

**Extraordinary Assembly of Partners (AP) of Global Water Partnership  
West Africa (GWP-WA)**

**October 17, 2018**



## Minutes of the meeting

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## Minutes\_Extraordinary Assembly of Partners of GWP-WA of 17 October 2018

The year two thousand and eighteen and Wednesday, October 17 from 03 P.M., took place in the conference room of Ramada Pearl Hôtel Headquarters located on Avenue de l'UEMOA in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, the Extraordinary Assembly of Partners (AP) of the Global Water Partnership West Africa (GWP-WA).

In accordance with the statutes, the AP is the governing body of GWP-WA, which ensures that the network's objectives are properly achieved. The AP's responsibilities include setting strategic directions and defining the Partnership policy. It meets every two years in ordinary session convened by its Chair and, if necessary, in extraordinary session. The Extraordinary AP is called upon to decide on very specific issues that cannot be done in an ordinary session or that cannot wait for the next ordinary AP to be held.

The Extraordinary AP was convened and led by the chair of GWP-WA, Professor Amadou Hama MAIGA. It discussed and deliberated on the items on the agenda. The Secretariat of the Extraordinary AP was ensured by Mr. Armand HOUANYE, Executive Secretary of GWP-WA.

The following institutions and persons attended the Extraordinary Assembly of Partners:

- For the Country Water Partnership of Burkina Faso, Mr. MILLOGO Dibi, Chair;
- For the Country Water Partnership of Côte d'Ivoire (Private Water Sector - SOTICI - of Côte d'Ivoire), Mr. NDRI Koffi;
- For the Gambia Country Water Partnership, Mrs. BAKURIN Ndey;
- For the Country Water Partnership of Nigeria, Engr. SULE Peter;
- For Enda Third World - Senegal, Mr. El Hadj. GAYE Sy Malick;
- For Eau Vive Burkina - Faso, Mr. NIGNAN Yongo;
- For Plan International Burkina Faso, Mr. ADJALLA Raoul;
- For the State of Benin, Mr. DEGNIDE M. Adolphe;
- For the Volta Basin Authority (VBA), Mr. SANOUSSI Razaki;
- For the Niger Basin Authority (NBA), Mr. ZINSOU Didier;
- For OUAGA University 2, Dr. SANON Karidia;
- For the resource persons, Mr. MOGBANTE Dam;
- For the GWP-WA Technical Committee of Experts, Dr. BARRY Boubacar;
- For the Global Water Partnership Organization (GWPO), Stockholm, Mrs. ROUX Julienne.

The following staff of the Executive Secretariat of GWP-WA also took part in the meeting of the Extraordinary AP as Observers:

- Mrs. YARO Aguiratou: Head of Administration and Finance;
- Mrs. VODOUNHESSI Félicité, Project Manager;
- Mr. BAMBARA Cheick, Technical Assistant;
- Mr. FAYAMA Badi, Assistant Administration and Finance;
- Miss OUEDRAOGO Phebée, Intern;
- Mr. BASSOUROU BOYLA, Technical Assistant.

The list of participants and their contacts is attached to these Minutes.

### Agenda of the meeting

The agenda adopted by the participants at the beginning of the Extraordinary AP covers the following two items:

- Renewal of GWP-WA Receipt, Conventions and Establishment Agreements and Partnership in Burkina Faso;
- Contributions to the reflections in development process of the new GWP 2020-2024 Strategy.

## The renewal of the Conventions and Agreements for the establishment and partnership of the GWP-WA in Burkina Faso

The explanatory statement made by the Chair and the Executive Secretary of GWP-WA enabled the participants to learn about the steps taken by the GWP-WA Executive Secretariat to renew the receipt allowing the network to continue its activities legally, as a National Association, in Burkina Faso. These include the renewal of the 2012 receipt and the establishment agreement with the Government of Burkina Faso obtained in 2013 which expired in June 2018.

The discussions that followed the explanatory statement focused on:

- The request made to the Chair of the GWP-WA, together with the Regional Executive Secretariat, to initiate and expeditiously complete the procedures for the renewal of the receipt with the support of the authorities of Burkina Faso and the GWPO Secretariat;
- The urgent need to obtain from the Burkina Faso authorities a Headquarters Agreement, in place of the status of a National Association, for GWP-WA as a Sub-Regional Organization for West Africa or as the GWPO Intergovernmental Organization's Representative in West Africa.

## Contributions to the reflections in the context of the formulation of the new GWP 2020-2024 Strategy

The Chair and the Executive Secretary of GWP-WA, together with the Network Officer for GWP-WA at the GWP Secretariat in Stockholm, Sweden, presented the progress and continuation of the process of closing the 2014-2019 Global Strategy and the development process of the new 2020-2024 Strategy.

GWP-O has identified ten (10) strategic questions to guide the 2020-2024 strategy development process. These ten questions were presented to and discussed by the participants of the Extraordinary AP.

The participants in the Extraordinary AP, while acknowledging the importance of all ten questions, identified four issues on which they believe emphasis should be placed regarding the context and realities in the West African region. These include, particularly:

- The need to rethink GWP's ambition at different levels of intervention (global, regional, cross-border, national and local) while ensuring that the necessary resources are effectively put in place to produce the expected impact at each level;
- The role of GWP in processes influenced and/or supported while ensuring that it provides specific added value to other actors and intervention partners, in helping to ensure consideration of cross-cutting aspects as well as gender equity, strengthening partnerships and intersectoral linkages;
- The private sector engagement in the water sector development that takes into account environmental concerns, the need to ensure the sustainability of water resources, gender equity, the social objective of water, water integrity and good governance;
- The role of the GWP network as a lever for innovative water management and development for economic growth, shared prosperity, water conflict reduction and poverty reduction.

At the end of the debates, the GWP-WA Assembly of Partners, meeting in Extraordinary Session, took decisions and adopted resolutions.

### Decisions of the GWP-WA Extraordinary AP of 17 / 10 / 2018

- Decision 1: The Assembly of Partners of Global Water Partnership West Africa (GWP-WA), meeting in Extraordinary Session in Ouagadougou on 17 October 2018, has given mandate to its Chair with the support of the Executive Secretary to take the necessary steps to renew the Partnership Agreement with the Ministry of Water and Sanitation (MEA) in order to obtain the Receipt and the Agreement establishing GWP-WA in Burkina Faso.
- Decision 2: The Assembly of Partners of the Global Water Partnership West Africa (GWP-WA), meeting in Extraordinary Session in Ouagadougou on 17 October 2018, has given mandate to its Chair to lead the process and make the necessary arrangements for obtaining a Headquarters Agreement for GWP-WA in Burkina Faso.

### Resolutions of the GWP-WA Extraordinary AP of 17 / 10 / 2018

- Resolution 1: The Assembly of Partners of Global Water Partnership West Africa (GWP-WA), meeting in Extraordinary Session in Ouagadougou on 17 October 2018, commend the Burkinabe authorities for their support and requests them to facilitate the steps towards granting a Headquarters Agreement for GWP-WA in Burkina Faso.
- Resolution 2 : The Assembly of Partners of Global Water Partnership West Africa (GWP-WA), meeting in Extraordinary Session in Ouagadougou on 17 October 2018, thanks the Secretariat of the Global Water Partnership Organization (GWPO), based in Stockholm for its renewed support and requests it to provide support to GWP-WA, including by intervening at the level of the Burkinabe authorities to initiate and complete the process of requesting a Headquarters Agreement for the network in Burkina Faso.

As the items on the agenda were completed, the Chair closed the Extraordinary Assembly of Partners at 5.30 P.M.

Done in Ouagadougou on 17 October 2018

Have signed

**Rapporteur**

**Chair of the Session**

**Armand K. HOUANYE**  
**Executive Secretary GWP-WA**

**Professor Amadou Hama MAÏGA**  
**Chair GWP-WA**