



# Report of the General Assembly

**Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso), 10 & 11 November 2008**

## **1. Introduction**

The second annual meeting of the Wa-Net members was held from 10 to 11 November 2008 at the International Institute for Water and Environmental Engineering (2iE) in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso). It welcomes more than twenty participants from ten countries (see the list of participants in Annex). The first day was mainly dedicated to the presentations of the network's activities (overview of Wa-Net, annual plan 2007-2008 and new work plan 2008-2009) followed by questions of comprehension and discussions. The second day was devoted to presentation of some capacity building initiatives from the partners and overall discussions about funds mobilization, strengthening the network, delivering IWRM training sessions, etc.. (see the agenda in Annex).

## **2. Opening Ceremony**

The representative of the Director General of 2iE, Prof. Amadou Maiga welcomed members of WA-Net to the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual general meeting of the Network on behalf of the Management of 2iE. He briefly used the opportunity to announce the changes in the administration of the Network. He said Dr. H. Karambiri replaced Dr. F. Bagayako who resigned his appointment from the Institute recently.

In his own remarks, the Chairman of the Steering Committee, Dr. D. Bashir sincerely welcomed all to the general meeting. He said three key issues need to be addressed during the deliberations. The issues include:

- Communication
- Membership drive of Network
- Funding of Wa-Net activities.

The Chairman expressed his appreciation to the Management of 2iE for their hospitality and the Secretariat for all the arrangements put in place for the meeting.

In his own remarks, Dr. P. Taylor of Cap-Net thanked the Management of 2iE for all the support to the Network and especially for arranging this important meeting. He also expressed his appreciation to the Chairman and members of Wa-Net. He stressed the need for information sharing among the networks with the intention of adding value to the capacity building initiatives of the various institutions on the promotion of the IWRM principles.

## **3. Progress report of Wa-Net activities**

The following reports were presented by the Network Manager, Dr. H. Karambiri and discussions of the various reports followed:

- Overview of WA-Net
- Annual report on implemented activities 2007-2008
- Discussion on the implementations of recommendations from the 1<sup>st</sup> General Meeting at Accra, Ghana in 2007
- Status of Wa-Net Membership and communications between Members

The details of all the above presentations are contained in the documents given to the Participants.

The following critical issues were raised during the extensive discussions on the reports:

- The need to source for funds from other organizations like GWP, ECOWAS, donors and government organizations
- Need for close collaboration with Country Water Partnerships
- The importance of accommodating other disciplines involved in IWRM

- Need for vigorous membership drive
- Reported budgets of implemented activities need to include funds from other sources
- Continuous update of database of partners and their Focal Persons
- Criteria for selection of participants for WA-Net trainings
- Gender issues
- Funding through small donations (Obama model)

#### 4. Work plan 2008-2009

After the presentations and deliberations on the proposed work plan, the following commitments were agreed upon.

a) **Activities of Secretariat**

Proposals accepted

b) **Regional Trainings**

- Economic and financial instruments of IWRM (PNE Mali to facilitate a Member Institution in Mali to organize training - Francophone)
- Economic and financial instruments of IWRM (NWRI, Nigeria - Anglophone)
- IWRM and climate change (Univ. of Dakar, Senegal and 2iE, B/Faso - Francophone)
- River Basin Management (NWRI, Nigeria - Anglophone)
- IWRM and Local communities (Agrhymet, Niger - Francophone) subject to confirmation.

c) **National Trainings**

- Economic and financial instruments of IWRM (PNE Mali)
- Conflict resolution in IWRM (Mali)
- Conflict resolution in IWRM (Nigeria-NWRI)
- Gender mainstreaming in IWRM (Nigeria-NWRI)

d) **Materials Development**

- Training of Teachers to use the developed Primary School Education materials (CREPA)
- Development of material for IWRM education at community level (Agrhymet, Niger)

It was further agreed that members should go back and consult with their organizations and communicate commitments or otherwise to the Secretariat as soon as possible.

#### 5. Assessment of WA-Net Activities

A delegate raised the issue of the need for regular evaluation of WA-Net activities to monitor their impacts and relevance. After deliberations it was resolved that:

- There should be assessment by participants at the end of each training
- The training institute should endeavor to carry out a follow up assessment after 6 months to 1 year after the training
- The Network should work out modalities for periodic monitoring and evaluation exercises of its various activities and strategies

#### 6. Presentations of other IWRM capacity building Initiatives

The following presentations focused on IWRM programmes.

- 2iE Masters programmes
- Cap-Net initiatives on River Basin Development, Economic financial aspects, Climate change and IWRM, Issues of translations etc
- AGW-Network for groundwater professionals

- NWRI training on induction courses and IWRM diploma programmes
- Problems of quality data

## **7. General discussions and propositions**

The following issues that were not addressed during the presentations came up for discussions. This include

- The need to sign and implement the MOU with ECOWAS Water Resources Commission.
- Production and distribution of WA-Net constitution to all Members.
- The need to identify Institutions and members to drive the network
- The need to employ a middle level staff to assist the WA-Net Manager for better administration of the Network and sources of funding for the new staff.

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## Meeting Agenda

Timing	Durée/ Duration	Activité/ Activity	Facilitateur/ Facilitator	Présentation/ Presentation
<b>Jour1/Day1 (10/11/ 2008)</b>				
8h30-9h00	30 min	Enregistrement des participants <i>Registration</i>	Dr Bashir Dogara	H. Karambiri
9h00-9h20	20 min	Cérémonie d'ouverture <i>Opening ceremony</i>		A.H. Maiga (2iE), B. Dogara (Wa-Net), P. Taylor (CapNet)
9h20-9h30	10 min	Présentation des participants <i>Introduction of participants</i>		Participants
9h30-9h40	10 min	Présentation du réseau Wa-Net <i>Overview of WA-Net</i>		H. Karambiri
9h40-10h10	30 min	Rapport annuel sur les activités effectuées entre 2007-2008 <i>Annual report on implemented activities between 2007-2008</i>		H. Karambiri
10h10-10h30	20 min	Discussion sur le rapport annuel <i>Discussion on the report</i>		Participants
10h30-10h45	15 min	Pause café / <i>Coffee break</i>		
10h45-11h30	45 mn	Discussion sur la mise en œuvre des recommandations de la première Assemblée Générale (Accra 2007) <i>Discussion on the implementation of recommendations from the first General Assembly (Accra 2007)</i>	Dr Bashir Dogara	H. Karambiri
11h30-12h00	30 min	Etat des adhésions au réseau et la communication entre les membres <i>Status of Wa-Net membership and communication between members</i>		H. Karambiri
12h00-12h45	45 min	Les initiatives de renforcement des capacités en GIRE dans la sous-région <i>IWRM capacity building initiatives in the region</i>		H. Karambiri (2iE) P. Taylor (CapNet) M. Diene (AGW-Net)
13h00-14h00	60 min	Pause déjeuner / <i>Lunch</i>		
14h30-14h50	20 min	Présentation du plan d'action annuelle 2008-2009 <i>Presentation of the workplan 2008-2009</i>	Dr Bashir Dogara	H. Karambiri
14h50-15h30	40 min	Questions-réponses sur le plan d'action 2008-2009 <i>Question and answer session on workplan 2008-2009</i>		
15h30-16h00	30 min	Questions divers sur les débats de la journée <i>Outstanding issues of the day</i>		
16h00		Fin de la session Jour 1 / <i>End of Day 1 session</i>		

Journée2/Day2 (11/11/ 2008)				
9h00-10h00	60 min	Présentation des propositions de projet de renforcement des capacités soumis par les membres <i>Presentation of capacity building proposals from members</i> & Discussion/ <i>Discussion</i>	Pr A.H. Maiga	PNE-Mali ONG AMEM
10h00-11h00	60 min	Présentation de quelques projets WASH <i>Presentation of some WASH projects</i>		Mme CHABI-GONNI (CREPA)
10h30-10h45	15 min	Pause café / <i>Coffee Break</i>		
10h45-11h15	30 min	Discussion sur la mobilisation des ressources financières pour soutenir les activités du réseau <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Comment améliorer les prestations du secrétariat ?</i></li> <li>• <i>Quels sont les meilleurs moyens de financement durable des activités du réseau ?</i></li> </ul> Discussion about financial resources mobilization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How can we improve the service of the secretariat?</i></li> <li>• <i>What the sustainable sources of financial supports?</i></li> </ul>	Pr A.H. Maiga	Participants
11h15-11h45	30 min	Discussions sur le renforcement des capacités en GIRE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Quelles publiques cibles ? comment choisir les choisir ?</i></li> <li>• <i>Quel type de formation devra-t-on délivrer aux publiques cibles ?</i></li> </ul> Discussion on Capacity building in IWRM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Who needs training and how should these be selected?</i></li> <li>• <i>What training should we provide?</i></li> </ul>	Pr A.H. Maiga	Participants
11h45-12h15	30 min	Discussion sur : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• comment motiver les membres du réseau à être plus actifs ?</li> <li>• comment améliorer la communication, d'un part, entre les membres et le secrétariat du réseau, et d'autre part, entre les membres eux mêmes ?</li> </ul> Discussion about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>How can we motivate network members to be more committed?</i></li> <li>• <i>How can we improve communication, in one hand, between members and the secretariat of the network, and in the other hand, between members themselves?</i></li> </ul>	Pr A.H. Maiga	Participants
12h15-12h45	30 min	Conclusions et clôture <i>Concluding remarks and closing</i>		A.H. Maiga (2iE), B. Dogara (Wa-Net), P. Taylor (CapNet)
13h00		Pause déjeuner / Lunch		