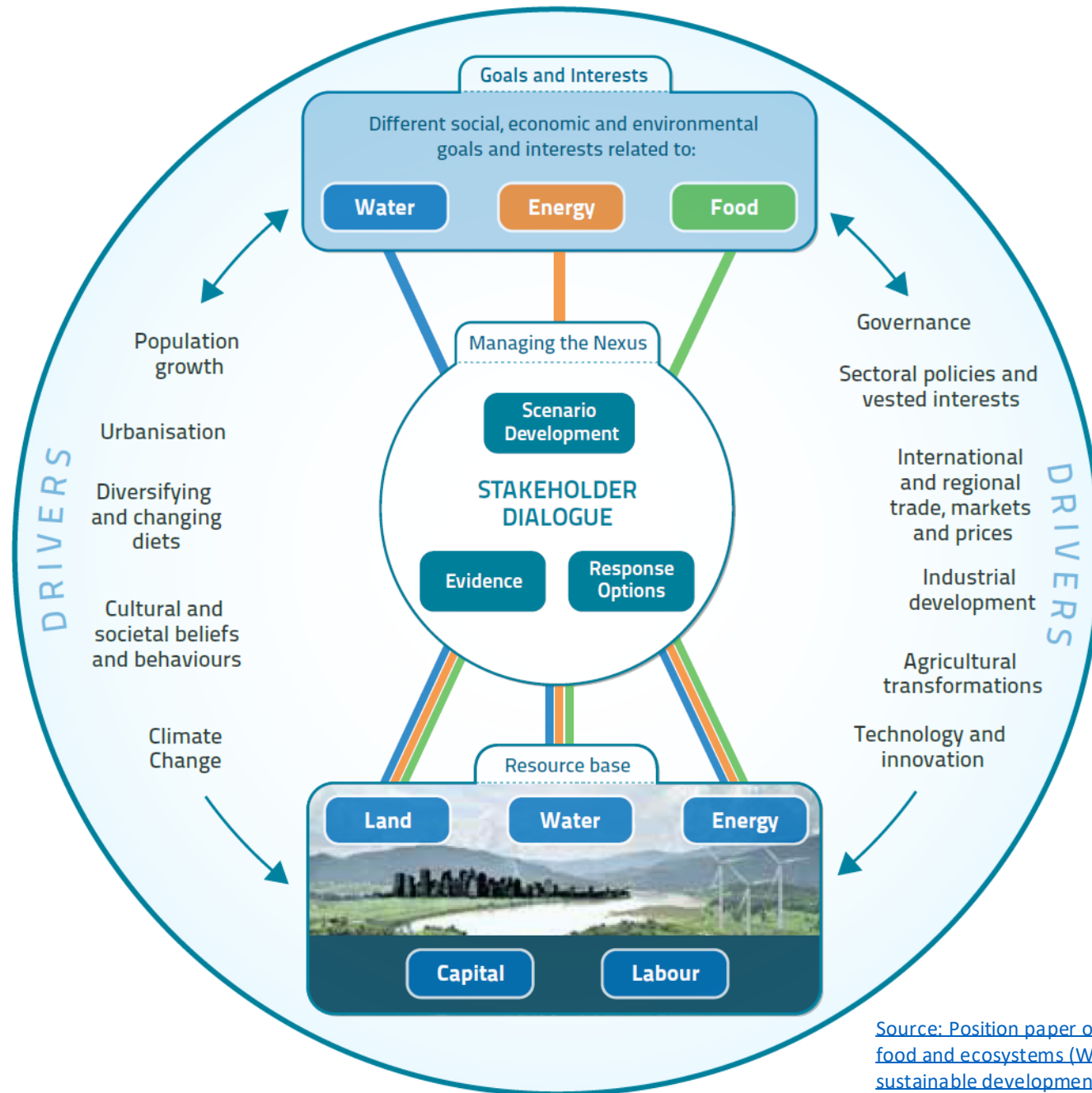


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EIB WASH Financing in Egypt

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- close to **1 billion Euros of EIB finance** mainly in the sanitation and wastewater sector;
 - **overall portfolio size of more than 2 billion Euros**;
 - **230 million Euros of grant resources** provided by the **European Union**;
 - Key strategic support of objectives under the **National Strategy for Water Supply and Sanitation (2008-2037)**, the **National Rural Sanitation Programme (NRSP)**, the **National Rural Sanitation Strategy 2017-2037**, and other key initiatives.

Figure 1 *FAO approach to the WEF E Nexus*



Source: [Position paper on water, energy, food and ecosystems \(WEFE\) nexus and sustainable development goals \(SDGs\) - Publications Office of the EU](#)



WEFE Nexus

- **Bring together stakeholders** from different sectors, different spheres of government and countries, and different levels;
- **Link directly to ongoing and emerging processes;**
- **Develop a shared understanding** of issues, objectives, and scenarios;
- **Help achieving concrete agreements** on multi-sectorial and multi-scale strategies to design concrete intervention projects/solutions in view of achieving the SDGs.

Djibouti Water Supply and Wastewater Treatment

Water

- **desalination plant** with a production capacity of 45,000 m³ /day (Phase 1: 22,500 m³/day financed by the EU + Phase 2: 22,500 m³/day)
- construction of three **wastewater treatment plants** (WWTP) with a wastewater treatment capacity of 30,000 population-equivalent each, and the extension of Douba WWTP, whose existing treatment capacity will be doubled up to 80 000 population equivalent. This component is also financed by the EU and Agence française de développement AFD.
- 12 MW **photovoltaic power plant**
- **Reuse of WWTP effluent** for agricultural irrigation

Energy

Food



EIBG Water Resilience Programme

- **Scale up:** 15bn financing over 2025-2027 (10bn over 2022-2024)
- **Invest in large strategic water resilience infrastructure** with blended finance structures.
- **Support smaller municipalities, utilities and firms** through intermediated lending, multi-borrower structures and guarantees.
- Promote the use of **public-private partnerships and equity investment** in the sector inside and outside the EU.
- **Maintain Europe's leadership** in water technology, with venture debt, RDI loans, private equity and venture capital funds.
- **Sustainable Water Advisory Facility**

Thank you

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