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## Summary Report

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## LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

<b>Acronyms/ Abbreviations</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>2IE</b>	International Institute of Water and Environmental Engineering
<b>NBA</b>	Niger Basin Authority
<b>VBA</b>	Volta Basin Authority
<b>AEN</b>	Agence de l'Eau du Nakanbe (Nakanbe Water Agency)
<b>DWS</b>	Drinking Water Supply
<b>LGA</b>	Liptako Gourma Authority
<b>AMCOW</b>	African Ministers' Council on Water
<b>AP</b>	Assembly of Partners
<b>CBF</b>	Committee on Budget and Finance
<b>WRCC</b>	Water Resources Coordination Centre
<b>ECA</b>	Economic Community for Africa
<b>ECOWAS</b>	Economic Community of West African States
<b>CILSS</b>	Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel
<b>SC</b>	Steering Committee
<b>TC</b>	Technical Committee
<b>IFAD</b>	International Fund for Agricultural Development
<b>IDMP</b>	Integrated Drought Management Programme
<b>IWRM</b>	Integrated Water Resources Management
<b>GWP-WA</b>	Global Water Partnership West Africa
<b>GWPO</b>	Global Water Partnership Organisation
<b>MEKROU Project</b>	Mekrou Basin Water Resources Management Project
<b>SDGs</b>	Sustainable Development Goals

<b>IGO</b>	Intergovernmental Organisation
<b>OMVS</b>	Senegal River Basin Development Organization
<b>OMVG</b>	Gambia River Basin Development Organization
<b>PNDES</b>	Burkina Faso National Economic and Social Development Plan
<b>CWP</b>	Country Water Partnership
<b>WAWRP</b>	West Africa Water Resources Policy
<b>PROGIS/WA</b>	Integrated Drought Management Project in West Africa
<b>TFP</b>	Technical and Financial Partners
<b>ANBO</b>	African Network of River Basin Organisations
<b>SAGE</b>	Water Management Master Plan
<b>RCGC</b>	Communication and Knowledge Management Officer
<b>SDAGE</b>	Water Development and Management Master Plan
<b>ES</b>	Executive Secretary
<b>WAEMU</b>	West African Economic and Monetary Union
<b>IUCN</b>	International Union for Conservation of Nature
<b>WACDEP</b>	Water, Climate and Development Programme
<b>SITWA Project</b>	Project for Strengthening Institutions for Transboundary Water Management in Africa.

## INTRODUCTION

This report is a summary of discussions and results achieved by participants in the Global Water Partnership West Africa (GWP-WA) Assembly of Partners (AP) held on 28-29 September, 2017 in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

The AP brought together some fifty participants, representing Global Water Partnership Organisation (GWPO), GWP-WA partner organizations, some West Africa Country Water Partnerships, youth networks, Technical and Financial Partners, basin organizations networks, integration and development organizations in Africa. Two former GWP-WA Chairpersons attended as well the AP, that was chaired by Burkina Faso's Ministry of Water and Sanitation. (See Annex 1 for list of participants).

The meeting started with an opening ceremony followed by presentations related to the theme of the AP: **"Water Security within ECOWAS in the Context of SDGs"**. The aim was to give an opportunity to GWP partners in West Africa to share their experiences, reflections and contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals in ECOWAS countries.

The goals of the AP were therefore to provide for open exchanges among the Region's partners with the view of gathering contributions that can help ECOWAS and States to better coordinate and guide actions carried out by regional and national actors.

(Refer to Annex 2, Partners Meeting Concept Note.)

## SECTION 1: OPENING CEREMONY

Four keynote speakers intervened during the Opening Ceremony: the Chair of Burkina Faso Country Water Partnership (CWP-BF), the Chair of GWP-WA, the Head of Operations of GWPO and the Technical Advisor to the Minister of Water and Sanitation of Burkina Faso, who delivered the Opening Speech.

### 1.1 Speech of the Chair of CWP-Burkina Faso

After welcoming participants, the Chair of CWP Burkina Faso recalled the importance of the theme of the AP which is consistent with the SDGs. Mr. Dibi MILLOGO went on to highlight the significant progress achieved in the implementation of IWRM in GWP-WA member countries. For him, the existence of a Water Policy within ECOWAS facilitates GWP-WA and CWPs' efforts to backstop countries in achieving the SDGs. He pointed out that the 2017 AP was a special one in that it would be marked by the renewal of GWP-WA bodies and did not fail to congratulate the outgoing team while encouraging the incoming one.

### 1.2 Speech of the Chair of GWP-WA

The Chair of GWP-WA started his speech by thanking the Ministry of Water and Sanitation of Burkina Faso for agreeing to chair the event. Professor Abel AFOUDA then stated that despite economic, financial and natural crises, Africa remains an integrated and peaceful continent. He noted that, however, the integration of the SDGs through actors' efforts at all levels is essential and vital to the development of the continent. He also noted an increase in water needs throughout years, pointing out that water remains at the heart of any development activity. After wishing for a successful and fruitful meeting, he ended his intervention by recalling that water being at the heart of development, the AP theme for GWP-WA is an appeal to all partners for real integration of water in development actions.

### 1.3 Message from GWPO Head of Operations

The Head of Operations of GWPO, Dr. Jacques REY, pointed out the quality of the thirteen (13) Country Water Partnerships that make up the West Africa Region, that of the Regional Water Partnership as well as its various bodies. He recalled the availability of GWP to backstop the Region and countries, in particular those in West Africa.

### 1.4 Opening Speech by the Technical Advisor to the Minister of Water and Sanitation of Burkina Faso

The opening speech was the opportunity for the Technical Advisor, Mr. Habdoulaye KOUDAKIDIGA, to welcome all participants and to express his gratitude to GWP-WA for choosing the Ministry of Water and Sanitation of Burkina Faso to chair the meeting. He then recalled the negative consequences of climate change in the water sector. Among responses to these challenges, Mr. KOUDAKIDIGA mentioned the ambitious agendas underway at national and international levels, such as the SDGs, including SDG #6 on water and sanitation, and Burkina Faso's PNDES (National Economic and Social Development Plan) which design and implementation, he said, fully integrate the Sustainable Development Goals. Finally, he expressed the hope that the Assembly of Partners would come up with concrete proposals to encourage donors to backstop countries in the implementation of the SDGs.

## SECTION 2: PRESENTATIONS ON THE THEME

The Executive Secretary of GWP-WA, Mr. Dam MOGBANTE, introduced the theme of the AP by pointing out that it is in line with GWP's objectives. He noted that as a regional organization, GWP-WA's action aims to support ECOWAS in the implementation of the West Africa Water Resources Policy (WAWRP), a document that definitely needs to be updated to better integrate the SDGs.

Two presentations (summarized below) on the theme of the AP were made by the Chair of GWP-WA and the Head of Operations of GWPO, respectively. The floor was then given to each participating CWP to explain the actions they have been carrying out or intend to carry out jointly with the partners with States in order to achieve SDG #6 at national level. After all presentations were given, a panel discussion on the theme was organized with all participants through a series of questions – answers – comments session.

## **2.1 Water Security within ECOWAS in the Context of SDGs**

In his presentation, the Chair of GWP-WA recalled that water security is a priority for adaptation to the adverse effects of climate change. Climate change hinders the management of water resources. Indeed, the adverse effects of climate change mostly impact water resources. Pr AFOUDA also stressed that West Africa is the only region of the world that suffered a period of 30 successive years of drought in the 1970s. Unfortunately, he said, West Africa is the region which suffers most from the lack of meteorological data needed to monitor the evolution of water resources. Water security is therefore threatened by droughts, low water levels, and floods.

## **2.2 GWP and the Achievement of SDGs**

The intervention of the Head of Operations of GWPO focused on presenting SDG #6 and its sub-indicators. He recalled the concept of water security and announced an upcoming situational analysis on Goal #6. Jacques REY concluded by pointing out that it is through its work on IWRM that GWP will contribute to the achievement of water security, and therefore directly to the achievement of Goal #6.5, with an impact on the SDGs as a whole.

## **2.3 The Floor to CWPs**

The CWPs present, (Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Nigeria and Senegal) took the floor in turn to highlight the arrangements in place at country-level for the implementation of the SDGs. They also described the role that CWPs have been playing or plan to play. These presentations show that:

- Water coverage levels remain low in all countries and challenges exist as to the achievement of the SDGs, especially SDG #6. Consequently, CWPs continue to advocate for good governance, increased dialogue among stakeholders for them to engage in a consensus process, public-private partnership and fundraising;
- Some CWPs have already started implementing initiatives that allowed the teaching of best WASH practices to learners through tools and teaching aids, as well as the implementation of networks in the field of Integrated Drought Management (IDM) and IWRM;
- CWPs, as a platform, assist countries in the development, updating and implementation of IWRM plans, given the catalyst role IWRM may play toward achieving SDG #6. They are also involved in the preparation of a strategy to ensure ownership of the SDGs, including SDG # 6;

- Non-functional or non-accredited CWP have committed to become more dynamic through the renewal of their bodies with the support of GWP-WA. These CWP include CWP Côte d'Ivoire and CWP Senegal (accreditation) and CWP Guinea and CWP Mali (revitalization).

## 2.4 Panel on the Theme

The panel discussion was moderated by former GWP-WA Chair, Dr. Madiodio NIASSE, the Deputy Executive Director of the VBA (M. Dibi MILLOGO), the incoming Chair (Prof. Amadou Hama MAIGA) and the Chair of CWP Gambia (Ms. Ndey S. BAKURIN).

### ➤ *Intervention of Panelists*

Contributions from the four (4) panellists on the theme are summarized as follows:

#### *i. Intervention of Dr. NIASSE, Chair of GWP-WA from 2005 to 2009*

Increase of the number of CWPs does not solve the problem of GWP-WA which should rather prioritize quality rather than quantity. Priority should be given to countries that make a difference while working on resource mobilization and actions with partners. Emerging issues such as the nexus, large dams with related risks of conflict are areas to be explored in future work plans activities;

There has been much progress in climate change and current climate predictions have a higher level of reliability. However, GWP-WA's role is not to produce scientific knowledge, but to make it accessible in a comprehensible language, while seeking to influence policies through dialogue.

#### *ii. Intervention of the Deputy Executive Director of the VBA, Mr. Dibi MILLOGO*

Water security stems from the availability of sufficient quantities for all uses (agriculture, fisheries, etc.) and quality, including drinking water and water for ecosystems. Current challenges relate to the management of water resources and climate change through knowledge. For this reason, M. MILLOGO believes that it is highly necessary to create tools for management (SDAGE, SAGE), advocacy and communication, water governance, funding regulation, treaties, and agreements. Adequate frameworks are also needed for policy implementation. The VBA, a partner of GWP-WA, works toward knowledge of water resources, joint tools or projects. GWP and its partners should maintain their support to States in the production of these tools because when time comes for assessment, the contribution of all actors will be evaluated.

#### *iii. Intervention of the Incoming Chair of GWP-WA, Prof. Amadou Hama MAIGA*

Several niches (gold panning, grey water, etc.) can be explored. However, there is a need to make a choice and CWPs have to demonstrate their added value at national level because SDG #6 target (water resources), which is the focus of GWP-WA, must be achieved by 2020. It should also be noted that States are not at the same level and there is a need to value the assets related to populations' understanding. The role of partnerships should be clearly defined.

#### *iv. Intervention of the Chair of CWP-Gambia, Ms. Ndey BAKURIN*

The AP theme is of paramount importance because water is an engine of economic development; water is life and IWRM should be integrated into everything we do using the influence of policy makers. For this, there is a need for capacity building, an interface between science and policy making, advocacy and information sharing. In addition, emphasis should be laid on financial resources mobilization;



Women's role should not be neglected because they have empirical knowledge and therefore have an important role to play in the management of natural resources, including water resources. Information is power! GWP-/WA should focus on documenting and sharing knowledge and information.

## **2.5 Questions/Answers Sessions with Panellists**

Throughout the question & answer sessions, the following points were highlighted:

- Water is life and climate change is a reality. It should be noted, however, that agriculture occupies 70% of all water resources uses, leaving 20% to industry and 10% to drinking water supply.
- Populations are already aware of the issue of water security for all uses. However, GWP-WA and its partners should reflect on the work to be done with States toward achieving SDG #6;
- It is necessary to fully measure the responsibilities of CWP's and GWP-WA by building on existing channels. Therefore, the following elements should be taken into account: dialogue on groundwater resources, drinking water supply (DWS) and water use in gold mining; promotion of IWRM at universities, deepening of Gender issues, water equity and security in the thematic areas covered, information sharing, experience sharing between CWP's and special awards to best case studies, as has been successfully done elsewhere;
- It is essential to have a solid political base and to align with organizations that are mandated such as WAEMU, ECOWAS, etc., and which are strategic partners to mobilize for joint action;
- Finally, "one does not develop but one develops oneself": we must therefore take care of ourselves.

## **SECTION 3: REFLECTIONS AND STRATEGIES ON RESOURCES MOBILISATION WITHIN GWP/WA**

The issue of resource mobilization was addressed by four speakers and was followed by discussions.

### **3.1 Former Chair of GWP-WA, Dr. NIASSE**

The difficulty of fundraising remains a challenge in all areas. GWP-WA therefore needs to carry out practical things that solve problems. Indeed, GWP-WA should seek to build partnership with TFPs and key regional organizations. Genuine ideas should make it possible to draft quality proposals taking into account emerging themes such as deterioration of headsprings, gold mining which causes landscape degradation, land governance, etc.

### **3.2 Chair of CWP Benin, Mr. André TOUPE**

IWRM was a new idea that captivated everyone when first introduced. However, 20 years later, it is necessary to conduct an evaluation. We must reflect on the status of GWP-WA and CWPs as well as on the role and place of these platforms. Should they be allowed to act as consulting firms? What place should they take within the civil society and how to prove their public interest status as a partnership in the broad sense? Work at the grass roots level is necessary, with a solid team for preparing proposals in order to easily contribute to statutory meetings.

### **3.3 Outgoing Chair, Prof. Abel AFOUDA**

We notice an intensification of climate risks, which makes it urgent to define opportunities for managing these risks. GWP-WA should therefore have human resources capable of explaining these phenomena and developing highly attractive proposals. It should be noted that the status of GWP-AO and CWPs does not allow them to act as consulting firms.

### **3.4 Incoming Chair, Prof. Amadou Hama MAIGA**

A financial resource mobilization strategy could be based on the typology of projects on which we are engaged. Besides, we need to study the opportunities to be seized with strategic partners such as ECOWAS, WAEMU, basin organizations, regional organizations (CILSS), States, etc., as well as parliaments, communities, training and research institutions. The following steps are therefore proposed: conduct a typology of projects; consider the current context, including the SDGs; get partners involved (IGO-TFP - regional organizations, basin organizations, etc.); use a monitoring system to draw the substance and identify partners with whom GWP-WA and CWPs can work. Proposals should be drafted with the support of the Chair of GWP-WA, the Executive Secretariat and CWPs.

### **3.5 Summary of Discussions**

GWP was created on the basis of an attractive idea, i.e. IWRM; later however, donors have been demanding more. It should be noted that organizations that do not produce physical impacts have difficulties mobilizing financial resources. 20 years later, there is a need to imagine practical things with sound innovative ideas such as gold mining for basins. This represents a huge problem as far as disfigured and deteriorated headsprings is concerned.

The credibility of GWP-WA requires the presence of credible regional institutions such as ECOWAS, WAEMU, etc. in its statutory bodies, especially insofar as they are all Observer Members of the Steering Committee. Advocacy is needed to better attract them.

The “public interest” status of CWP’s must be assessed, as such status will facilitate mobilization of financial resources while empowering them to act directly on the field. However, achieving this requires a solid team of technical and financial resources.

Identification of funding priorities and entry points, including climate risks, is needed, along with a person in charge of identifying funding priorities.

Themes need to be adapted to the specificities of each country. However, it is necessary to consider the availability of human resources within the network and GWP’s niche remains IWRM even though that niche needs to be specified.

## SECTION 4: PRESENTATION OF THE CHAIR'S REPORT AND GWP-WA ACTIVITY REPORT

The Chair's Report ([Annex 3](#)) focused on governance, collaboration with partners, support to CWP, supervision and coordination, GWP-WA representation activities carried out, communication and visibility, and lessons learned. As for the Activity Report presented by GWP-WA's Communication and Knowledge Management Officer, it provided an update on the CORE (core budget) activities, projects implemented by GWP-WA, as well as challenges, recommendations and lessons learned. See [Annex 4](#)).

Following the two presentations, discussions and recommendations focused on the following key points:

- the CORE grant (core budget) should be increased to include the funding of administrative costs, statutory meetings and certain co-financing activities during project development. Also, CWPs should be given substantial grants. In addition, GWP-WA staff is quite limited and there is a need for additional human resources;
- at the global level, GWPO has financial partners including the Netherlands, Sweden and GWP-WA should do the same by seeking financial partners. Besides, there is a challenge for repositioning GWP-WA after its 17 years of existence, although it is admitted that activities have been conducted satisfactorily and that most countries are engaged in IWRM. It is therefore necessary that the Chair advocate with relevant Directors and Ministers in charge of water. It is necessary to encourage regional institutions (OMVS, NBA, ABV, IUCN, WWF...) to support CWPs while strengthening their own commitment;
- support to CWPs in the development of bankable projects and reflection on how these CWPs may conduct projects. The incoming Chair should seek political support for the entire Region as far as financial resources mobilization is concerned;
- given the simultaneous departure of the ES and the Chair, risks should be minimized in order to ensure smooth transition. Measures are therefore taken so that the Chair and the ES do not leave at the same time even though we must comply with the Organization's statutes. The outgoing and past Chairs' experience should be exploited;
- sponsorship: the idea of choosing the President of Senegal as GWP-WA patron could be explored. The latter has been highly involved in WRCC reforms and is co-chair of the United Nations High Level Panel on Water. It is important to imagine a plan B while deeply analyzing the patronage option. Criteria for choosing a patron shall be determined by the Steering Committee with a focus on personalities such as Koffi Annan, former Presidents John Kufuor and John Dramani Mahamadu from Ghana, Olusegun Obasanjo from Nigeria and possible prospective former Presidents of the Commission or Commissioners of ECOWAS;
- the purpose is to find a personality who can increase GWP-WA's credibility and backstop fundraising efforts. The Steering Committee has been mandated to refine criteria in order to finalize choices. Criteria for selecting a sponsor include, among others, the fact that the choice should not lead to controversies. Besides, the sponsor must be able to "open doors", expand the partnership, support resource mobilization efforts, and devote time for GWP-WA. These criteria will be combined with those of GWPO.

## SECTION 5: DISCUSSIONS ON CWPs ACCREDITATION

Following the presentation made by the GWP-WA's Head of Communication and Knowledge Management on the current situation of CWPs, mainly the sticking points related to the accreditation of CWP Côte d'Ivoire and CWP Senegal, discussions revealed the following elements: Operational Criteria: those listed in the GWPO Accreditation Requirements and Performance Criteria:

- 8 CWPs out of 13 are accredited in West Africa. Worldwide, there are 90 CWPs, of which 60 are accredited. It was recalled that "accreditation" does not mean "operational capacity" and the fact that there is no CWP does not preclude the work being done in the country. Senegal and Côte d'Ivoire CWPs were encouraged to complete their respective accreditation processes;
- GWPAO should keep on assisting CWPs, especially CWP Mali in its revitalization process, and CWP Guinea for the renewal of its bodies, and generally all CWPs, especially for their involvement with GWP-WA in the preparation of the 2021 World Water Forum in Dakar, Senegal;
- GWP-WA and CWPs network represents a large and functional platform with a status characterized by democratic governance. However, it is necessary to encourage emergence at national level;
- if possible, other ECOWAS countries must be encouraged to join the GWP network by setting up CWPs. However, this should not be seen as an objective at all costs; potentiel countries must be committed and responsive.

## SECTION 6: PRESENTATION OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE'S REPORT, RECOMMENDATIONS AND MOTIONS

The presentation of the Steering Committee's report focused on the observations made after examining some documents, namely the state of implementation of recommendations made on the March 2017 virtual meeting, the GWP-WA Chair's 2013-2017 report, the GWP-WA Technical Committee's report, the GWP-WA's 2017 activity report, the Mekrou project activity report as of 08/31/2017, the PROGISAO activity report as of 08/31/2017, GWP-WA's 2017 report and 2018 work plan with future projects, GWP-WA Chair recruitment process minutes, GWP-WA Executive Secretary recruitment process minutes, the list of members of the Technical Committee, the composition of the Steering Committee, GWP-WA's 2017 financial reports and GWP-WA's 2016 audit report (CORE, MEKROU, WACDEP, PROGIS) and different mandates.

The Steering Committee, as the managing body of the Partnership between two APs, made a number of recommendations that were adopted by the AP. [See Annexes 5 and 6.](#)

Eight (08) motions were moved and read to the people of Burkina Faso, the outgoing Chair, the outgoing Executive Secretary, former Chairs, GWPO, the Director of Operations of GWPO, outgoing members of the Steering Committee, the Technical Committee.

## SECTION 7: CLOSING CEREMONY

The closing ceremony was marked by speeches delivered by the Chair of CWP Burkina, the Director of Operations of GWPO, the 2 former GWP-WA Chairs and the incoming and outgoing Chairs. Congratulations were expressed to GWP-WA and specifically to Mr. MOGBANTE for his high sense of professionalism, and to the whole staff of the Regional Secretariat for their commitment. After thanking all partners for the work completed, speakers pointed out that the two-day intense Meeting produced useful recommendations. Partners were warned to act in such a way that the same recommendations be not brought up during the upcoming AP, because stakes are enormous. Before the closing remarks, the Meeting acknowledged the presence of former Chairs and stressed the need for GWP-WA to seize the opportunities offered by the organization of the Water Forum in West Africa.

## CONCLUSION

The Assembly of Partners of the Global Water Partnership in West Africa held on September 28-29, 2017, provided a framework for presenting and adopting GWP-WA Chair's Moral Report, along with GWP-WA's 2017 Activity and Financial Reports and 2018 Work Plan, including the core program, the WACDEP 2 and the second phase of PROGIS. Besides, GWP-WA bodies were updated through the renewal of its members.

Based on the various works and exchanges, we may say that the outcomes of the AP were achieved insofar as the meeting made it possible to share all initiatives underway in the region with partners and to discuss the best strategies to maximize profit for States. Emphasis was placed on ways and means for implementing an effective strategy to mobilize financial resources. Partners shared their experiences and strategies, and all participants expressed their satisfaction about the two-day AP.

The challenge is to capitalize on the huge range of ideas and recommendations made in order to impact the GWP 2018 Action Plan in the Region and in countries.

### **The Chair of GWP/WA**

**Pr. Hama Amadou MAIGA**



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## Annex 2. List of participants



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## Assembly of Partners (AP) Note



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## 1. Introduction

This Assembly of Partners is the logical follow-up to the meeting held in Cotonou in May 2015, which examined the outcomes of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) were expected to be adopted in September of the same year by the United Nations. This global development agenda is inviting all actors to contribute to achieving the 17 goals and 169 targets.



As a reminder, in March 2013, Dr. Zafar Adeel, Director of the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health (UNU) defined "water security" as "the ability of a population to maintain sustainable access to adequate quantities and acceptable water quality for livelihoods, welfare and socio-economic development, to ensure protection against water pollution and water related disasters, and to protect ecosystems in a peaceful and politically stable environment".

- GWP Vision: A water secure world
- GWP mission: To advance water governance and management for sustainable and equitable development
- **Strategic Goals**
- Catalysing a change in policies and practices
- Producing and communicating knowledge
- Strengthening Partnerships

### 1. A Water Secure West Africa

In line with the vision of the network, GWP West Africa aims to contribute to the achievement of water security in all West African countries. The action of any individual actor can not meet this challenge. It is known that the West Africa Regional Water Resources Policy (PREAO) revolves around three strategic intervention themes which include:

*Theme 1 : Reforming Water Governance*

*Theme 2 : Promoting Investments in the Water Sector*

*Theme 3 : Promoting regional cooperation and integration*

Implementing these three themes with the fourteen associated programs should contribute to achieving the West African's water vision, which states that "In 2025, water resources are managed in an

*effective and practical way, in a sustainable way for the environment so that each person in the region can have access to safe drinking water for basic needs, waste disposal, food security; poverty is reduced, human health is protected, and biodiversities of terrestrial and aquatic systems are protected»*

The implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) thus strengthens the opportunities for achieving this vision.

GWP-WA contributes to meeting the populations water needs in the region through its various programs and projects. The organisation of this AP on the theme "Water security issue within the ECOWAS space in the context of the SDGs implementation " provides the network partners in the region with an opportunity to analyze the actions and provide guidance to better optimize the contributions of each actor in accompanying ECOWAS across countries.

## 2. Meeting goals

The purpose of this meeting is to enable partners involved in the West Africa GWP network to share experiences, reflections and contribute to the achievement of sustainable development goals in ECOWAS countries.

The goals are therefore to enable open discussions between partners in the region so as to provide inputs which will enable ECOWAS and States to better coordinate and guide the actions of the regional and national actors.

## 3. Expected outcomes

Statutorily, the outcomes will consist of what follows:

- Present and adopt the outgoing chair's report;
- Present and adopt the GWP - WA 2016 Progress report and the 2017 Work Plan;
- Update GWP - WA bodies through the renewal of their members.

And referring to the SDGs, in particular to SDG # 6 **“Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all”**

- Discuss the relevant actions to be undertaken by the various actors to accompany the countries in achieving the SDGs by 2030;

- Share the ongoing initiatives in the region with partners, discuss best strategies and maximize benefits for governments.

### 4. Organisation of the Meeting

The GWP - WA AP will focus on the relevant actions which are currently taking place at the level of the various partners in the subregion, in particular the Country Water Partners. Basically, the work will consist of sharing reflections on the theme and the ongoing actions by the partners in order to facilitate an exchange of ideas on the challenges and issues and the lessons to be learned from a concerted and well coordinated action to improve the conditions of the populations and strengthen the action of integration and consolidation of social peace in the ECOWAS area.

Preparatory meetings are scheduled before the AP, including the meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee (CBF) on 26 September and the meeting of the GWP-WA Steering Committee (27 September). The outcomes of these meetings will contribute to the exchanges during the Partners' meeting.

### 5. Methodology

As for the methodology to adopt:

- an expert from the region will make a presentation on the theme, which will be followed by a panel of about one hour, including GWP-WA (chair), River Basin Organizations, a State, ECOWAS, a regional institution. The moderator of this panel will have to engage in a sustained debate between the panellists with proposals that will enable the GWP-WA with some constructive inputs to move forward;
- the CWP's will be given the priority, each of them will have five minutes to present their thoughts and proposals on the AP theme after consultation at the national level.

Member institutions that wish to do so could come forward with inputs to improve and supplement the exchanges with the panel.

A draft agenda is attached to this presentation note which takes into account the agenda.



## 6. Agenda

Based on the above considerations, the Agenda of the GWP - WA AP will include:

- introductory notes to the AP (opening ceremony);
- the chairmanship assessment report of the outgoing GWP - WA chair;
- A technical and financial report on the implementation of GWP-WA activities over the past year;
- A presentation on the AP theme, " Water security issue within the ECOWAS space in the context of the SDGs implementation ";
- presentation of the reflections and initiatives underway in the subregion in the SDGs field, in particular # 6 with its targets;
- the renewal of GWP / WA bodies: Chair, Steering Committee, Technical Committee, Executive Secretary;
- closing.

## 7. Participation requirements

All partners are invited to the AP. Given the budgetary constraints, the regional budget will pay for the expenses of only a limited number of participants.

Organizations and institutions that can pay for and willing to take part in the meeting are invited to register their delegates. Those wishing to make a presentation during the plenary sessions should inform the Executive Secretariat by 15 September 2017.

## 8. Preparatory meetings

Prior to the GWP - WA Partners' meeting, two preparatory meetings will be held. They will consist of the Steering Committee meeting to be held on September 27th to review the various reports (activities and financial), the work program of the current year with its budget and validate the draft agenda of the AP. If this draft is adopted by the members of the steering committee, it will be submitted for approval to the AP on the following day, 28 September 2017. The Steering Committee shall also consider any other matters to be submitted by the Chairperson and / or the Executive Secretariat of the GWP -WA SC.

On the eve of September 26, 2017, the meeting of the Budget Committee (CBF), an ad hoc committee of the SC, will review, analyze and draw recommendations for the SC, GWP-WA working documents. This meeting aims to better guide and inform the decisions of the Steering Committee.

## 9. Date and venue

The AP will be held in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso on 28 and 29 September 2017 at PALM BEACH Hotel. Mekrou Project meetings, funded by the European Union, will be held immediately before. These include the training workshop for national experts on modeling and the MOO method (20-23 September) and the meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Global Mechanism for Coordination of the Mekrou Project on 25 and 26 September.

## 10. Organisation

The GWP-WA AP will be organized by the Regional Executive Secretariat in partnership with the Government of Burkina Faso under the Chairmanship of the Minister of Water and Sanitation and the Country Water Partnership (CWP) of Burkina Faso .

## 11. Agenda

Day 1 Agenda : 28/09/2017		
Schedule	Session	Chair/moderator
8:00	Participants registration	GWP-WA Secretariat
8:30	Official Opening in the presence of the following guests: Burkina Country Water Partnership (CWP), GWPO, GWP-WA, ECOWAS, TFP (Donors), Ministry of water and sanitation of Burkina Faso	MEA(Ministry of Water and Sanitation of Burkina Faso / Moderator : GWP-WA Head of Communication Department
9 :30	<b>interviews break</b>	<b>GWP-WA Secretariat</b>
10 :00	Papers presentation on the AP theme	Jacques REY Facilitator : GWP-WA Executive Secretariat
10 :30	Floor for the CWP (Country Water Partnerships) (5mn per CWP)	CWP representatives Moderator : GWP-WA Executive Secretariat
11 :30	Panel discussion on the theme and with the participants	Moderator / Panelists Moderator GWP-WA ES
13 :30	<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>GWP-WA Secretariat</b>
14 :30	Reflections or strategies at the ECOWAS level for the SDGs implementation	ECOWAS representative Moderator : GWP-WA ES
15 :00	GWP-WA supports to ECOWAS in implementing the SDGs till 2030	GWP-WA Chairman
15 :15	Discussions and Partners experiences sharing	
16 :00	<b>Break</b>	<b>GWP-WA secretariat</b>
16 :30	Main outcomes from the discussions and recommendations	
17 :30	<b>End of the day</b>	
Day 2 Agenda: 29/09/2017 GWP/WA Statutory General Meeting		
8 :30	Chairmanship Assessment report	Outgoing chairman
9 :30	Summary of the activity report	Executive secretariat
10 :00	Summary of 2016 audit and financial report	Finance manager
10 :30	Discussions	Partners
11 :30	<b>Break</b>	<b>GWP-WA secretariat</b>
12 :00	Discussions on the CWP and the latest accreditations	GWP-WA Head of Communication Department
13 :00	<b>Lunch break</b>	<b>GWP-WA secretariat</b>
14 :00	Report of the Steering Committee and presentation and discussion of the decisions brought to the knowledge of the Partners' Meeting	Steering committee report
16 :00	Presentations of the votes of thanks and closing of the Partners' Meeting	
16 :30	<b>final break</b>	<b>GWP-WA secretariat</b>



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# GWP-WA CHAIR'S MORAL REPORT MAY 2013 -SEPT. 2017

**Prof. Abel AFOUDA**  
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## I. Governance and Context

### Context of Term Commencement

- New Global Strategy (2014-2019) to be developed + three-year Regional Program.
- First experience in Autonomous Management of a GWP Region.
- Relatively high number of CWP, half of which are not very functional.
- Advent of new programs/projects to be implemented.
- Regional context characterized by visible impacts of climate change.
- 2014, a Test Year:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> year of effective Management Autonomy;
  - 1<sup>st</sup> year of 2020 Strategy - Implementation of 2014-2016 Regional Program.
  - Mekrou Project Launch
  - Definition & Finalisation of IDMP-WA Project due to be started in early 2015.
  - Ongoing implementation of WACDEP.

### Ownership and Orientations of the Mandate

Following Partners' Meeting in Accra, May 2013:

- Effective entry into office; visit in Ouagadougou in June;
- Initial contact with key GWP-WA partners;
- Guidance to Executive Secretariat for appropriate network governance through sound administrative & financial management.

With the Support of the Steering Committee

- Guidance to Executive Secretariat on the 2014-2016 Work Plan and its implementation: regular coordination meetings with Secretariat in Ouagadougou and/or remotely;
- Provide support needed for the development and implementation of MEKROU and PROGIS projects and monitoring of WACDEP implementation;
- Ensure representation of GWP-WA at key international, sub-regional and national events;

- Contribute to ongoing development of new initiatives (Phase II of WACDEP Project, 'Water, Food Security, Energy and Ecosystem Nexus Project', Initiative to support SDGs in the four West African pilot countries).
- Convene and chair meetings of GWP-WA Steering Committee which is the decision-making body between two Partners Meetings: 6 meetings as a whole, of which 2 in-person and 4 electronic meetings.
- Support to CWP as far as possible.

## II. Collaboration with Partners

### Increase Partnerships

- Meetings with partner organizations: WRCC, VBA, CILSS, WASCAL, 2iE, AGRHYMET, ACMAD, NBA, Ministries in charge of water in Niger, Benin and Burkina Faso, Mali, DNE, etc.
- Discussions regarding Mékrou & PROGIS projects and partners' commitment with respect to GWP initiatives.
- ECOWAS' IWRM Technical Experts Committee (TEC) in Lomé, Togo.
- Validation workshop of VBA/groundwater studies under WACDEP
- With CILSS/AGRHYMET
- With NBA
- Presentation on actions carried out and perspectives. A call was made to support the water-related SDG objective.
- Co-chairing of two workshops - strengthening relations with VBA and WRCC.

## III. Support to CWPs

- Meeting with the Chair of Togo CWP
- General Assembly of Senegal CWP
- Benin CWP
- Niger CWP
- Burkina CWP (Support with donors (DANIDA & Ministry)
- Ghana CWP. Meeting with the Minister
- Discussion on modalities for reviving CWPs.

- Personal participation.
- Discussions for coordinating implementation of Mékrou & PROGIS projects
- Discussions on ways to revitalize Niger CWP.
- Concerns about improving governance within CWPs.

## IV. Supervision and Coordination

### Coordination with the le Secretariat

- Several missions to prepare launch and monitor the implementation of project activities (Mékrou, PROGIS, WACDEP).
- Statutory meetings of the Steering Committee.
- Report and guidance on the implementation of different projects (WACDEP, Mékrou, PROGIS/WA).
- Active contribution to different sessions organized by GWP.
- Meetings of GWP Regional Chairs
- GWP Regions Days.
- Monitoring of ongoing initiatives with the Secretariat.
- Meeting of the Steering Committee in Ouagadougou; convened and chaired 2 in-person and 4 electronic meetings.
- Close monitoring of the Management Autonomy process – discussions with Technical Committee.
- Chairing of meetings - Decisions were taken and guidance provided to the Secretariat.

## V. GWP-WA Missions of Representation

### GWP-AO is represented

- Participation in the 5<sup>th</sup> African Water Week in Dakar.
- Participation in World Water Week, Stockholm upon invitation of GWPO.
- Participation in the opening ceremony of GWP Global Steering Committee and chairing of the CWPs Chairs' meeting in Dakar.
- Participation in various meetings organized by GWP during Water Week sessions – discussions on initiatives with GWPO.

- Representation of GWP-WA at the opening ceremony of GWP Global Steering Committee meeting held in West Africa. Senegal CWP, OMVS and GWP-WA were congratulated for organizing the meeting.

### Advocacy for the Water-related SDG Objective

- Make use of any opportunities to advocate with strategic partners.
- Together, our advocacy made it possible to have SDG #6 dedicated to water and sanitation.

### VI. Communication & Visibility

- Invited by Burkina Faso national TV news to launch Mékrou Project.
- Invited by Benin national TV news in preparation of the Mékrou workshop held in Cotonou.
- Advocacy for Water-related SDG objective.
- Contribution to GWP publications.

### VII. Resources Mobilized for Implementation (EUR)

	CORE	WACDEP	IDMP	MEKROU	TOTALS
2014	283 467	515 558	43 439	320 580	<b>1 163 044</b>
2015	281 113	375 869	125 092	478 825	<b>1 260 899</b>
2016	226 000	419 103	200 000	520 589	<b>1 365 692</b>
2017	212 947	200 000	90 000	830 006	<b>1 332 953</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1 003 527</b>	<b>1 510 530</b>	<b>458 531</b>	<b>2 150 000</b>	<b>5 122 588</b>

## VIII. Lessons Learned

- GWP enjoys a more respectable image within the Region, especially with water and environment professionals.
- Management Autonomy is a reality in the Region and needs to be strengthened through local resource mobilization efforts (in the Region and within countries).
- GWP's performance is more visible, especially through pilot projects to be taken into account in all future initiatives to impact populations and governments.
- More resources and efforts needed to ensure GWP's visibility in the Region.

## X. Conclusion

- The foundations laid by Chair Arba DIALLO and his predecessors were very useful for our mission.
- Through their availability, the Members of the Steering Committee worked to provide guidance on activities.
- The Budget & Finance Committee, chaired by Mr. N'DRI Koffi, supported our work through the provision of useful guidance.
- The Technical Committee though reduced to 4 people and despite the lack of financial resources, greatly contributed to the implementation of activities, which facilitated representation of GWP-WA. Special thanks to the group and to Chairs, Prof. Ezéchiél LONGE and Dr. Yaw ANKOMA.
- Partner organizations' trust is an asset for the synergy advocated by GWP
- Cordial collaboration with GWPO and other Regions is worth stressing.
- Despite pressures exercised on the Secretariat's resources, we believe Management Autonomy is the best option taken by the Steering Committee.
- The Secretariat has been under great pressure from different programs (Mékrou, PROGIS and WACDEP) and initiatives under development.
- There is a need to work on getting new projects to enable more CWPs to work and feel involved in GWP activities within the Region.
- However, to do so, CWPs need to get organized in order to be credible, operational and proactive.
- With the renewal of the Chair and Executive Secretariat positions, efforts to mobilize resources must be at the center of actions if we are to establish a stronger network within the Region.



## Thanks

- To Global Water Partnership (GWPO)
- To the members of the Steering Committee
- To the members of the Technical Committee
- To the members of the Executive Secretary of GWP-WA
- To the Country Water Partnerships
- To the partners

## Annex 5. 2017 GWP-WA progress report

## Annual Report



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## INTRODUCTION

This document summarizes the main activities carried out in 2017 in the framework of the implementation of the work plan for the first year of the 2017-2019 triennial plan, the second phase of the 2014-2020 Strategy.

The 2017 work plan builds on the achievements of the first triennial phase 2014-2016 with a focus on contributing to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). In this context, GWP-WA has continued or initiated several initiatives, including MEKROU Project, IDMP/WA, NEXUS, YOUTH, SDGs Facility, WACDEP phase 2 and others. The details of the actions carried out in these projects and initiatives are contained in separate reports.

This report summarizes the implementation of the activities carried out in line with the GWP 2014-2019 strategy and the second phase of the West Africa regional 2017-2019 work program, which consisted of:

- holding the statutory meetings of the Steering Committee and ensuring, to the extent possible, the proper functioning of the various bodies of GWP / WA;
- continuing to carry out actions initiated with partners such as WRCC / ECOWAS, VBA, IUCN-PACO, ZIE, etc.;
- continuing actions to strengthen collaboration, in particular with media men and women in partnership with IUCN-PACO and PRCM;
- exploring financing opportunities in link with our partners;
- successfully implementing the various projects that have already been financed, and developing new projects;
- working with CWPs to strengthen their governance, and their progress towards compliance with accreditation requirements, and;
- contributing to various events of international, regional or national importance, organized by the GWP, partners, and CWPs.

The self-hosting of the regional secretariat is effective and well established and there is the need to work with CWPs that are beneficiaries of projects for more performance in the implementation of activities and on both technical and financial reporting.

## **Strategic Goal # 1 - Catalyse Change in Policy and Practice**

### ***Outcome challenge # 1: Water management practices are effectively addressed in national, municipal and local development plans and fundraising strategies***

The Validation of the document "Strategic Framework for Water Security (CaSSE) of the Mekrou Basin Area of Influence" in the three countries of the Mekrou Project (Benin, Burkina Faso and Niger) is an important step towards the development of the basin-level CaSSE which was validated by the Advisory Committee of the Global Coordination Mechanism of the Mekrou Project during its meeting in Niamey in June 2017. Based on the consensus resulting from this important work, the Master Plan for the Water Development and Management (SDAGE), the Program of Measures and Investment Plan (PMPI) and a draft Water Development and Management Plan (SAGE) have been developed. The validation meeting for these regional documents was held on 25 and 26 September 2017 in Ouagadougou.

As part of the continuation of WACDEP, Burkina Faso and Ghana have integrated the experiences gained from the implementation of the first phase of WACDEP, and the municipalities of Loumbila in Burkina Faso and those of Binduri, Bawku and Bongo in northern Ghana drew lessons from the implementation of the pilot projects and continue actions on the ground to ensure sustainability of the achievements.

Based on the experiences gained from this first phase at the level of these two countries, the second phase has been extended to two additional countries to make four countries in the second phase of the WACDEP. This year, WACDEP's actions consisted mainly in the development of the project for the mobilization of funds to ensure the implementation in 2018.

In West Africa, the two new countries that have been designated for the project are Mali and Benin. The basin approach advocated by the WACDEP aims to reach in stages all the countries of the Volta basin.

As part of the monitoring of the planning or implementation process of IWRM plans in countries, the CWPs of some countries have been involved in many activities.

- CWP-Niger continued to work closely with the PAGIREN Implementation Project, the first phase of which was completed in the third quarter of the year;
- in Burkina Faso, the CWP and the SP / GIRE are collaborating even if the activities this year have been timid despite the attempts of the CWP to get involved in some IWRM support initiatives in the country to help in the implementation of the PAGIRE;

- in Benin, the CWP continues its support, particularly at the level of local authorities and grassroots community actors. The CWP continued to sensitize and train stakeholders in the efficient and sustainable use of water;
- in Mali, the CWP is an implementing partner of the IWRM Plan, which has continued; the collaboration under the Joint IWRM Support Program (PCA-IWRM) 2015-2019 has been slowed down despite the signing of the protocol which makes the CWP one of the major actors in the implementation of the IWRM plan within the framework of the acquired funding;
- in the Gambia, the CWP has implemented a project to train and sensitize local communities on the effects and impacts of climate change. Given that the country has an IWRM roadmap but not yet fully implemented, the Country Water Partnership supports the development of sectorial policies.

The process of preparing the Sustainable Development Goals & Water Facility (SDG Water-PF) project and the plan for mobilizing funds for implementation was continued with the two beneficiary countries in West Africa, Ghana and Mali, whose project documents have made major progress for Ghana and undergoing adjustments still under way for Mali.

***Outcome challenge # 2: Collaboration between countries is improved through the application of IWRM principles to the management and use of transboundary waters and other natural resources in West Africa.***

The Project "Water for growth and poverty reduction in the Mekrou transboundary basin" or Mekrou project has continued its implementation for its last year. Consultations continued between the actors of each country, and between the three countries (Benin, Burkina Faso and Niger), particularly in the framework of the development and validation of the national study on the CaSSE. The CaSSE at the level of the basin validated in Niamey emphasizes the transboundary dimension of actions / priorities.

The training of national and regional experts in the scientific component of this project has helped to strengthen collaboration between scientists of the North and those of the South. Models have been selected and will allow the data to be processed with a view to a better knowledge of the basin. The scenarios envisaged allow for a better projection and achievement of a better planning of actions in the basin.

The objective of strengthening relationship between the main partners, in particular in transboundary cooperation, is continuing. Efforts for the promotion of policy dialogue in the Mekrou cross-border sub-basin continued with the NBA. The Framework Cooperation Agreement was developed in the framework of the project and signed on 21 December 2015 in Cotonou by the three States involved

under the auspices of the NBA. Thus, a protocol of collaboration was signed with the NBA to facilitate the joint implementation of the actions.

The pilot projects in each of the three countries give an admirable dimension to adaptation to the effects of climate change and to a better sharing / protection of the cross-border natural resources of the Mékrou basin (water, livestock, wild animals and flora).

The implementation of the pilot projects of the Integrated Drought Management Project in West Africa (IDMP/WA) in Burkina Faso, Mali and Niger allowed to take into account fundamental principles of natural resource conservation and adaptation to climate change. Thus, supporting the popularization of Farmers' Field Schools in Niger has enabled the collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture to be strengthened. It has also allowed to work with the women's groups of Koygolo and Gardi Beri to undertake actions of preservation, appropriate use of water as well as to improve the living conditions of populations thanks to the increased yield of cultivated plots.

The regional workshop of the Advisory Committee of the Global Cooperation Mechanism of the Mékrou Project for the validation of the preferential scenarios of CaSSE was held in Niamey on 13 and 14 July 2017.

The GWP / WA took part in the statutory meetings of the Niger Basin Authority, notably the meeting of the Technical Experts Committee held in April 2017 in Conakry, Guinea as well as in those of the Volta Basin Authority, the meeting of the Stakeholders Forum and the meeting of the Technical Experts Committee of Lomé.

***Outcome challenge # 3: Strengthened food security and energy security taking into account climate change issues on water in West Africa***

The NEXUS Water - Food Security - Energy and Environment initiative led to the organization of a national workshop in some countries, notably in Mali, Nigeria and Burkina Faso. There was a failure to raise funds for the implementation of the actions, notwithstanding this, all the countries are mobilized and ready to implement the activities. Consultations within the framework of this initiative have created an opportunity for dialogues between the water, food security and environment / climate communities. The formulation of the African program of a "Nexus Water, Food Security, Ecosystem and Energy Project in the context of Climate Resilience in Africa" has made significant progress and will continue with the contribution of the targeted countries in each region.

The GWP / WA, supported by the Technical Committee through Dr. Fabien HOUNTONDJI, travelled to support and provide assistance in Nigeria, Burkina Faso and Benin. The finalization of the project documents and fundraising are still challenges of this initiative (FAO, FFEM, IFAD, Country).



The pilot projects of IDMP WA in Mali and Niger have allowed demonstrating the capacity of adaptation and resilience to the effects of climate change in order to produce more and to better manage the water resources. For example, simple composting, protection and restoration techniques for degraded lands in Gouendo, central Mali, have enabled beneficiary communities to sustainably improve their adaptive and resilient capacities while improving crop yields. In Niger, with better supervision and light support with production equipment, the women's groups in Kankantouti have created an environment conducive to market gardening production, the harvest of which helps to improve the lives of dozens of women, who are true breadwinners. In Burkina Faso, the two hectares of land abandoned over several decades have been reclaimed and allowed the production of several haystacks, the sale of which provides the Koglweogo group with essential resources for the community of Komki Ipala, some 40 kilometres from Ouagadougou.

All these projects are sources of inspiration and a fruitful learning ground for simple but very efficient and less costly techniques for beneficiaries.

## **Strategic Goal # 2 - Generate and Communicate Knowledge**

### ***Outcome challenge # 1: The actions and knowledge developed by GWP / WA are well known and well used as tools in decision-making processes in West Africa***

The GWP / WA communication strategy, developed as part of the GWP 2014-2019 strategy, is the basis for the development of specific annual communication plans for the various projects and programs.

With the launch of the new GWP website at the beginning of the year, major efforts were made to regularly update the website and harmonize the different elements. The articles, knowledge products of each project (IDMP, WACDEP and Mékrou as well as the various initiatives including Youth, NEXUS and the various CWP) are regularly put on line for wide access to all actors. Knowledge products have been developed, notably for the Mékrou Project, including two issues of *Running Water*, a dozen of films on various aspects of the project, in particular the implementation of country pilot projects, the signing and popularization of Framework Cooperation Agreements, training of national experts in L-Moments and MOO methods.

In the framework of the Integrated Drought Management Project in West Africa (PROGIS / AO), movies are being produced on the results of the implementation of the pilot projects in each country as well as a brochure capitalizing the main results of the Project. The activities on the implementation of the virtual platform have allowed a dialogue between the actors in the region and in countries where specific actions of future collaboration have been defined. The challenge is being able to keep the flame

burning in the absence of a strict supervision of a project which is not yet sure to continue benefiting from financing.

Major efforts have been made with respect to various youth groups in the region. For instance, GWP took part in the launch of Togo's first web TV, a project led by a young lady. Thus, the National Youth Parliament for Water of Togo (PNJE Togo), on its second edition of the Water Night organized on 7 April 2017, awarded a certificate of recognition to the GWP for its efforts in support of the youth.

The fourth edition of the "Water and Environment" journalist competition was organized in 2017 in collaboration with IUCN and the PRCM. Two prizes were awarded, a "Continental Waters" award sponsored by GWP and IUCN and a "Marine and coastal waters" award sponsored by the PRCM. The winner in first position of each award was invited to take part in the Marine Regional Forum organized by the PRCM in Conakry in Guinea and those in second position were awarded each a prize of about 500 Euros.

The CWP Burkina launched and succeeded in organizing the first edition of the Water and Sanitation Awards Night, the aim of which is to award honours and draw national attention to the efforts of the main players in the water and sanitation sectors in the country. The initiative, which was welcomed and sponsored by the President of the National Parliament in the presence of the Minister of Water, was supported by GWP-WO whose efforts were rewarded with a certificate of recognition.

The monthly electronic newsletter "*L @ Chronique*", which is attracting more and more reactions, is regularly published.

The GWP-WA Facebook, Twitter and Youtube pages contribute to the dissemination of regional network communication and knowledge products.

### ***Outcome challenge # 2: Local and national capacities are built to implement IWRM principles in water and sanitation infrastructure in West Africa***

The Accra meeting of the World Technical Committee with the organization of training on collaborative modelling was an opportunity to strengthen collaboration between the various levels of the GWP (global, regional, national and even local). Capacity building of national, regional and local actors in this modelling was well welcomed by the actors.

In July 2017, WaterAid organized the ninth session of the Burkina Faso Learning Group (GAB), a platform for the sharing of experiences, knowledge and know-how of water actors. GWP-WA published in one of the issues of *Running Water* the capitalization report on the Water Museum of Burkina Faso.

This action was highly welcomed by the Museum Director, who made GWP one of its strategic partners.

In order to strengthen the training offer in the water and sanitation sector, the Benin Country Water Partnership (CWP-Benin) officially presented the Bachelor and Master level teaching units on Integrity in the Water and Sanitation Sector to the Director of the National Water Institute in the presence of the First Vice-President of the University of Abomey-Calavi. This initiative follows the development of a charter for good governance in the water and sanitation sector with the support of the Water Integrity Network (WIN) through the Multiyear Program for the Promotion of integrity in the water and sanitation sector in Benin.

***Outcome challenge # 3: GWP's knowledge products are well known and used as tools in decision-making processes***

The various GWP and GWP-WA publications are distributed in the region through appropriate channels. Efforts still need to be made to develop cases to feed the GWP TOOLBOX. The limited financial resources and insufficient technical capacities of the CWPs limit their ability of achievement of communication actions and production of knowledge.

A strong emphasis has been placed on the electronic dissemination of knowledge products. Efforts are made to put on the platforms that are most used by the various targets the elements that are available.

Nearly a dozen movies were produced as part of the Mékrou project. In particular:

- "Know the Mékrou project";
- 'Framework Cooperation Agreement to promote policy dialogue and better manage resources';
- "Mékrou project: pilot projects for action with communities"
- "Training in hydrology and the L-Moments method: decision-making tools";
- "Development of transhumance tracks in the province of Gourma";
- " The 4<sup>th</sup> session of the Regional Advisory Committee of the General Coordination Mechanism of the Mékrou Project";
- "Project for the rehabilitation of water points in the Niger Park W biosphere reserve"
- "Pilot project to support the restoration of ecosystems at the head of the Mékrou basin".

The Water Museum of Burkina Faso made a wide distribution through the visitors of its site of the issue of *Running Water* in which the capitalization report on its collaboration with GWP was published. The Museum presents and highlights the cultural dimension of water in the lives of African peoples and deserves to be better known.

### Strategic Goal # 3: Strengthen Partnerships

#### **Outcome challenge # 1: Strengthened Network for Effective Performance**

In accordance with the statutory texts, an electronic consultation of the Steering Committee was organized in March 2017 to adopt the 2016 activity report and the 2018 work plan, and a second physical meeting this time took place in Ouagadougou before the Assembly of Partners at the end of September 2017.

In preparation for the statutory meetings and the renewal of the GWP / WA bodies, the Steering Committee gave mandate to the Chair and the Secretariat to begin a recruitment process. The Selection Committee set up by the Chair on 13 February 2017 consisted of the:

Chair:

- Mr. Abel Afouda, Chairman du GWP/WA;

Members:

- Mrs. Ndey Bakurin, Chairperson of the CWP Gambia;
- Mr. Aboubacar Awaiss, member of the Steering Committee of the GWP / WA and the Global GWP;
- Manuel Fulchiron, Network Officer at the GWPO.

The Selection Committee worked with the support of the Executive Secretariat to propose, after an open process of call for candidature, to the Steering Committee personalities to the positions of Chairperson, Executive Secretary.

No meeting of the Technical Committee (TC) was organized this year except the one held during the AP in Ouagadougou; but TC members were solicited individually to make a significant contribution to the implementation of some GWP-WA activities. Regional TC members met and exchanged with members of the Global Technical Committee in Accra before the training on collaborative modelling.

Self-hosting is effective for the Secretariat and GWP-WA is recognized as a fully-fledged structure by Burkina Faso authorities and partners. Appreciation notes were issued by the Government of Burkina Faso in recognition of GWP-WA's efforts. The GWP's credibility has thus been strengthened.

As part of the follow-up to the recommendations of the 2016 Audit, close monitoring was carried out by the Regional Executive Secretariat of the CWPs of Mali, Benin, Burkina Faso and Niger in particular.

Likewise, in the framework of the ongoing projects (MEKROU and PROGIS / AO), programmatic

support was organized to ensure that the actions and the coherence of the processes were coordinated in all countries.

The general dynamics of the GWP to update the database of GWP member organizations has been continued in West Africa. Efforts have been made by a number of CWPs and the current list of registered organizations shows that more than 300 members are responding.

With respect to accreditation of CWPs, the Gambia obtained accreditation, increasing the number of accredited CWPs to 8 out of the 13 in the region. The CWPs of Senegal, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo, Cape Verde and Guinea-Bissau are still yet to be accredited despite efforts to push in that direction in some countries.

***Outcome challenge # 2: An effective fund-raising strategy is implemented to enable GWP / WA and the Country Water Partnerships in West Africa to mobilize funds to operationalize the IWRM***

The establishment of the regional platform with the regional key actors (ZIE, CILSS, IUCN, VBA, WRCC / ECOWAS, WASCAL, Ouaga University 2) and national platforms with actors in charge of meteorology, water, agriculture / food security, climate change at national level to coordinate drought adaptation and management actions, should help to develop common initiatives to raise funding in order to implement actions. Similarly, in the implementation of Pilot projects, the mobilization of complementary resources is an orientation agreed with the partners, although up to now this has not enabled the mobilization of significant resources.

The project portfolio, developed by CWP-Burkina Faso, is seeking funds from its partners.

GWP / WA has partnered with a number of organizations to apply in response to call for proposals, including:

- with DHI on the **Implementation Study of the ECOWAS Regional Water Observatory. Subject to the AfDB's no-objection agreement, this work, which includes collecting data at the country level, is very interesting for GWP / WA.** The result of this call is positive, but things have been slow to be put in place for a year, although WRCC is still reassuring about the positive outcome.

***outcome challenge # 3: Partnership with relevant regional and national bodies is developed, including the implementation of joint initiatives for synergy***

The collaboration between GWP / WA and IUCN / PACO, in the framework of the development of a joint project entitled "Improving water and land governance in transboundary sub-basins of Middle Niger (PAGET) - Gourouol and Sirba" in the border regions of Tillabéry in Niger and Dori in Burkina Faso, continues. Meetings were held for the finalization of the project note, as were meetings with the targeted financial partner, Danish cooperation.

## **ANALYSIS**

The budgets currently available are far below the needs and demands of actors at the regional level. To remedy this, we believe that:

- budgetary constraints need to be addressed through renewed efforts and new fundraising strategies at national and regional levels. Without an increase in funding, the level of achievement can hardly be raised. As a result, limited staff cannot cope with the pressure of efforts needed to succeed;
- Capacity building is needed in the field of fund-raising and it is important to better focus activities on regional and national needs. Project proposals must take these aspects into account;
- Many projects (WACDEP, IDMP, MEKROU) are coming to an end or at the end of the first phase, which require more creativity in order to find credible alternatives;
- The principle of partnership and the organization of the CWPs needs to be questioned insofar as without direct external support, most of the CWPs struggle to be relevant, credible and useful. At both the regional and national levels, the added value of the water partnership will have to be more tangible and the efforts requested more realistic.

## **CHALLENGES, LESSONS LEARNED AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- Limit ambitions and focus actions on what is possible with the available resources;
- Have objectives and clear fundraising targets to develop appropriate strategies;
- Fundraising should be a priority for the new Chair and the new Executive Secretary in order to strengthen the GWP in the region;
- The regional secretariat should work closely with the CWPs that are responsive to move forward in countries where this is feasible. Wanting to drag all CWPs will dilute efforts and resources for no impact;

- GWP / WA should develop more independent initiatives and try to mobilize funds to attract partners and not always rely on partners to lead the initiatives developed by the GWP;
- Work more closely and openly with country government structures on jointly developed initiatives where the GWP should provide technical expertise and capacity for fund-raising to support countries.

## **CONCLUSION**

The implementation of the 2017 program of activities has been an opportunity for GWP / WA to address the whole issue related to the implementation of strategies to achieve the SDGs in the region. The GWP through its 2014-2019 strategy can and should contribute to this effort for which countries have high expectations.

The GWP niche towards production and management of knowledge is an area where the comparative value of the network is obvious, given the human and organizational financial resources in place. This should more be the main lines of action for the network at all levels.

The mobilization of resources internal and external to the network is essential, and a consistent and realistic structuring of the efforts in this direction must be made to polarize the resources towards this objective.

The holding of statutory meetings at regional and national level is an important dimension to maintain for the credibility of the network, even if budgets are often limited.

The implementation of the pilot projects must be an essential dimension for the projects implemented, as this makes it possible to have direct and real contact with local actors at the grassroots level.

The support received from the GWPO both at the financial and programmatic levels as well as its support, in particular on the Youth and Food Security issues, in relation to risk management, in the area of monitoring and evaluation is very much welcome.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES AND 2017 BUDGET OF GWP/WA

<b>GWP West Africa</b>	
<b>GWP Core Budget + GWP Additional Funds</b>	<b>2017 Budget</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL OBJECTIVES (Euro)</b>	<b>202 000</b>
<b>Strategic Objective 1: Catalysing a Change in Policy and Practice</b>	
<b>Targeted Impacts 1</b>	
Activity 1.1.1: Contribute to the implementation of national IWRM action plans	<b>1 500</b>
Activity 1.1.2: Continue the sensitization on the integration of water security into development plans and strategies	
<b>Targeted impacts 2</b>	
Activity 1.2.1: Support multi-country initiatives with cross-border resource management implication	
Activity 1.2.2: Participate in the activities of the VBA Stakeholder Forum and other basin organizations as well as of ANBO	
<b>Targeted Impacts 3</b>	
Activity 1.3.1: Develop and implementing the West Africa component of the Water, Food Security, Energy and Ecosystem Program in the context of climate change	<b>2 500</b>
Activity 1.3.2: GWP / WA will contribute to the implementation of regional water resources policy: ECOWAS / WRCC	
Activity 1.3.3: Contribute to the development of NAPs to integrate IWRM aspects into the National Adaptation Plans documents	
Activity 1.3.4: Develop with some key youth organizations a project contributing to the AMCOW Water and Sanitation Strategy on youth	<b>2 500</b>



<b>TOTAL OBJECTIVE 1</b>	<b>6 500</b>
<b>Strategic Objective 2: Generating and Communicating Knowledge</b>	
<b>Targeted Impacts 1</b>	
Activity 2.1.1: Update and integrate Knowledge Management into the regional communication strategy and implement it for West Africa	<b>6 000</b>
Activity 2.1.2: Implement the GWP / WA Communication Strategy	<b>3 000</b>
Activity 2.1.3: Document and disseminate knowledge, initiatives and experiences on water and climate change, food and energy security	
Activity 2.1.4: Implement the strategy and tools for mainstreaming gender and youth in water resources management	<b>PM</b>
<b>Targeted impacts 2</b>	
Activity 2.2.1: Implement a Capacity Building component in any project / program under development	
Activity 2.2.2: Develop and implement urban IWRM pilot projects in at least two (2) countries in West Africa	
Activity 2.2.3: Collaborate with IWRM training programs in the region (funded from other sources) with WANET, 2IE and other organizations	
<b>Targeted Impacts 3</b>	
Activity 2.3.1: Produce and disseminate advertising tools for the visibility of the work of GWP and its various programs	
Activity 2.3.2: Encourage and support the development of case studies to feed the GWP toolbox with experiences from the region	
Activity 2.3.3: Broadly disseminate GWP knowledge products across all channels and means available	
Activity 2.3.4: Develop communication and advocacy tools on youth migration and employment	

Activity 2.3.5: Support GWP-Caf to update its website	<b>2 000</b>
<b>TOTAL OBJECTIVE 2</b>	<b>11 000</b>
<b>Goal 3 – Strengthening the partnerships</b>	
<b>Targeted impacts 1</b>	
Activity 3.1.1: Develop management tools for administrative and financial governance and monitor its implementation	
Activity 3.1.2: Provide support to CWPs to comply with GWP accreditation requirements in their operations	
Activity 3.1.3: Organize two meetings of the GWP / WA Steering Committee	
Activity 3.1.4: Organize the General Assembly of GWP / WA Partners scheduled for 2017	
Activity 3.1.5: Organize the Regional Technical Committee meeting as required	
Activity 3.1.6: Participate in GWP Partners and Regions Annual Meetings;	
<b>Targeted Impacts 2</b>	
Activity 3.2.1: Develop a fund-raising strategy for the implementation of the 2017-2019 work program in West Africa	
Activity 3.2.2: Develop joint projects with CWPs and regional organizations as a basis for raising funds	
Activity 3.2.3: Establish a fund-raising committee for action	
<b>Targeted Impacts 3</b>	
Activity 3.3.1: Develop bankable projects and submit them to the Technical and Financial Partners	
Activity 3.3.2: Attend the Technical Meeting of ECOWAS CPCS Experts	
Activity 3.3.3: Strengthen collaboration and synergies with organizations and programs	
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Activity 3.3.5: Ensuring leadership role and network support activities by the Chairman	<b>15 000</b>
Meeting of the Regional Steering Committee	<b>10 000</b>
Meeting of the Assembly of Partners	<b>30 000</b>
The GWP Regional Days	<b>9 000</b>
<b>Resource Mobilization Activities</b>	<b>10 000</b>
<b>Support</b> of selected CWP	<b>6 000</b>
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<b>TOTAL OBJECTIVE 3 - Activities (excluding current operating costs)</b>	<b>80 000</b>
<b>Strategic Objectives 3: Strengthening Partnerships</b>	
<b>Cost of Secretariat Personnel</b>	<b>70 000</b>
<b>Current operating costs</b>	<b>28 000</b>
<b>Audit fees</b>	<b>5 000</b>
<b>Financial Costs</b>	<b>1 500</b>
<b>Bank interests (reported as negative costs)</b>	
Host Institution Fees	<b>NA</b>
<b>TOTAL Current operating costs</b>	<b>104 500</b>
<b>TOTAL SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE 3 including Current Operating Costs</b>	<b>184 500</b>

**STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT FOR THE  
ATTENTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
OF GWP - WA**

## REPORT OUTLINE

- INTRODUCTION
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- CONCLUSION

## INTRODUCTION

In accordance with its missions, the Steering Committee met on 27 September 2017 to:

- review the implementation of the decisions made by Cotonou and Ouaga Assembly of Partners
- approve the activity and management reports of the Executive Secretariat on all issues relating to the life of the Partnership;
- approve programs and budgets developed by the Executive Secretariat;
- make proposals to the Assembly of Partners including on the bodies renewal.

## DOCUMENTS EXAMINED

- The status of implementation of the recommendations made in March 2017 virtual meeting;
- The Moral Report 2013-2017 of GWP - WA President;
- The report of the GWP - WA Technical Committee;
- The GWP - WA 2017 Activity Report;
- The report of activities of the Mékrou project as of 31/08/2017;
- The PROGIS AO activity report as of 31/08/2017;
- GWP-WA 2017 report and 2018 planning and some prospect projects
- The minutes of GWP - WA President Recruitment;
- The minutes of GWP - WA Executive Secretary recruitment;
- The list of the members of the Technical Committee;
- The make up of the Steering Committee;
- GWP- WA 2017 Financial Reports
- GWP - WA 2016 audit report (CORE, MEKROU, WACDEP, PROGIS) and various mandates.

## REPORT FINDINGS

***Regarding the implementation of the recommendations made by GWP - WA Steering Committee virtual meeting held on March 2017***

- The Steering Committee (CP) notes that out of the four (04) recommendations made, only one has been fully implemented and the other three are in progress.

- With regard to accreditation, the CP noted that Senegal and Cote d'Ivoire CWPs committed to sending back as soon as possible their accreditation documents after taking into account the remarks they received.

#### ***Regarding the Moral Report of GWP-WA President***

- The Steering committee (CP) reviewed the President's 2013-2017 moral report. The report was found informative and sufficiently exhaustive.
- The CP focused on issues like : governance, partnership strengthening, CWPs support and financial resources mobilization

#### ***Concerning the Technical Committee Report***

- The Steering Committee (CP) went through the technical committee (TC) Report for the period spanning from 2015 to 2017 and took notes of the activities carried out by the 4 experts who make up this GWP/ WA advisory body.
- Essentially, the technical committee experts provided assistance to country-level projects and participated in drafting the concept notes of the GWP - WA Action Plan and WACDEP II and represented the Regional Partnership at several meetings.
- Innovative ways including the one where some projects involve students and researchers from the sub-region can be explored.

#### ***Regarding the Activity Report as of August 31, 2017***

- Secretariat-level activities and project implementation (PROGIS, WACDEP and MEKROU) have achieved a significant level of implementation.

The specific points below have caught the attention of the CBF, these are:

- Implementation of the tree-year program taking into account the SDGs;
- The holding of statutory meetings and.
- The implementation of some pilot actions.

#### ***With respect to the PROGIS WA activity report at 31/08/2017***

The Steering Committee (CP) notes:

- The strong involvement of the CWPs and partners (Mali, Niger and Burkina) in the implementation of demonstration projects;
- The high level of communication in this project (training manual, guide, website, newspapers, sharing of experiences, etc.);
- The establishment of a West Africa drought and climate change platform.

#### ***Concerning the Mékrou project activities report at 31/08/2017***

The Steering Committee (CP) notes with satisfaction the sound implementation of the Mékrou project as evidenced by the following achievement rates:

- Institutional component: Physical implementation rate: 93.3%, for a financial implementation rate of 78%;
- Scientific and technical component: Physical execution rate: 95% for a financial implementation rate of 98.4%;
- Institutional component and scientific and technical component: Physical implementation rate: 94.15% for a financial implementation rate of 88.2%

### ***Regarding WACDEP activity report as of 30/09/2017***

- The CP notes a late start of the project, the delay in the reactivity of the CWPs which resulted in a low achievement rate (20% as of August 31, 2017).
- The CP notes the major fundraising challenge that needs to be addressed at the recipient country level.

### ***Regarding GWP-WA 2017 report and 2018 planning and some prospective projects***

- The 2017 report summarizes in another more detailed picture the implementation of the activities carried out which made the work tedious at the Secretariat level.
- However, it highlights some salient points and their progress..

### ***Regarding GWP-WA 2017 report and 2018 planning and some prospective projects***

The 2018 work plan presented to the Steering Committee was characterized by:

- the achievements of 2017 in accordance with the 2017-2019 triennial plan;
- the priorities defined by the regional actors (CCRE / ECOWAS, AMCOW)
- the implementation of international commitments (SDGs and international agreements).

The 2018 budget breaks down as follows:

- CORE: 190,000 Euros below the needs of the Secretariat;
- WACDEP II: 176,000 Euros;
- PROGIS: 40,000 Euros in net decrease in comparison with the actual needs and previous needs.

### ***Concerning the recruitment minutes and the renewal of the Technical Committee***

- The Steering Committee notes that the recruitment procedures for GWP - WA Chair and Executive Secretary have been applied and was in compliance with the selection committee recommendations.
- It also sticks to the selection committee recommendations on the choice of the President of the Technical Committee and the proposal that a woman be represented in the Technical Committee to comply with the gender.

### ***Regarding the make up of the Steering Committee***

- The Steering Committee (CP) notes that the body 2 made up of the representatives of the Country Water Partnerships (CWP Niger), non-governmental organizations (Eau Vive) and basin organizations (ABN) is to be renewed and invites the Steering Committee (CP) to do so in accordance with the GWP - WA regulations.

### ***With regard to financial reports***

The Steering Committee (CP) notes that the financial component was executed under the following circumstances :

- a context of change in its statutory organs.
- the beginning of the 2017-2019 tree-year plan
- the first year of implementation of WACDEP Phase II.
- the end year of implementation of the MEKROU project

## **Concerning the implementation status of the GWP - WA budget as of 31 August 2017**

The Steering Committee reviewed the documents below .

- The Jobs-Resources table
- Balance sheet
- Budget execution as of June 30, 2017
- The 2016 accounts audit report.

### **Regarding the jobs-Resources table as of June 30, 2017**

#### **At the CORE level**

- Balance as of 31/12/2016 - 300 €
- Resources obtained 212,860 €
- Actual expenditure 151,460 €
- Net position as of 30/06/17 61 100 €

#### **At the level of the Various Mandates**

- Balance as of 31/12/16 € 2,747
- Resources obtained 0 €
- Actual expenditure € 2,184
- Net position as of 30/06/17 563 €

These figures do not call for any particular comment from the CBF. However, the CP notes the need to develop a resource mobilization strategy,

#### **At the MEKROU level**

- Balance as of 31/12/16 43 365 €
- Resources obtained 400 488 €
- Actual expenditure 240 339 €
- Net position on 30/06/17 203 514 €

### **Regarding the CORE balance sheet and various mandates as of June 30, 2017 At the CORE level**

- Total assets 107,069 €
- Total liability € 45,969
- Net Situation 61 100 €

#### **At the level of the Various Mandates**

- Total active 657 €
- Total liability 94 €
- Net situation 563 €

These figures do not call for any particular comment from the CBF.

### **Regarding the MEKROU balance sheet on June 30, 2017**

#### **At the MEKROU level**



- Total assets 244,859 €
- Total liability € 41,345
- Net Cash 203 514 €

These figures do not call for any particular comment from the CP.

### ***Regarding the GWP -WA Financial Report as of 30 June 2017***

- The CP notes a satisfactory budget execution, 30% (41%) at the global level, 43% (57%) for the CORE and additional funds, 12% (20%) for the WACDEP region, 40% (50%) for the PROGIS, 73% (78%) for the MEKROU Project.

### ***Regarding the 2016 GWP - WA Accounts Audit Reports***

- The Steering Committee (CP) notes that the auditor certified the accounts of GWP- WA in these terms "At the conclusion of our work, our opinion is that the financial report of the Regional Water Partnership of West Africa ( GWP - WA) and CWPs (Burkina Faso, Benin, Ghana, Mali, and Niger), as of December 31, 2016 and for the fiscal year ended on that date has been prepared in accordance with the financial procedures of the GWP, and portrays a genuine picture of the results and financial situation of the West African Regional Water Partnership (GWP - WA) and the CWPs (Burkina, Benin, Ghana, Mali, and Niger) ".
- In march the CP noted that the internal control reports identified many weaknesses in the WACDEP II and PROGIS WA projects, particularly in the Mali CWP .
- Today the CP notes that almost all the recommendations made during the 2016 audit and earlier have been fully implemented with the exception of two (02) recommendations for Mali CWP .

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **RECOMMENDATION 1**

- The CP recommends to the CWPs of Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal to do their utmost to accelerate their accreditation formalities in order to meet the new deadlines.

### **RECOMMENDATION 2**

- CP congratulates the outgoing President for the quality and completeness of his 2013-2017 term report.
- The CP wishes the new President to build on previous achievements in governance, partnership strengthening, CWP support and financial resources mobilization.

### **RECOMMENDATION 3**

The (Steering committee) CP requested the meeting to approve the following GWP - WA documents:

- the 2013-2017 moral report of the Chair;
- the report of the Technical Committee;
- the activity report as of August 31, 2017;
- the financial report as of June 30, 2017;
- the 2016 Accounts audit report;
- 2018 work plans and budget

#### **RECOMMENDATION 4**

- The PC advises the assembly to approve the recruitment of Professor Amadou Hama MAIGA as Chair of GWP - WA and Mr Armand Kocou HOUANYE as Executive Secretary of GWP - WA.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 5**

- The CP asked the assembly of partners to approve the recommendations of the selection committee proposing as President of the Technical Committee Dr Boubacar BARRY and as member (gender) Ms Fatou sima.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 6**

The Steering Committee recommends to approve the renewal of the representatives of the Steering Committee body 2 as follows:

- for the CWP s: Burkina CWP.
- for NGOs: Enda Third World
- for the BOs: ABN or ABV according to the GWP-based ANBO Focal Point.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 7**

- The CP requests Mali CWP to take all necessary steps to meet the two (02) recommendations requirements of the 2016 audit to be implemented yet.

#### **CONCLUSION**

At the end of its meeting, the Steering Committee congratulates the outgoing President, the outgoing Executive Secretary and the Executive Secretariat staff for the excellent work done which made the GWP - WA more visible in the region and in the GWP network.

- The CP invites the AP to send a special congratulatory motion to both outgoing President and Executive Secretary.
- The CP encourages the new team to work in such a way that their term actions align with the lines drawn by their predecessors.

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## Annex 7. Main recommendations

### SUMMARY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE DURING THE 8TH ASSEMBLY OF PARTNERS OF WEST AFRICA REGIONAL WATER PARTNERSHIP

From 28-29 September 2017

The main water stakeholders of the West African Region and the country water partnerships met in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) on 28 and 29 September 2017 during the 8th Assembly of Partners of the West Africa Regional Water Partnership (GWP - WA). At the end of the discussions, the participants, after praising the quality of the basic documents prepared by the GWP - WA, as well as presentations made by the various communicators, made the following recommendations:

➤ **Recommendations related to the GWP-O**

**1.Recommendation:** The Assembly of Partners invites the global water partnership to further involve the regional water partnerships and country water partnerships in global initiatives;

➤ **Recommendations related to the GWP-WA**

**2. Recommendation:** The Assembly of Partners invites the CWP's and the GWP - WA to work much more on risk financing;

**3. Recommendation:** The Assembly of Partners requests that the actions of the CWP's be nationally linked to those of the IGOs;

**4. Recommendation:** The Assembly of Partners requests that the GWP - WA develop a concrete project document on Gender and IWRM;

**5. Recommendation:** The Assembly of Partners invites the GWP - WA to develop an innovative financial resource mobilization strategy with an action plan that clearly includes the budget and means of implementation;

**6.Recommendation:** The Assembly of Partners recommends that the GWP - WA identify specific points in the Sustainable Development Goals in order to better include the countries in the support program;

**7. Recommendation:** The Assembly of Partners invites the GWP - WA to advocate globally for the provision of a co-financing fund for the initiatives being developed by the CWP's;

**8.Recommendation:** The Assembly of Partners requests GWP - WA to be involved as much as possible in NEXUS initiatives;

**9.Recommendation:** The Assembly of Partners invites the GWP - WA to capitalize, valorize the results of ongoing projects and ensure that these projects benefit from a second phase including the projects Mekrou, WACDEP and PROGIS / WA;

**10.Recommendation:** The Assembly of Partners requests GWP - WA to ensure the operationalization of the choice of the GWP - WA patron;

➤ **Recommendations related to the CWPs**

**11.Recommendation:** The Assembly of Partners requests the CWPs to work to acquire a public utility status or a recognition of the State in relation to the role that the CWP plays;

**12. Recommendation:** The Assembly of Partners invites the CWPs to seek funding entry points and bond with the State structures that have the funding information;

**13.Recommendation:** The Assembly of Partners requests the CWPs to focus on influencing policies through awareness raising and advocacy actions;

**14. Recommendation:** The Assembly of Partners recommends to the GWP - WA Technical Committee to engage in longer term planning according to country and GWPO programs.

**Done in Ouagadougou on September 29 ,2017**

### Decisions from the Assembly of Partners

After following the minutes of the Steering Committee meeting, the main points of decisions from the Partners' Assembly are:

1. Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal CWPs must make every effort to accelerate their accreditation process as soon as possible;
2. the Assembly of Partners approves the following GWP-WA documents:
  - the 2013-2017 report of the GWP-WA Chair,
  - the technical Committee report,
  - the 2017 progress report,
  - the financial report as of June 30, 2017,
  - the 2016 audit report,
  - the 2018 work plans and budget;
3. the Assembly of Partners approves the recruitments of Pr. Amadou Hama MAIGA as GWP-WA Chair and Mr. Armand Kocou HOUANYE as GWP-WA Executive Secretary;
4. the Assembly of Partners approves the recommendations of the selection committee proposing Dr. Boubacar BARRY as the Chair of the Technical Committee and as member (gender) Ms. Fatou SIMA;
5. the Assembly of Partners approves the renewal of the representatives of the college 2 of the Steering Committee as follows:
  - for the CWPs: the CWP Burkina replaces that of Niger,
  - for the NGOs: Enda Tiers Monde replaces Eau Vive,
  - for the BO: NBA or VBA according to the focal point of ANBO in West Africa;
6. the Assembly of Partners invites the CWP Mali to make the necessary arrangements to meet the two recommendations of 2016 audit not yet carried out;
7. the Assembly of Partners congratulates the Outgoing Chair for the quality and completeness of his 2013-2017 report and invites the new Chair to build actions of his term on previous achievements based on governance, partnership strengthening, support to CWPs and fundraising.

**MOTION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO THE  
PRESIDENT, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE  
OF BURKINA FASO**

The participants in the Assembly Partners of Global Water Partnership West Africa (GWP-WA), held in Ouagadougou on 28 and 29 September 2017, would like to address their acknowledgements to his Excellence, Mr. ROCH MARC CHRISTIAN KABORE, President of Burkina Faso, to the Government and the people of Burkina Faso for the warm welcome and the very good conditions of work in Ouagadougou.

**Done in Ouagadougou, the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017.**

**The Assembly of Partners**

## **MOTION ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO GWPO FOR ITS SUPPORT**

The participants in the Assembly of Partners of Global Water Partnership West Africa (GWP-WA), held in Ouagadougou on 28 and 29 September 2017, address their acknowledgements to the Global Water Partnership Organisation (GWPO) for its legendary support in the animation and development of the activities of GWP in West Africa.

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**The Assembly of Partners**

**MOTION OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO MR.  
JACQUES REY, GWP HEAD OF NETWORK  
OPERATIONS**

The participants in the Assembly of Partners of Global Water Partnership West Africa (GWP-WA), held in Ouagadougou on 28 and 29 September 2017, address their gratitude to Mr. Jacques REY, GWP Head of Network Operations, for being present at the Assembly of Partners of GWP-WA.

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ABEL AFOUDA FOR HIS LEADERSHIP**

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**The Assembly of Partners**

**MOTION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS TO THE  
FORMER CHAIRS COMPAORE AND NIASSE FOR  
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The participants in the Assembly of Partners of Global Water Partnership West Africa (GWP-WA), held in Ouagadougou on 28 and 29 September 2017, address their sincere thanks and gratitude to the former Chairs Mrs. Athanase COMPAORE and Madiodio NIASSE for their availability and contribution to the smooth running of GWP-West Africa.

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**The Assembly of Partners**

**MOTION OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO THE  
OUTGOING MEMBERS OF THE TECHNICAL  
COMMITTEE**

The participants in the Assembly of Partners of Global Water Partnership West Africa (GWP-WA), held in Ouagadougou on 28 and 29 September 2017, address their sincere thanks to the outgoing members of the Technical Committee for services rendered to the Partnership during their term.

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**The Assembly of Partners**

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**COMMITTEE**

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**The Assembly of Partners**

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY DAM MOGBANTE**

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