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AfriAlliance Project Coordinator's Note



Dear reader,

In March, AfriAlliance reached an important milestone: the inaugural launch conference of AfriAlliance on the African continent. This newsletter presents a digest of the diverse and interactive conference sessions - one of which made 8 presenters take turns to stand on a table to pitch for the audience's attention!

Set up in the AfriAlliance spirit of stimulating knowledge sharing and collaboration between African and European networks and stakeholders in Water and Climate, the AfriAlliance launch conference was hosted by the LoCS4Africa Water & Climate Congress 2017 in Ekurhuleni, South Africa. Opened on World Water Day 2017, the event saw 400 delegates from 40 countries, including 40 Mayors and 150 city representatives, who enjoyed 3 days of interactions. Many thanks to those of you who attended!

As the project is entering its second year, the conference was also a unique opportunity for the AfriAlliance team to hear how we can shape the future activities of AfriAlliance: helping us to support African stakeholders even better in their efforts to deal with current and future climate change challenges.

The conference kick started the bottom up process for identifying themes for the next call for AfriAlliance Action Groups – this call will be launched in 2018, so stay tuned.

As AfriAlliance has another 4 years to go with its activities, this conference was merely the start – read our full newsletter and find out about upcoming AfriAlliance events in Africa.

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All the best,

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