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AFRICA'S WATER DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

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...has privilege to attend a recent workshop in Johannesburg, South Africa on International Water Resources which had been organized by the African Development Bank (ADB) and the African Development Bank (AfDB) ...

...operation in the 1950s had provided a strong stimulus to the growth of irrigated agriculture which provided a rich infrastructure through which water channels and drainage systems for irrigated water resources development had developed.

Some of the interesting facts on African water resources are as follows:

- Africa has the largest water resources in the world. It is estimated that Africa has about 10% of the world's total water resources.
- The continent has a large number of rivers, lakes and wetlands, and is rich in water resources.
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