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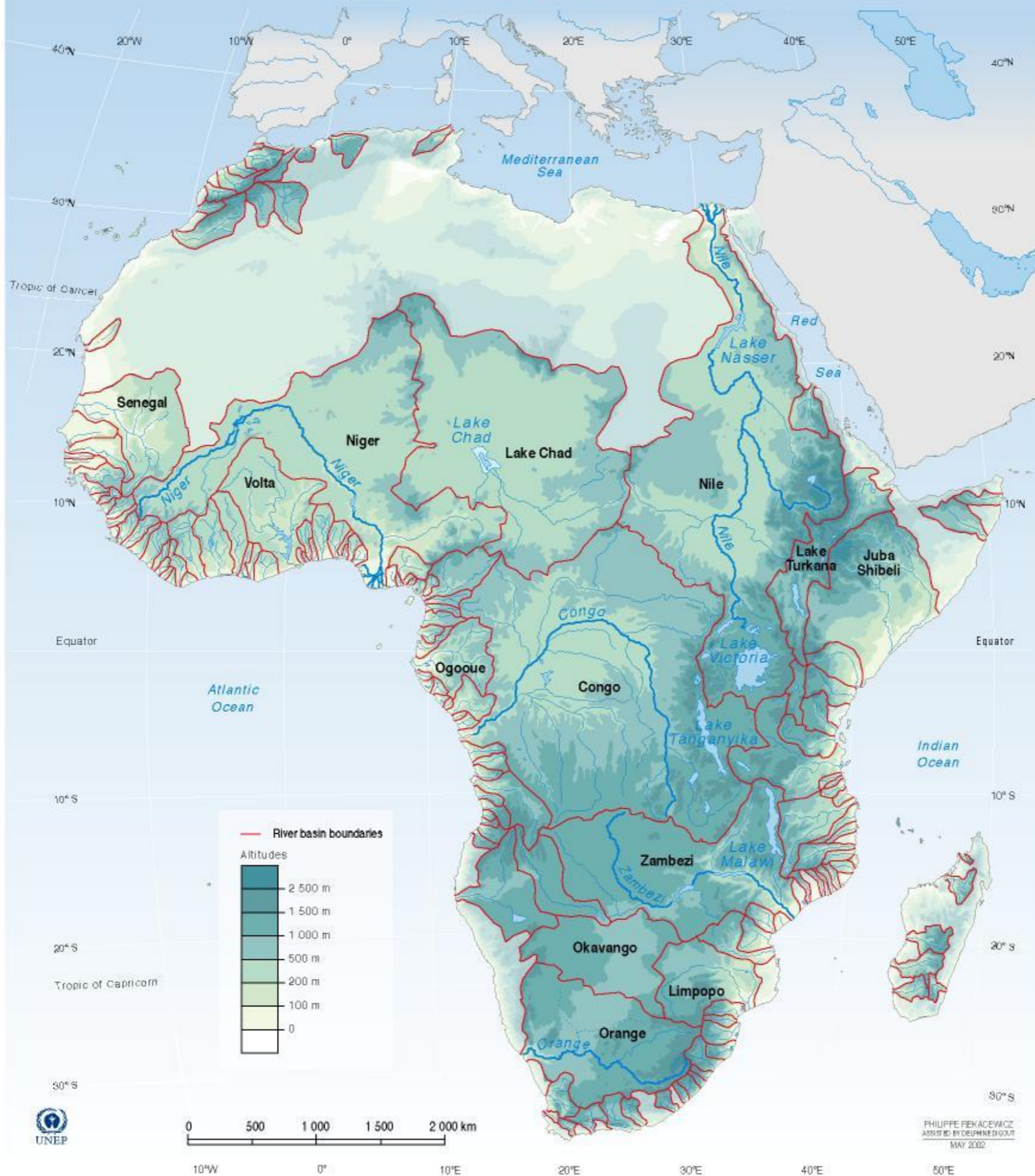
Strengthening of Institutions For Transboundary Water Management In Africa

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The Major River Basins of Africa



Background

- **2000:** “Africa Water Vision 2025” with the African Union
- ‘Federation of African River and Lake Basin Organizations’
- **2002:** Creation of African Network of Basin Organizations (ANBO)
- **2006:** AMCOW recommends stronger African orientation
- **2007:** ANBO designated as a sub-committee of AMCOW
- Endorsement by AU at Sharm el Sheik (2008)
- **2009:** ANBO GA decides to formalise its relationship to AMCOW

- **ANBO to become a *pan-African* organisation serving AMCOW on facilitating transboundary cooperation**

Main objective

To improve Regional Cooperation for the sustainable management of transboundary waters in Africa, through:

- the programmatic and institutional strengthening of the African Network of Basin Organisations (ANBO)

EC support to project

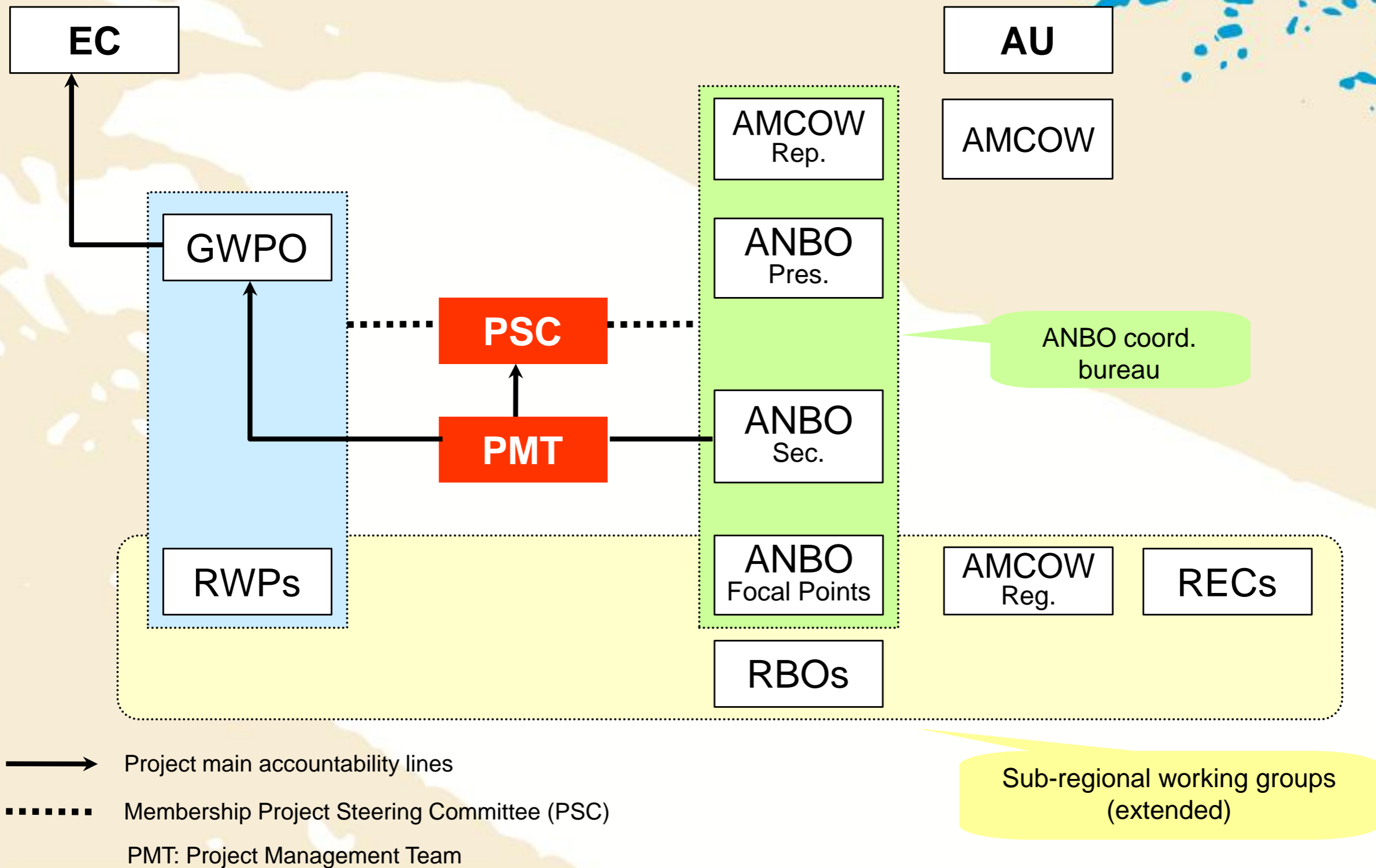
- **Two-phased approach**

- one-year Inception Phase (consultative meetings and workshops engaging the participation of relevant stockholders + collection of information and analyses)
- two-year Implementation Phase (RBOs are developing basin wide IWRM plans, WM issues are included in national / regional planning processes)

- **Facilitating partners**

- **GWP** (West Africa, Central Africa, Eastern Africa, South Africa, Mediterranean)
- **RECs** (ECCAS, ECOWAS, EAC, SADC)
- **RBOs** (Orange - Senqu River Commission, Niger Basin Authority, International Commission for the Congo-Ounabgui -Sangha Basin, Lake Victoria Basin Commission, Komati Basin Water Authority, Organisation of Senegal River States)

Organisational chart



Specific objectives of the Project

1) To transform ANBO into a sustainable and influential organization for:

- policy and institutional development,
- knowledge and information management and
- capacity development on transboundary water management and development.

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- 2) **To improve water governance** for transboundary water resources in Africa under the platform of ANBO, with a focus on:
 - The development of Integrated Water Resource Management **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.), and
 - The implementation of **plans** where they exist.



- **Preparation of 10 *work packages***

1. ANBO institutional arrangements
2. Learning review of past EUWI TB projects
3. RBOs' legal frameworks
4. Capacity building needs
5. Knowledge management needs
6. Financing
7. IWRM planning
8. Linkages with climate and development agendas
9. Data and information
10. Infrastructure

Challenges

- Ambitious objectives and work programme
- A large and diverse continent
- Languages: English and French, Portuguese
- Transboundary issues are highly political and take time to address
- Link between RBO plans and implementation at municipal and community levels needs to be clarified
- **Need to learn from other regions as well**

**Merci
Thank You**

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