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### AFRICA'S WATER DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

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... has privilege to attend a recent workshop in Johannesburg, South Africa on International Water Resources which had been organized by the African Union for African Development (AUAFD) and the African Development Bank (ADB). The aim was to share the views of the experienced, generally international development experts in the water sector in the African Union Department of Water Affairs and Forestry and of the background of international cooperation in the area of water resources development in Africa. The workshop was organized in conjunction with the AUAFD/ADB government level talks, African Union Development Bank (AUAFD) Regional Economic Communities (REC) Policy and Regulatory and Institutions.

... cooperation in the AUAFD had provided a platform for the water sector of the AUAFD and the ADB which provided a rich information about the water sector of Africa and the factors which are critical for water resources development and management.

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

- Africa is the only continent in the world where water resources have been taken as a priority in the development of the continent and the AUAFD/ADB has been instrumental in this regard.
- Continental development of the water sector in Africa has been multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary in nature and is in progress by bringing in expertise of a wide range of disciplines and professions.
- In spite of the abundant water resources in Africa, the water situation across the continent is the worst in the world. The water resources are not being used to the best advantage. The water resources are not being used to the best advantage. The water resources are not being used to the best advantage.
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