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West African Network for capacity building in Integrated Water Resources Management

A background image of a water treatment facility with concrete structures, railings, and a body of water in the distance.

WORKPLAN

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1 Background

The West Africa Network for Capacity Building in Integrated Water Resource Management (WA-Net) is a regional network of capacity building institutions (CBIs) in West Africa, involved in education, training and research in Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM). It emerged from the growing recognition that through partnership, institutions can build on the strength of partners to respond to capacity demands emerging in the water sector as a result of the implementation of IWRM. The formation of the network was initiated on the 15th of February 2002 during the WA-Net co-coordinators meeting in Accra, Ghana after a presentation on the status of capacity building capabilities of three institutions in West Africa: 2iE (Group EIER/ETSHER) in Ouagadougou, NWRI in Kaduna and DCE in Kumasi.

In order for WA-Net to respond to the demands and needs created in the water sector as a result of the implementation of IWRM in West Africa the network will be working to:

- *Develop relevant courses/training programs and training materials that meet the needs of water sector professionals, managers and policy makers*
- *Facilitate exchange of experience and capacity building materials between capacity building institutions in the region*
- *Facilitate the access of its members to global and regional information in IWRM*
- *Facilitate the development of project proposals and access to international funding and targeted strategic inputs of technical assistance*

WA-Net seeks to achieve these by:

1. *promoting regional co-operation among training and/or education and/or research institutions and organizations engaged in IWRM related activities through joint regional training, education and research activities*
2. *strengthening the capacities of training and/or education and/or research institutions and organizations engaged in IWRM related activities in the region for effective capacity building in IWRM*
3. *facilitating research and the delivery of demand-driven training/education in IWRM in the sub-region*
4. *promoting the implementation of IWRM in the region*

So far the only outputs achieved are (i) an inventory of training needs and the status of implementation of IWRM in the region (ii) development and delivery of a few training courses.

In order to improve the effectiveness and efficiency with which network activities are carried out, the network has been divided into Francophone and Anglophone sections. In September 2006, Cap-Net received funding from the EU and GWP to implement the EU Water Facility Program. This work-plan focuses on the joint Anglophone and Francophone WA-Net incorporating activities from the EU Water Facility in addition to others activities related to capacity building efforts for September 2006 to August 2007.

2 Membership

Membership comprises only institutions interested in water resources management. Those institutions are resource centres for capacity building in support of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM). These institutions may be faculties or departments in the universities/polytechnics, institutes, colleges, NGOs, etc. Currently the network maintains a mailing list that serves to improve the efficiency of communication among members. The membership is free of charge.

3 Partners

Partners associated with network activities can be differentiated between implementing institutions and supporting partners.

✓ Implementing Institutions:

Capacity Building institutions in West Africa involved in training, education and/or research in integrated water resources management serve as the main implementing institutions. These include NWRI of Nigeria, DCE of Ghana, and 2iE (formerly called Groupe EIER-ETSHER) of Burkina Faso.

✓ Supporting Partners:

Organisations such as the West Africa Water Partnership (WAWP) Capacity Building Network for Integrated Water Resources Management (CAP-Net), the Global Water Partnership (GWP), Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) the European Union (EU) are providing various kinds of support for the implementation of network activities. More of such partners will have to be identified at the country level to support country initiatives after having identified areas of common interest.

✓ Contribution from The Region:

Other capacity building institutions in the region will be expected to make available education and training materials, manpower for the development of curriculum in IWRM related subjects as and when required.

4 Proposed Activities

Based on the experience learned from the implementation of activities in the past 2007-2008 workplan, this new annual workplan (2008-2009) was elaborated with a clear involvement of the members. The process started with an email (in French and English) that was addressed to all members to express their capacity building needs. The following questions were asked:

1. What are the major capacity building needs in IWRM in your countries?
2. Which institution will take the lead of these capacity building needs?
3. What are your potential partners (financially speaking) to address these capacity building needs?
4. When (give an approximate period/date) could you organize a workshop on these capacity building needs?

In total, 8 institutions, with a majority of Nation Water Partnership, expressed their capacity building needs. Those capacity building needs was recapped to form the new annual work plan 2008-2009.

OUTPUT 1: NETWORK MANAGEMENT

During this coming period, the Wa-net secretariat will enhance its management activities through an effective communication within and outside the network. The different activities identified are:

- Network management
- Network promotion
- Exchange between network
- Website development

The global budget of these activities is presented in Table 1, and the detailed budget in Table 2.

Table 1: Global costs for the network management

N°	Activities	Organizing institutions	Budget in Euro
1	Network management	Secretariat, 2iE	15 900
2	Network promotion	Secretariat, 2iE	3 000
3	Exchange between network	Secretariat, 2iE	10 000
4	Website development	Secretariat, 2iE	4 500
Total budget in Euros			33 400

Table 2: Details of costs per activity

N°	Activities	Quantity	Unit cost (Euros)	Total cost (Euros)
1	Network management			
	Support to the Secretariat Management, part-time staff	12	250	3 000
	Assistant to Secretariat Manager, full time staff	12	450	5 400
	Communication costs (telephone, internet, printing, brochures, ...)	12	250	3 000
	Support to training and workshop organizers			4 500
2	Network promotion			
	Provision for translation of materials			3 000
3	Exchange between networks			
	Participation to networks Managers' meetings, visit to others networks (WaterNet, NBCBN, LA-WETnet, ... and some members (Sierra Leone, Liberia, The Gambia , Mauritania,			10 000

	Cap Verde, Guinea Conakry Guinea Bissau, ...)			
4	Website development			
	Development of Wa-Net website			3 000
	Maintenance and functioning costs			1 500
Total budget in Euros				33 400

OUTPUT 2: DELIVERY OF CAPACITY BUILDING SERVICES

These activities concern training session for capacity building in implementing IWRM and materials development. The planned activities are the followings:

- **Regional trainings**
 - Economic and financial instruments of IWRM for Francophone countries
 - Economic and financial instruments of IWRM for Anglophone countries
 - IWRM and climate change for Francophone countries
 - River Basin Management for Anglophone countries
 - IWRM and Local communities for Francophone countries

Table 3: List of regional training sessions

N°	Network management and Capacity building activities	Implementation Period	Organizing institutions
1	Economic and financial instruments of IWRM - francophone	End 2009	PNE-Mali
2	Economic and financial instruments of IWRM - anglophone	December 2008	NWRI, Nigeria
3	IWRM and climate change	Mid 2009	UCAD, Senegal and 2iE, Burkina Faso
4	IWRM and local communities	Early 2009	AGHYMET, Niger
5	River basin management	February 2009	NWRI, Nigeria

- **National Training**
 - Conflict resolution in IWRM in Mali
 - Conflict resolution in IWRM in Nigeria
 - Gender mainstreaming in IWRM in Nigeria

Table 3: List of national training sessions

N°	Network management and Capacity building activities	Implementation Period	Organizing institutions
1	Economic and financial instruments of IWRM	December 2008	PNE-Mali
2	Conflict resolution in IWRM - Francophone	Mid 2009	PNE-Mali
3	Conflict resolution in IWRM - Anglophone	Mid 2009	NWRI, Nigeria
4	Gender mainstreaming in IWRM	End 2009	NWRI, Nigeria

- **Material development**
 - Training of Teachers to use the developed Primary School Education materials
 - Development of material for IWRM education at community level

Table 4: List of material development activities

N°	Network management and Capacity building activities	Implementation Period	Organizing institutions
1	Training of Teachers to use the developed Primary School Education materials	Mid 2009	CREPA, Ouagadougou
2	Development of material for IWRM education at community level	Mid 2009	AGHYMET, Niger

5 Concluding Remarks

To ensure the successful implementation of all the planned activities, the second annual General Assembly of Wa-Net recommended an effective communication between network members and the Secretariat. It was also recommended that the staff of the Secretariat should be reinforced with a full-time assistant to the Secretariat Manager. A detailed and full budget for training sessions and material development will be provided after discussions with members in charge of these activities.