



AFRICAN NETWORK OF BASINS ORGANIZATION/RESEAU AFRICAIN DES ORGANISMES DES BASSINS (ANBO/RAOB)

**STRENGTHENING THE INSTITUTIONS FOR TRANSBOUNDARY WATER MANAGEMENT IN
AFRICA (SITWA)/ RENFORCEMENT DES INSTITUTIONS DE GESTION DES EAUX
TRANSFRONTALIERES EN AFRIQUE**

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Presentation outline

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GWPO-ANBO

(SITWA Project Creation)

- SITWA: Two-phased approach:
 - One-year Inception Phase (Oct. 2012-Oct.2013)
 - Two-year Implementation Phase (2014-2015)
- 3 Million Euro, over 3 years
- EC/GWPO Contribution Agreement (joint management approach) signed on 30 December 2011
- ***Inception Phase*** started October 2012 will end in October 2013

SITWA OBJECTIVES

The **overall objective** of SITWA is to strengthen regional cooperation at the political, economic and stakeholder level for sustainable management of transboundary water resources in Africa contributing to peace and security, stability and poverty alleviation, relying on African knowledge.

Objective 1: ANBO transformed into a sustainable and influential organization as a pillar under AMCOW:

- The project aims at *transforming ANBO into a sustainable and influential organization, as a pillar under the African Union (AU) and AMCOW framework, that supports the development of lake and river basin organizations* as catalysts for policy and institutional development, knowledge and information management and capacity development on transboundary water management and development

Objective 2: ANBO Program implemented and TA provided through the RECs:

- *ANBO with GWPO support will provide technical assistance to the RBOs (through the RECs and their respective member states) to develop IWRM Strategies and Plans* (including addressing vulnerability to floods and droughts, priority issues for short and long term development, water quantity analyses and water quality objectives, etc.) in the river basins where they are not yet developed, and to implement plans where they exist.

FOCUS FOR PHASE I: 10 WPs

PRIORITY WPs FOR SITWA INCEPTION PHASE

1. ANBO's legal and institutional arrangements as a pillar under AMCOW;
2. Learning review of past EUWI TB projects in 5 RBOs;
3. Legal frameworks of the African RBOs;
4. Capacity building (IWRM planning capacity) needs of the African RBOs;
5. Information and Knowledge management needs of the African RBOs;
6. Resource mobilization mechanisms of the African RBO's and of ANBO.

WPs for which ToRs are developed in Phase I

1. IWRM planning needs for African RBOs;
2. Climate change vulnerability, adaptation and development agendas
3. Data and information management
4. Infrastructure development

METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH

- Overview of the situation regarding the WPs above with the purpose to identify gaps for which ANBO could provide some useful services;
- Identification of priority support services (actions) which could be provided by SITWA/ANBO in the scope of its mandate during implementation phase (Phase II)
- Recommend activities and steps forward for a longer term ANBO Strategy and Program.

Progress to date

- Project started on October 15th, 2012.
- Steering committee for launching the project was held in Dakar on December 13-14, 2012.
- Project Management Unit fully staffed by February 2013.
- Five consultants for SITWA Inception Report (6 Priority WPs) hired in May 2013 (GWPO-SITWA);
- ToRs for other 4 WPs being developed by SITWA PMT;
- African Transboundary River Basin EU Support Program in five major basins (Kagera River Basin, Lake Chad Basin, Niger River Basin, Orange-Senqu River Basin and Volta River Basin)
- Activities on establishment and reinforcement of relations between African L/RBOs, RECS and other programs on water have been initiated;
- Interregional consultations involving Northern, Central and Western African RBOs and Eastern and Southern African RBOs were held in Brazzaville and Nairobi respectively
- ANBO's website was prepared : www.anbo-raob.org.
- *Discussion of preliminary Inception Phase Report Results on September 6th in Stockholm;*
- *Draft report to be submitted on September 25th 2013*
- *Inception Report workshop to be held in Addis Ababa on October 3-4, 2013*
- *Final report submitted on October 15th, 2013*

Interregional consultations in
Nairobi, Kenya, June 17-18
2013



Interregional consultations in
Brazzaville, Rep of Congo
June 13-14 2013



Partnership with focus on Water-Food-Energy Nexus

- Increased demand putting pressure on natural resources (Land and water) due to increased population and economic activities require:
 - Identification of major current and future actors in W-F-E utilisation/production within the RBOs;
 - Compile information of potentials in W-F-E nexus in RBOs;
 - Identify RECs strategies/ programs that involve W-F-E and how are interlinked;
 - Provide a platform for awareness raising in the RBOs;
 - New look on IWRM plans where they do not exist, help update where they exist.



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