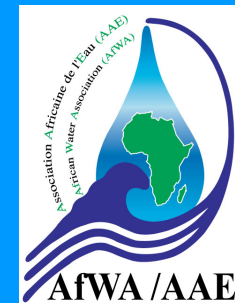


AfWANewsletter N°97

December 2015



ON THE FRONT PAGE

AfWA NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS: WATER AND SANITATION FOR ALL IN AFRICA



The year 2015 which was completed and in events relating to the water and sanitation sector in Africa. A year during which we stopped to make an assessment and to note, with the development partners, that

our continent had not kept all its promises with regard to the Millennium Development Goals. Now, we're getting in a New Year, with a new promise included within the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), i.e. to guarantee a sustainable universal access to water and sanitation.

The African Water Association (AfWA) will carry on its efforts to make water and sanitation utilities more competitive and to take up the challenge of the next millennium.

Happy New Year 2016, and roll on water and sanitation for all over the African continent.

The Executive Director



Sylvain Usher

EVERYDAY LIFE

THE AFRICAN WATER ASSOCIATION WELCOMES “JAPAN WATER FORUM”

The African Water Association welcomed a delegation from « **JAPAN WATER FORUM** » organization on Sunday, December 13th, 2015 at its headoffice. MM. SHIGENORI Asai, Deputy Manager and KAZUHISA Ito, Deputy Secretary General came to AfWA's headoffice for a contact meeting during what they made an overall presentation of “JAPAN WATER FORUM”, an organization based in Japan, that help to solve water issues around the world, by bringing stakeholders in dynamic and innovating exchange of ideas.

After JWF presentation, AfWA Executive Director, Sylvain Usher, introduces his organization goals and various projects in progress. Both parties agreed to strengthen their cooperation, especially with regard to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Mr. Olivier GOSSO, President of AfWA's Scientific and Technical Council, participated in the meeting.



DAKAR HOSTS THE 1st REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON



THE INNOVATING FINANCIAL MECHANISMS FOR WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

The first Central and West Africa Conference on the Innovating Financial Mechanisms for water, sanitation and hygiene organized by the UNICEF in collaboration with the Senegalese Government and the African Ministers' Council in charge of water, was held from December 15th to 17th, 2015 in Dakar, in Senegal. The objective was to find new mechanisms making it possible to collect some 20 to 30 billion dollars needed by the WASH sector every year in order to achieve the universal access to water and sanitation in Central and West Africa.

On this occasion, 24 sub-regional governments could meet representatives of the main investment banks, international organizations and world of business as well as experts. AfWA's Executive Director, who attended this conference, tied contacts with trade banks eager to invest in the sector in Africa, in order to present the programs of the organization, in particular, with regard to the issue relating to Non-Revenue Water.

[More information click here !](#)

UGANDA: NATIONAL WATER CELEBRATES EXCELLENCE

The annual prize-giving ceremony of Uganda's National Water took place on Friday, December 11th, 2015 in Kampala. 15 to 20 employees from various departments of the company, who had been identified for their performance quality for the year 2015, received certificates in recognition of their work quality, with a bonus to reward their efforts. The company seized this opportunity to officially present a prize granted in Europe to prove the utility services quality.

AfWA's Executive Director did encourage this initiative from National Water Sewerage Corporation, by pointing out that such actions promote excellence within the company. Sylvain Usher was in Kampala for a working meeting about updating AfWA's statutory texts update.

He initially participated, on Thursday, December 10, in a meeting of the ad hoc committee in charge of analyzing the statutes and by-laws of AfWA, in view of the managerial bodies renewal . He also took part in the meeting of the governance committee chaired by Sylvain MUGISHA, National Water Managing



Director.



SENEGAL YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PRESENT THEIR PROJECTS

The Association of Senegal Young Water and Sanitation Professionals organized a restitution workshop relating to the projects implemented within the framework of the USAID/FABRI small grants project. The workshop was held on Saturday, December 19, 2015, in Dakar. The first project, achieved by a young professional of the SDE, was entitled: “Faecal sludge management in the suburban area of Dakar: Possible hazard on drinking water supply sources and public health”. The second project related to the “Contribution to the reduction of water losses in the private fields in Dakar”.

The coordinator of the African Young Water and Sanitation Professionals’ project within AfWA, Valentin Yao, was in Dakar to a follow-up-evaluation mission, visited field to note the good progress of the various projects. He noted with satisfaction, the commitment of Senegal young professionals and welcomed the support from the head companies, namely SDE and ONAS.

EXPERIENCE SHARING: EXECUTIVES FROM SOMAGEP IMMERSE THEMSELVES IN THE BENINESE EXPERIENCE

Representatives of the Société Malienne de Gestion de l’Eau Potable (Malian Drinking Water Utility) (SOMAGEP) carried out a mission of information and experience sharing to SONEB (Benin) from December 4th to 11th 2015. The Malian delegation, including eight executives, branch managers, regional managers and a pole director, went to acquire the SONEB, commercial, technical and production experience in order to improve their knowledge and to implement them within their utility in Mali.

Specifically, both delegations exchanged on issues such as network management, the control of water station and laboratory, best practices regarding water treatment, business practices and portfolio management, customer satisfaction services. They also visited Vèdoko Water Plant, SONEB central laboratory in



Cotonou, and SONEB Water Works Training Center.

[More information click here !](#)



18th AFRICAN WATER ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS & EXHIBITION
SUSTAINABLE ACCESS TO WATER AND SANITATION IN AFRICA
22nd - 26th February 2016 - KICC CENTRE NAIROBI

L'ACCES DURABLE À L'EAU ET L'ASSAINISSEMENT EN AFRIQUE
22 - 26 Février 2016 - KICC CENTRE NAIROBI

18ème CONGRÈS ET EXPOSITION DE L'ASSOCIATION AFRICAINE DE L'EAU

Editorship : Mr HAMANTH KASAN (President of AfWA)

Headquarters: - Abidjan/Treichville Avenue 8 prolongée - à la montée du pont Félix Houphouët Boigny - E-mail:
contact@afwa-hq.org - oksouleymane@afwa-hq.org