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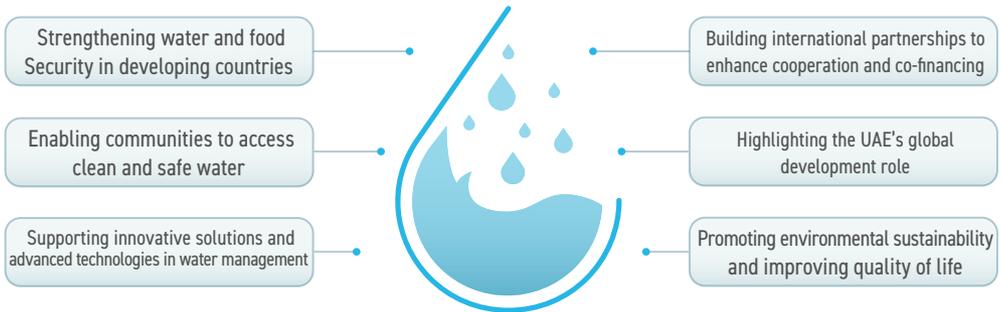
Overview

The Abu Dhabi Global Water Platform is a global development initiative launched by Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD), aimed at strengthening water security worldwide through financing innovative projects that contribute to providing safe and sustainable water resources for communities, while supporting advanced technological solutions to address water scarcity challenges.

The initiative aligns with United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 6 on clean water and sanitation, reflecting the United Arab Emirates' commitment as an active partner in strengthening water security at the international level.



Key Objectives



Eligible Entities

- 01** Governments and official authorities in developing countries
- 02** Companies and institutions with government guarantee
- 03** Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects

Cooperation Between Partners

The Abu Dhabi Global Water Platform operates as a collaborative financing and development ecosystem, leveraging the ADFD's convening ability to bring together governments, international financial institutions, export credit partners, and private-sector innovators around shared objectives to strengthen global water security.

- 01** The platform is open to beneficiary countries and government-led entities that initiate projects aligning with national water-security strategies and SDG6 priorities.
- 02** It is specifically designed to attract co-financing from international development banks and climate finance institutions. Co-financing partnerships are encouraged through:
 - Joint risk assessments and due diligence processes
 - Parallel or pooled financing structures
 - The implementation of joint field missions to reduce duplication and accelerate project readiness
- 03** The platform promotes knowledge exchange, research collaboration, and capacity building, strengthening the sustainability of water solutions and deepening their long-term development impact.
- 04** It aims to empower Emirati goods, services, and expertise in global markets.

Financial Solutions



Development Financing

- **Concessional Loans:** Financing crucial infrastructure and development projects through loans with competitive interest rates and extended repayment periods.
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- **Direct Equity Contributions:** Investing in strategic companies and projects with strong growth potential to promote sustainable economic development.



Export Via Abu Dhabi Exports Office (ADEX)

- **Direct Buyer Loans:** Financing provided to buyers from foreign governments or the private sector to purchase UAE products and services in the water sector.
- **Bank Credit Lines:** Credit facilities extended to banks in importing countries to finance purchases related to water projects.
- **Guarantees:** Payment guarantees that support banks providing financing to foreign buyers of Emirati water-sector goods and services.



Investments

Selective investments in water-related projects or funds within ADFD's investment portfolio, aimed at enhancing long-term development impact and sustainability.

Operating Model

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Type of the Initiative

The Abu Dhabi Global Water Platform is a strategic development-finance and investment platform led by ADFD, designed to

- Finance high-impact water infrastructure in developing countries through concessional, export financing loans and Investments in line with ADFD's broader development-financing framework
- Enable co-financing and blended-finance structures with local and international partners
- Serve as a joint development to accelerate water security outcomes globally

Mobilisation

- The platform aims to mobilise a total of USD 2 billion (≈AED 7.34 billion) from local and international financing partners
- ADFD has committed USD 1 billion (approximately AED 3.67 billion) over the implementation period (2026–2030) to stimulate partnerships and mitigate risks
- The platform will implement structured co-financing with development banks and international financial institutions
- ADEX-linked export credit will support Emirati water technologies with a minimum financing threshold of USD 3 million



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Platform Duration

An amount of USD 1 billion will be available over five years (202–2030). The broader financing mobilisation target of USD 2 billion spans the same period, with the possibility of extension under future partnership agreements

Approval Process

Financing is made available upon completion of a comprehensive project assessment

Document review → **Preliminary evaluation** → **Field mission**

The process also includes board approvals, as outlined in ADFD's procedures. Disbursement schedules are then aligned with the project's implementation phases and operational milestones.



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About ADFD

Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD), established in 1971 under the vision of UAE founder Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, is a pioneering development institution dedicated to empowering developing countries and enabling sustainable economic growth. The Fund plays a strategic role locally, regionally, and internationally, providing concessional loans and managing government grants to finance priority projects in over **107** countries, while offering competitive financing solutions that enable UAE companies to access global markets.

The UAE is recognised as a leading global actor in addressing water scarcity, notably through the Mohammed bin Zayed Water Initiative, which accelerates innovation and sustainable technological solutions by supporting research, fostering international partnerships, and launching global challenges to advance efficient and resilient desalination technologies. Building on this momentum, the UAE launched the **Abu Dhabi Global Water Platform**, an international financing and investment mechanism valued at approximately **\$2 billion**, to support water projects in developing countries, with a focus on clean water provision, food security, and the adoption of advanced technologies.

Through these initiatives, the UAE advances innovation in water treatment and desalination, coordinates international efforts to deliver sustainable solutions, and engages actively in global platforms to strengthen international cooperation on water security.





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