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"Water and sanitation projects in sub-Saharan Africa - EU Commission could and should do better" - EU Auditors

The European Union provides development assistance for water and sanitation throughout the world, including sub-Saharan Africa. Safe drinking water and sanitation improve health, and thus lead to faster economic growth and reduced poverty.

This special report 13/2012 ("European Union Development Assistance for Drinking-Water Supply and Basic Sanitation in Sub-Saharan Countries") is a performance audit that aimed to assess whether the Commission has managed EU development assistance for drinking water and basic sanitation in sub-Saharan Africa so as to lead to effective and sustainable results.

The Court examined a sample of 23 projects in six countries, which represent a significant part of the aid delivered to that region, to see whether project results had been delivered and were likely to be sustained over time.

The main conclusions and recommendations of the report will be presented to the press by Mr David Bostock, Member of the Court.

DATE AND TIME	Friday, 28 September 2012 at 10:30
VENUE	The RESIDENCE PALACE - International Press Centre **MAALBEEK ROOM** 155, rue de la Loi, 1040 Brussels – Belgium

A PRESS KIT, consisting of the Special Report and a press release, will be made available for the press conference. The Special Report will be published on the Court's website, www.eca.europa.eu, in 22 official languages.

INTERPRETATION will be available in French and English.

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