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**PLENARY SESSION DAILY REPORT
(RAPPORT JOURNALIER DE SESSION PLÉNIÈRE)
‘7TH AFRICA WATER WEEK’
« 7IEME SEMAINE AFRICAINE DE L’EAU »
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Date:	30-10-2018	Time: (Heures)	4:20 PM	to	5:40 PM	Language (Langue)
Theme:	Toward Achieving Water Security and Safely Managed Sanitation for Africa					
French theme	‘Vers la Sécurité de l’Eau et des Services d’Assainissement gérés en toute sécurité pour l’Afrique’					
Sub-theme: (Sous-thème)	Water Governance: Re-engineering IWRM, the Link Approach in Action					
Session No.	23	Title: (Titre)	IWRM in Africa: Lessons Learnt from AWF's Operations			
Country: (Pays)	GABON	City: (Ville)	Libreville	Location: (Lieu)	Stade de l’Amitié Sino-Gabonaise, Angondje	
Rapporteurs (Rapporteurs):	Claudia Ondo			Technical Partner: (Partenaire technique)	SASI GABON	
Further details: (Informations complémentaires)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint Presentation (NO) • Technical Documentation (NO) 					
Abbreviations and acronyms: (Sigles et abréviations)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ANBO – African Network for River Basin Organizations • AWF – African Water Facility • CIWA – Cooperation in International Waters in Africa • FAE – Facilité Africaine de l’Eau • IWRM – Integrated Water Resource Management • GWP – Global Water Partnership • WMO – World Meteorological Organisation • INBO – International Network of Basin Organizations • WHYCOS – World Hydrological Cycle Observing System 					

IDENTIFICATION OF THE LEAD CONVENER AND CONTACT (IDENTIFICATION DES RESPONSABLES ET CONTACTS)

Lead Convener (Responsable):	African Development Bank
Co-convener (Coresponsable):	ANBO, INBO, GWP, CIWA
Contact:	Francis D. Bougaire (f.bougaire@afdb.org)

SPEAKER IDENTIFICATION (IDENTIFICATION DES INTERVENANTS)

Moderator (Modérateur):	Hycinth Banseka – Program Manager, GWP
Speakers (Intervenants):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel Sighomnou, Scientific Director, WMO • Francis Bougaire, Chief Water Policy & Strategy Development Officer, AfDB • Rex William, CIWA Program Manager, World Bank • Dibi Millogo, Deputy Executive Director – Volta Basin Authority

SESSION OBJECTIVES (OBJECTIFS DE LA SESSION)

- To share knowledge, experience and lessons learned from AWF operations in terms of transboundary water resource management, with a view to helping to improve practices as well as interactions with basin authorities.
- To share experiences and conclusions drawn from WHYCOS.

SESSION PLAN (PLAN DE SESSION)

- Presentation by Mr Bougaire on lessons learned from projects undertaken by AWF
- Presentation by Dr Sighomnou of feedback on WHYCOS experiences and outlooks
- Speakers' discussion panel

SESSION SUMMARY (RÉSUMÉ DE LA SESSION)

- African Water Facility??: The key message of Mr Bougaire's presentation was that there are five lessons to be learned in terms of support for water management.
 - Building confidence, associated with sharing of transboundary advantages, allows countries to take advantage of the production potential of boundary waters. When states come together to build mutually beneficial projects, resources are optimised.
 - International relations between neighbouring states are key to the success of each project. When states are in conflict, it can affect not only the ??mission, but also the implementation of the project.
 - Political will is a determining factor in projects' success in terms of transboundary project management design and implementation.
 - These factors influence boundary project performance and implementation: the engagement of the top authorities in all countries concerned and the ability of national institutions to support the projects.
 - In almost every case, groundwater was not taken into account in the projects funded by the AWF.
- World Meteorological Organisation: Dr Sighomnou's presentation stated that there were four priority strategic areas.
 - Building capacity in the area of hydrometric monitoring
 - Integrating innovations in hydrometrics
 - Connecting the NMHSs (National Meteorological and Hydrological Services) community
 - Serving as a global benchmark for hydrometrics
- World Meteorological Organisation: Four main conclusions and messages
 - Water is a complex system that requires reliable, quality information. Unfortunately, although the data is centralised, it is rarely available or poor quality.
 - In an ever-changing world, innovation is fundamental for the future of hydrology.
 - Collaboration and coordination between partners and stakeholders are essential.
 - A new generation of WHYCOS components designed as service-delivery pilot projects.

Commented [CS1]: Je n'ai pas trouvé le terme "Fédération africaine de l'eau" ni en français, ni en anglais. Puisqu'il s'agit de M. Bougaire de la BAD (qui est d'ailleurs un ami de longue date), je présume qu'il s'agit plutôt de la FAE en français, soit la Facilité africaine de l'eau (African Water Facility).

Commented [CS2]: En français c'était "émission" mais cela n'avait pas de sens pour moi, j'ai cru que c'était une coquille, je me suis donc permis de mettre « mission ».

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (QUESTIONS ET RÉPONSES)

Question No.	1	Author (Auteur):	Andy Bullock, Organisation not stated
Wording (Libellé):	If you could change or reformulate IWRM in a word or two, what words would you choose? What have you learned about how things could be done differently?		
ANSWERS (RÉPONSES)		Speakers (Intervenants)	
'If IWRM were to be reformulated, the institutional aspect should be reconsidered. Collaboration between institutions should be optimised and they should be able to work together, i.e. they should be sufficiently operational to contribute to success. I would say that IWRM should be done differently and not redefined.'		Dr Daniel Sighomnou	
'How would I reformulate it in one word? I would say IMPLEMENT'		Mr William Rex	

Question No.	2	Author (Auteur):	Aurélien Nzouba, Ministry of Water & Energy, Gabon
Wording (Libellé):	What are the conditions for the AfDB to help us refurbish our outdated plants?		
ANSWERS (RÉPONSES)		Speakers (Intervenants)	
'It is true that the Gabon hydrological service has been unable to provide proper services since the 1980s. We have taken steps to help the service. Small grants in the amount of approximately \$25,000 are available from the WMO. Gabon's application is being processed. This sum will not entirely solve the problem, but it is a start.'		Dr Daniel Sighomnou	
'As to the question on the rehabilitation of plants in Gabon, it should be noted that we have made a contribution in the past. However, because the facility has limited funds, we have to define a strategy and priorities. Unfortunately, the refurbishment of your plants is not among our three pillars of action. However, if you came to us with an Investment Preparation Project or a study on a dam that includes a study on a water resource monitoring system in the dam catchment area as a side project, it would be possible, since it would be a side project tied to the main project.'		Mr Francis Bougaire	

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (QUESTIONS ET RÉPONSES)

Question No.		Author (Auteur):	Dr Hellen N. Natu, Regional Manager of the Nile Basin Discourse
Wording (Libellé):	'Over the years, we have noted that the political decision-making process takes a tremendous amount of time. It is important for us to raise this issue, because after we have collected data from the catchment basins, how can we communicate the information to policy makers? How can we transfer the data?'		
ANSWERS (RÉPONSES)		Speakers (Intervenants)	
The speakers did not answer the question.		-	

CONCLUSIONS OF THE SESSION (CONCLUSIONS DE LA SESSION)

<ul style="list-style-type: none">As the aim of the session was really to communicate the lessons learned from the experiences of the speakers on the ground to the audience, there was no summary or general conclusion.
