

The potential benefits of irrigation in Africa



Increased
agricultural
productivity

 Improved food & nutrition security

 Higher incomes

Women's
empowerment

 Enhanced decision-making

 Saving time

 Reduced drudgery

Job
creation

 Youth employment

 Attractive employment

Climate risk
reduction

 Drought resilience

 Adaptation to erratic rainfall

Recommendations

1. Elevate irrigation to a top policy and investment priority
2. Adopt innovative technologies for use of treated waste water
3. Adopt smart water use regulation, invest in maintenance of drainage systems and minimize risks to human health and environment
4. Involve the private sector for improved distribution of irrigation equipment
5. Encourage the private sector to invest in supportive infrastructure and smart technologies for irrigation
6. Foster public-private partnerships and smallholder engagement through financial incentives
7. Encourage public-private partnerships to develop locally adapted technologies for smallholders
8. Increase investment in skill development and training
9. Facilitate a supportive fiscal regime and encourage access to finance and equipment for smallholders