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KOPANO YA METSI UNLOCKING WATER INVESTMENT IN SOUTH AFRICA

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The National Business Initiative has launched a new project titled *Kopano ya Metsi* ('meeting for water') in partnership with the Confederation of Danish Industry and Voluntas Advisory, focused on helping unlock private investment in the water sector.

South Africa faces an estimated water infrastructure investment need of R700 billion over the next decade for refurbishment and the expansion of water access. [Kopano ya Metsi](#) will assess the current and potential role of the private sector as one solution to address this funding gap.

[Kopano ya Metsi](#) will take an inclusive, bottom-up approach by working with key stakeholders and experts in the water sector, in order to understand the challenges, and find possible solutions to the factors hindering private investment. Stakeholder engagement will primarily be in the form of expert interviews and round tables, as well as wider public workshops. A total of five briefing papers will be published and a final report unveiled at the concluding project conference at the end of 2018. The final report will also be summarised into easy to read infographics.

The overall scope of the project is outlined in Figure 1 below. The project scope will be broad at first, looking at water financing as a whole, narrowed down to consider Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) as a potential means to unlock finance, and will then zoom in further to look at wastewater treatment as a specific case study.

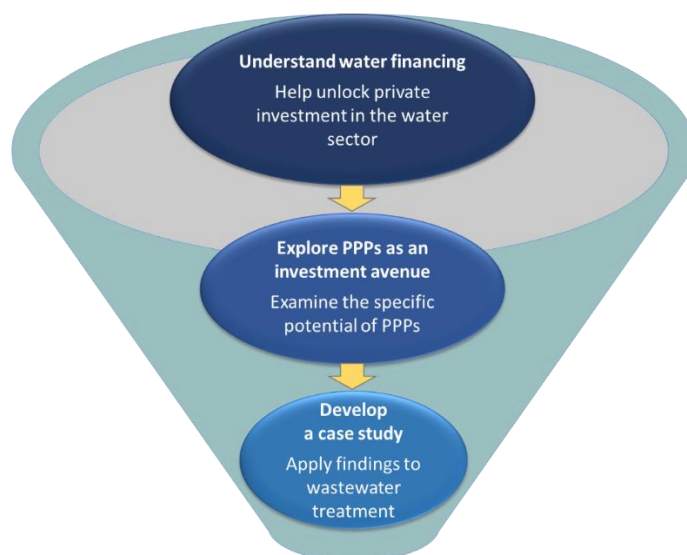


Figure 1: Kopano ya Metsi: Project Approach and Scope

With respect to the potential role of PPPs, the project will specifically examine the following:

1. Barriers to effective water PPPs in South Africa and associated identified solutions
2. The PPP legal framework and available financing options
3. The identification and mapping of key PPP opportunities across the water value chain and within select Water Service Authorities in the country

The first of five national roundtables was held on 6 September 2017 in Johannesburg. The project launch, held on the same day, was strongly supported by people from both the public and private sector, with an ardent appetite from stakeholders to be further involved. You can download the presentations from the project launch [here](#).

Follow the project at yametsi.co.za.

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