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The latest issue of AFD's Newsletter includes the following news updates for the month: several book launches, on Africa, development aid, as well as sustainable cities, the winners of the Marketplace on Innovative Financial Solutions for Development competition, projects in South Africa, Comoros and Kenya, our upcoming events, our employment opportunities...

News

Africa's Billions



To mark the 50th anniversary of African independence and the launch of the French version of the book *Africa's Billions* by Jean-Michel Severino and Olivier Ray, published by Odile Jacob, join the debate on changes in Africa and the challenges they pose...

[<Find out more>](#)

In brief...

- ▶ [AFD was at the World Urban Forum held in Rio from 22 to 26 March](#)
- ▶ [Discover the 5 winners of the competition organized at the Marketplace on Innovative Financial Solutions for Development](#)
- ▶ [A turning point on poverty, latest post by Minouche Shafik, Permanent Secretary of DFID, on the Millennium Development Goals, available on the Ideas for Development website](#)
- ▶ [Raphaël Confiant, a writer from Martinique, wins the AFD 2010 Literary Prize for his book *L'Hôtel du Bon Plaisir*](#)

Figure of the month

6.6 million people will benefit from a drinking water supply thanks to AFD financing in 2009

In the field

South Africa: promoting access to decent housing



AFD supports the South African government's policy for the social and economic integration of historically disadvantaged populations by allocating lines of credit to banks that finance access to property for low-income households.

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3 questions to...

Serge Michailof, author of the book *Notre maison brûle au Sud* with Alexis Bonnel, published by Fayard



What, in your view, are the new challenges for the South?

The period where North countries were losing interest in the South is coming to an end. Both the success of emerging countries and the disasters looming for countries heading towards implosion will have a direct impact on our lives and those of our children...

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Comoros: improving healthcare



AFD is supporting the association Caritas Comores so that it can strengthen its healthcare services for the most vulnerable populations. The project will finance training for medical and paramedical staff, allocations for equipment and drugs, as well as rehabilitations...

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PROPARCO AFD's private sector arm

Supporting the development of a model horticultural farm in Kenya



PROPARCO has financed – via the FISEA Fund – the extension of a horticultural farm in Kenya's Rift Valley where Bigot Flowers is developing a sustainable management model for a rose farm. The farm complies with the highest social and environmental standards and carries the Fair Trade label. A Kenyan rose imported into Europe consumes six times less CO₂ than a rose produced in Holland or France.

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Publications

Regards sur la Terre 2010 Cities Changing direction



Regards sur la Terre 2010 addresses the issue of sustainable cities as the main challenge of the XXIst century. Beyond an observation of the challenges and obstacles that need to be overcome, it aims to identify the processes that can bring about an essential change of direction.

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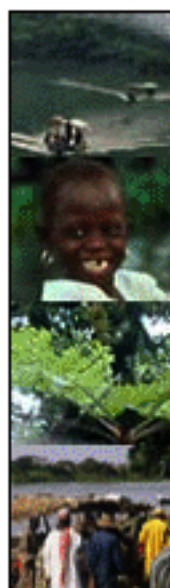
Employment opportunities

AFD is recruiting

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Agenda



31 March, 6 p.m.

► [Conference-debate to mark the launch of the book Les voyageurs de l'eau \(Water Travellers\) by Lionel Goujon and Gwenael Prié](#)
AFD, Paris

6 April, 9 a.m.

► [Turning global environmental challenges into opportunities, the example of the French Global Environment Facility](#)
Centre Pierre Mendès France, Paris

14 April, 8.35 p.m.

► [AFD is a partner of the TV program C'est pas sorcier, en route pour la jungle devoted to sustainable forest management](#)
[On France 3](#)

FGEF French Global Environment Facility

Developing CDM projects in Sub-Saharan Africa



The CASCADE project financed by the French GEF supports roughly thirty projects in the forestry, bioenergy and agriculture sectors. These projects are adapted to the African context and provide a response to the real concern for the economic and social development of rural communities in seven countries: Benin, Cameroon, DR of Congo, Gabon, Madagascar, Mali and Senegal.

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Other publications

Focales

- [N°1: Access to water services for all: the role of small-scale private operators in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam \(French version only\)](#)
- [N° 2: The local government system in Palestine \(French version only\)](#)

Working Papers

- [N° 93: Community participation in the Pantanal, Brazil: containment games and learning processes](#)

ExPost

- [Impact Analysis n°4: Assessing the Effects of Health Insurance: The SKY Micro-Insurance Program in Rural Cambodia](#)

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