

Despite large parts of Africa being subject to high variability in rainfall across seasons and across years, per capita water storage remains extremely low across the continent. South Africa has the highest per storage capita of about 700 m<sup>3</sup> per person per annum, against a figure in north America of about 6 000 m<sup>3</sup> per person. AMCOW has recognised the need for greater storage and distribution infrastructure to support economic growth in the continent.

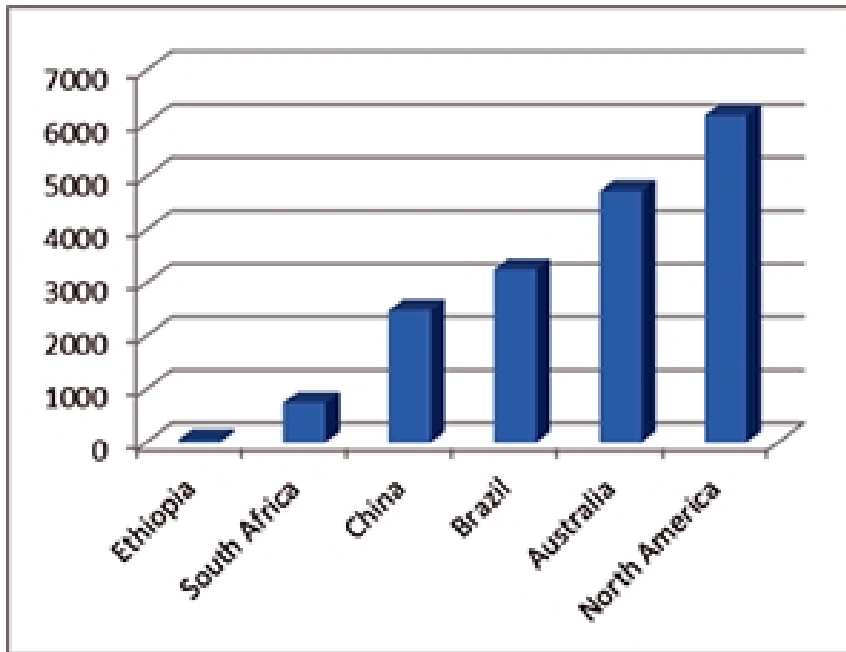


Figure 1: Water Storage (m<sup>3</sup> per Capita per Annum)

Within this, there is a particular focus on infrastructure for agricultural development and for hydropower, and where possible, for multipurpose infrastructure developed in an integrated approach. These aspects of infrastructure are dealt with under this theme.

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