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IGCC AT THE 6TH WORLD WATER FORUM WORKSHOP MARSEILLE, FRANCE

The recently held 6th World Water Forum dubbed “Solutions Time” was held in Marseille, France from the 12th to the 17th of March 2012. Both local and regional authorities were invited to participate in this worldwide event. It was an

opportunity to exchange ideas among participants, learn about innovations and also a problem solving encounter all within the scope of improving on water related issues and ensuring acceptable sanitation worldwide.



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On day 6 and the finale, Dr Stephen Donkor had the opportunity to interact with Ms Raquel Cánovas Molina of International Trade and Marketing department of Grupo Ideo and her CEO who are active in waste management treatment for mega cities, they consider the GCLME region ideal for feasibility studies within the sub region (Accra, Lagos, Lome, Abidjan, Cotonou among other cities within the GCLME region)

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The IGCC ICT Officer at the IGCC Stand during the 6th World Water Forum. Posters showing the main achievements of the GCLME project were displayed and publications were shared with participants.

IGCC MINISTERS REACH CONSENSUS ON ESTABLISHING A PERMANENT GUINEA CURRENT COMMISSION BY A PROTOCOL TO THE ABIDJAN CONVENTION

A series of GCLME/IGCC meetings was crowned by the congregation of Ministers of the sixteen GCLME countries for the 3rd meeting of the Committee of Ministers at Hotel Ivoire in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 11th



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The 3rd Meeting of the Committee of the Ministers was chaired by his Excellency Remi Allah Kouadio, (middle) Minister of Environment and sustainable Development, Côte d'Ivoire and co-chaired by the current IGCC, Chairperson of the IGCC Her Excellency Sherry Ayittey, (right) Minister of Environment Science and Technology of Ghana. The IGCC Executive Secretary, (left) Dr. Max Stephen Donkor gave a detailed report on progress of the GCLME SAP development phase.

May 2012.

Preceding the third meeting of ministers were two meetings namely the meeting of technical and legal experts which took place at Hotel du Golf on the 7th and 8th May, 2012 and the 9th Steering Committee Meeting from 9th to 8th May, 2012.

The first meeting analyzed the pros and cons of the two options for the establishment of the Guinea Current Commission proposed by the UN support agencies which were analyzed in detail in a report prepared by the Environmental Law Institute, an independent body. The group made a recommendation on the preferred option for the establishment of the permanent Guinea Current Commission which was submitted to the 9th SCM and subsequently to the 3rd Ministerial Meeting for decision making. The second meeting was the 9th steering committee meeting which looked at the recommendations from the technical meetings and proposed recommendations for the 3rd meeting of the committee of ministers.

Two options were considered by the Ministers

- a) Option 3: to establish the GCC as an Independent Commission under a separate international legal agreement
- b) Option 5: to establish the GCC as an Independent Commission through a protocol to the Abidjan Convention

Ministers reached a consensus to create a Permanent Guinea Current Commission by a protocol to the Abidjan Convention. The Ministers also agreed to keep a transition team to manage the affairs of the IGCC for as long as possible until the SAP Implementation Project can be launched. In this regard the Ministers directed the support of UN agencies to submit the Project Identification Form (PIF) of for SAP Implementation project to the GEF Secretariat by the deadline in September 2012 for CEO approval and consideration by the next GEF Council meeting in November 2012.

Following the suggestion made by the Chairperson, Madam Ayittey, Côte d'Ivoire was declared as chair of the IGCC for the next two years.



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During the break, consultations on the options for establishing the GCC continued between the Minister of Environment of the Republic of Cameroon, H.E. Pierre Hele, the Minister of Environment of the Republic of Congo, H.E. Henry Djombo and the representative of the Minister of Environment of the Gabonese Republic, Mr. Desire Guedon.



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On this picture, The new Chair of the IGCC, H.E. Allah Kouadio Remi, Minister of Environment and Sustainable development Cote d'Ivoire exchanging views with the Executive Secretary, Max Stephen Donkor and National Director of the IGCC in Cote d'Ivoire, Mrs Kaba Nassere.

AFRICAN UNION MEETING ON FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

The African Union Workshop organized a meeting on the theme "Think Tank Meeting on the formulation of Pan-African Fisheries Policy Framework and the Comprehensive African Fisheries Reform Strategy" in Abidjan, 4th -6th June, 2012.

The over-arching purpose of this policy framework is to provide structured guidance to Africa's fisheries management agencies, development assistance donor agencies, technical institutions and other stakeholders involved in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors prioritized prospectus of opportunities to facilitate the operationalization of coherent national and regional policy options that take full advantage of socio-economic benefits and opportunities of the Continent's fisheries and aquaculture endowments.

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The IGCC Officer-In-Charge, Dr. Jacques Abe and Dr. Mohamed Seisay Fisheries Officer for AU-IBAR exchanging during the session.



The high table during the opening ceremony: from left to right: Mr Denis Kouakou Thiény, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock Development of Cote D'Ivoire, H.E. Minister of Fisheries and Livestock Development of Cote D'Ivoire, Mr. Kobenan Adjoumani, Mr. OUED RAOGO Jérémy, Minister of Animal Resources Burkina Faso, Dr. Simplicie NOUALA, Chief Animal Production AU-IBAR, Mr. Tim Bostock Senior Fisheries Specialist World Bank