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Signature of a new partnership agreement between AFD and SUEZ Group

On 27 May 2024, Sabrina Soussan, Chairman and CEO of SUEZ and Rémy Rioux, CEO of AFD, signed a new partnership agreement to intensify the collaboration between their respective organisations. This new three-year partnership gives SUEZ and AFD the opportunity to take tangible and joint action in favour of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

Guaranteeing universal access to clean water and sanitation and managing water resources sustainably constitute one of the sustainable development goals

AFD is committed to achieving this goal, and mobilises all its resources and know-how required for its fulfilment. SUEZ, meanwhile, has more than 160 years of experience of developing resilient and innovative solutions to provide access to essential water and waste services. The Group possesses expertise that is acknowledged in France and worldwide in supporting populations faced with the consequences of climate change and exposed to strong demographic growth that places considerable pressure on resources.

The new partnership between AFD and SUEZ reflects this dynamic. Covering a period of three years, it aims to reinforce collaboration between these two international players in aid of the green transition of the water, sanitation and waste sectors. In practice, the cooperation will notably comprise knowledge sharing in the areas of sustainable water resource management, improving people's quality of life, and sustainable resource governance on the backdrop of climate change.

Mobilising expertise for the benefit of the Global South

This institutional partnership will also facilitate the sharing of expertise and experience between SUEZ and the AFD group. Through the organisation of technical discussion workshops and field visits, it will enable them to capitalise on their respective knowledge assets. The partnership will additionally feature jointly conducted corporate social responsibility initiatives.

This agreement further strengthens the collaboration already in place between the two partners. Indeed, since 2009, AFD and Fondation SUEZ have jointly funded the SUEZ- AgroParisTech "Water for All" academic Chair to train executives from the water sector in partner countries.

Commenting on the new partnership, Rémy Rioux, CEO of the AFD group, said: *"We are very pleased to renew and reinforce our partnership with the SUEZ group, which will enable us together to contribute to improving access to water and sanitation services for populations all over the world and raise the bar for our Corporate Social Responsibility ambitions. This agreement exemplifies the complementarity of French public and private sector organisations in France's solidarity-based investment policy, in accordance with the orientations set out by the President of the Republic and the Prime Minister at last year's Presidential Council for development and the ICICD."*

“Guaranteeing access to essential water and waste services is one of the challenges of adapting to climate change. It requires the collective mobilisation of public and private-sector, local and international organisations. Such is the rationale behind the partnership between SUEZ and AFD which began nearly 10 years ago. I welcome the opportunity to renew our collaboration. It embodies the commitment of SUEZ to people and the planet, at the heart of our corporate purpose, to provide them with the resources for a shared future,” commented Sabrina Soussan, Chairman and CEO of SUEZ.

About the AFD group

AFD implements France’s policies in the areas of development and international solidarity. Comprising the Agence Française de Développement, which finances the public sector and NGOs, as well as research and education in sustainable development, its subsidiary Proparco, dedicated to private sector financing; and soon Expertise France, the technical cooperation agency, the group finances, guides, and accelerates transitions toward a fairer and more resilient world.

Together with our partners, we build shared solutions for people on the Global South. Our teams are involved in more than 4,000 projects on the ground, in France’s Overseas Territories, in 115 countries and in territories in crisis, for common goods: climate, biodiversity, peace, gender equality, education and health. This is how we contribute to the commitment of France and the French to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), for a World in Common.

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About SUEZ

Faced with growing environmental challenges, SUEZ has been delivering essential services that protect and improve our quality of life for more than 160 years. SUEZ provides its customers with innovative and resilient solutions for water and waste services. With 40,000 employees across 40 countries, the Group works with customers to create value over the full lifecycle of their assets and services, and to drive their low carbon transition. In 2023, SUEZ provided drinking water for 57 million people worldwide and sanitation services for more than 36 million people. The Group generated 7.7 TWh of energy from waste and wastewater. In 2023, SUEZ has generated revenues of 8.9 billion euros. For more information: www.suez.com / X [@suez](https://twitter.com/suez) / LinkedIn [@SUEZ](https://www.linkedin.com/company/suez)

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