The potential benefits of irrigation in Africa

- Increased agricultural productivity
- Women’s empowerment
- Job creation
- Climate risk reduction

**Potential Benefits**

- Improved food & nutrition security
- Higher incomes
- Enhanced decision-making
- Saving time
- Reduced drudgery
- Drought resilience
- Adaptation to erratic rainfall
- Youth employment
- Attractive employment

**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