
### Project description and objectives

The Congo Basin is an immense territory which covers around 3.7 million km² (6.6% of the area of the African continent). This Basin has a very dense hydrographic network, with navigable waterways estimated at more than 25,000 km in their natural state, of which at least 15,000 km are classified. Due to its geostrategic position, the waterway network, through its terminals, constitutes a real multimodal transport platform and continental service, which represents a great opportunity for the promotion of the regional economy. The general project objectives are:

- **Contribute to the facilitation of trade on the inland waterways** of the Congo Basin and the Ogooué River
- **Facilitate integration** of the Central African sub-region
- **Improve integrated management and the sustainable use of water resources.**

### Project Map

![Project Map](Link: https://pp2.au-pida.org/approved-project/entry/9wlzs/)

### Project status

The project is in Enabling Environment and Needs Assessment stage (S0)

### Financial needs

Project cost estimate: USD 93.8 Million

### Key parties

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![Flag of Cameroon](image)
![Flag of Central African Republic](image)
![Flag of Republic of Congo](image)

### Private sector opportunities

Speaking of civil society (NGOs, Universities, Research Institutes, etc.), which has enormous needs for technical data and information, it will be able, through the results of this Project, to access information on IWRM (heights of water, flows, etc.), on the environment (ESIA, procedures manual), and on river transport (statistics), to enable them to better accomplish their missions.

### Gender procurement actions

Almost all the actions that will be developed under this Project take into account the gender approach that will involve all social strata at all levels of implementation. From the outset, it should be emphasized that being the emanation of CICOS strategic documents (SDAGE and PAS Navigation), these have been developed in strict compliance with gender representation in all meetings, both at both national and regional.