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Great Scarcies / Kolente

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To better prepare the process of managing the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) and the Strategic Action Program (SAP), the National Implementation Agency of Sierra Leone has set up its technical advisory team National Council, On 23rd August 2019, in Kambia.

The 9-person team is made up of ministry technicians, academics, representatives of water users in targeted basins, representatives of local civil society and representatives of the private sector.

The establishment of this team responds to an advisory approach that will encourage local support for the preparation and implementation of the SAP after the TDA. Consultation meetings with local communities in each targeted basin will be organized to identify natural resource management priorities, validate information and approve approaches provided in the TDA and SAP. This will ensure that all stakeholders are involved in decisions related to water resource management and utilization, with a special focus on women and the poor who depend on natural resources for their livelihoods.

### LIBERIA / LIBERIA HAS SET UP NATIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY TEAM (NTAT)



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The establishment of the Liberia Advisory Team took place under the same conditions as that of Sierra Leone. It was installed on September 26, 2019, in Monrovia. Liberia's National Technical Team is made up of 20 members from 21 government ministries and agencies specializing in the natural sciences, economics, social sciences, legal and NGO experts, and experts from research and academic institutions, identified as part of relevant stakeholders by the National Project Coordination Unit (NPCU).

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### GUINEA / ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL ADVISORY TEAM



After Liberia and Sierra Leone, Guinea has in turn set up its national technical advisory team for the TDA and SAP process. It was on September 10, 2019, at the DORNEYA Hotel, in Kindia-Center, during a Workshop that this structure was put in place.

The national consultative team of Guinea is made up of fifteen (15) members bringing together the representatives of the sectoral ministerial departments involved, Universities, Research institutions and NGOs.

The selection of the members of the national technical team was made according to the criteria of specialization in the following fields: Natural Sciences, Economics, Legal Sciences and Politics and Social Sciences. This election took place under the usual conditions of conviviality and harmony with the participation of all parties.

Cote d'Ivoire will be the last country to install its national technical team.

## SENSITIZING / ECOSYSTEM CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL WATER RESOURCES

### USAID HAS ORGANIZED A DESIGN WORKSHOP OF A RADIO-THEATER SERIES

USAID, through the WABICC program, organized from 10 to 12 September in Monrovia, Liberia, a workshop for theater-radio design for the Transboundary Forest Landscapes of the Mano River Union.

This workshop was a hands-on experience of designing a radio drama series for communities living in the forest landscapes of Gola, Ziama-Wonegizi; Wologizi and Tai-Grebo-Krahn-Sapo to increase their knowledge and change their attitudes and practices in the sustainable management of natural resources.

It is a program of 24 radio programs that will be produced and translated into seven (7) languages for the first stage. This radio drama program deals with the following themes: poaching, artisanal mining, shifting cultivation and logging.

This meeting mobilized about fifty people from these different landscapes, including journalists and radio hosts.

The Secretariat of the Mano River Union was represented by the National Coordinator of Liberia.

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**LIBERIA / THE NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE PLATFORM ESTABLISHED**



Strengthening national and local capacity in transboundary basin management is one of the expected outcomes of the IUCN / MRU GEF Project. The National Executing Agency of Liberia proceeded with the establishment of the national platform of the Moa-Makona, on August 10, 2019, in Foya, Liberia, during a workshop. Nearly 56 participants, 20% of whom were women, were made aware of the threats to the environment of the river basins from the source to the sea, notably the degradation of water quality, deforestation, the decrease in pelagic resources, etc. due to the bad practices related to the activity of man. An Executive Committee has been set up by the General Assembly in the basin.

Thus, the Executive Committee of the MOA / Makona is composed of 10 executive officers including 2 women. These stakeholder committees will participate in the process of developing and validating the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis and Strategic Action Plan in this transboundary basin.

**SIERRA LEONE SET UP ITS NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE PLATFORM**



12 days later, Liberia and Sierra Leone established the Great & Little Scarcies Basin Platform (or kolente / Kabba) on 22nd August 2019 in Kambia. This platform is composed of 14 people including 2 women.

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GUINEA – SIERRA LEONE / TRANSBOUNDARY COMMITTEE (Kolente/Great Scarcies and Kaba/Little Scarcies)



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For effective management of the transboundary basins of Kolente / Great Scarcies and Kaba / Little Scarcies, the National Executing Agencies of Guinea and Sierra Leone carried out, on September 12, 2019, in Kindia, Guinea at the installation of the Transboundary platform.

The transboundary platform is part of the dynamic of addressing environmental challenges after the establishment of national platforms for the sharing and transboundary management of water resources, in order to allow the Mano River Union to find solutions to the challenges posed to the current and future development of shared basins. Representatives from the Kolente / Great Scarcies and Kaba / Little Scarcies Basin Platforms in Kolente have adopted a collaboration protocol and the internal rules and regulations of this management tool composed of five (5) members, including three (3) Guineans and two (2) Sierra Leoneans.

## **INTERNATIONAL WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PRESERVATION OF THE VOLTA RIVER**

### **THE NATIONAL FOCAL STRUCTURE OF COTE D'IVOIRE FINALLY AVAILABLE**

The six countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali and Togo) that share the Volta River are determined to ensure their preservation while allowing this important waterway to ensure its role as a driver of socio-economic development.

To achieve this, Côte d'Ivoire has just installed its National Focal Structure (SFN) for the implementation of the mandate of the Volta Basin Authority. It was August 20, 2019, during a workshop held at the Manhattan Suites hotel, located on the Attoban Riviera, Abidjan.

The SFN is an indispensable link for operational purposes in the implementation of the mandate of the Volta Basin Authority in each State Party, in the sustainable management of water resources in the basin. In Côte d'Ivoire, the SFN is made up of about twenty members from different sector ministries, civil society, territorial communities and the private sector with a link to water resources.

The National Coordinator of the Gef-IUCN MRU Project, was invited to attend the meeting where he had the opportunity to present the objectives of the GEF project.