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FROM THE EDITOR :

Activities for November began with the mission of the Regional Director, GCLME, Prof. Chidi Ibe to Paris and London from 1 to 8 November. The objectives of the two missions were: to join the Coordinator of GOOS-Africa at IOC-UNESCO and others for a planning meeting on 3 Workshops scheduled in 2006 on GOOS-LME Interactions including the deployment of early warning systems in the GCLME Region; and to meet with IMO in London on the detailed planning of the series of Technical workshops identified in the recently signed UNIDO/IMO LOA.

A Workshop on National Programme of Action (NPA) in relation to The Protection of Marine Environment from Land Based Activities (LBA) was held from 9 - 11 November, 2005. It was organised by the Ministry of Environment and Science, Ghana in collaboration with GCLME Project and UNEP - GPA Coordination Office, The Hague, Netherlands. The Workshop was attended by representatives of the Ministries of Environment and Science, Local Government and Rural Development, Universities, Research Institutions, NGOs, staff of the EPA, Ghana and staff of GCLME - RCU. It was chaired by Mr. E.O Nsenkyire, Chief Director of the Ministry for Environment and Science.

The Deputy Minister of Environment and Science, Honourable Dr. Ghesika Agambila, in recalling that the Global Programme of Action (GPA) aims at preventing the degradation of the marine environment from the land based activities stressed that the implementation of the GPA is primarily the task of Governments in close partnership with a broad spectrum of stakeholders. In this regard, he rejoiced in the presence of local communities, public institutions, the private sector and non governmental organizations. He stated that following the technical drafting of the NPA will be the political task of winning national adoption for the process and its implementation. He reassured the participants of the total support of the Ministry.

NPA FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT FROM LAND BASED ACTIVITIES (NPA): Accra, 09 - 11 NOVEMBER, 2005.

L-R: At the Opening Ceremony Mr. Jonathan Allotey, executive Director, EPA, The Regional Director, GCLME,



Prof. Chidi Ibe, the Deputy Minister of Environment & Science, Dr. Gheysika Adomere Agambila and the Chief Director, MES, Mr. Edward Osei-Nsenkyire.



Mrs. Marie Rose Mukonkole from the Ministry of Environment, DR Congo participated in the Ghana NPA Workshop as part of the "Exchange of Experiences" scheme of the project.

L-R: Ms. Hawa Yaqub from Marine Fisheries Research Division, Tema, Ghana and Mr. Selorm D. Ababio from Dept. of Oceanography & Fisheries, University of Legon, Accra.



Between 17 and 19 November, the Environment Expert, GCLME was on mission to Benin to represent the Project in participation of the Launching of GCLME Activities and Workshop on National Programme of Action. The Workshop was attended by the Minister of Environment and Forestry, Honourable Jules Codjo Assogba, the Deputy Minister of Environment and Forestry, Mr. Didien R. Sacramento, the Technical Advisor for Environment, Mrs. Jeane Akoha Acacha and the UNDP Programme Officer, Mr. Jean Jacob Sahou. At the Launching of GCLME Activities, presentations were made by various experts on the aspects of GCLME project including Fisheries, ICAM, Mangroves, GIS and the National Demo project while at the Workshop on NPA, the Environment Expert, GCLME presented the processes for the development of an NPA Mechanism.

The Minister of Environment who was accompanied by the Deputy Minister as well as his Technical Advisor on Environment noted the importance of the GCLME Project to restoring environmental sanity and marine ecosystem health to Benin. He praised the Capacity Building activities undertaken so far by the project stating that they were contributing already to reinforcing the ability of his Ministry to carry out its regulatory functions. The Minister said he was full of expectation in regard to the Benin National Demonstration Project on Marine Protected Areas (MPA)

The Minister stated his happiness at the presence of a broad spectrum of stakeholders and rejoiced particularly at the presence of civil societies and community leaders.

The Minister added that the development of the National Programme of Action (NPA) will further focus the attention of the various stakeholders present at the Workshop on their respective roles in the preventing, reducing, controlling and/or eliminating marine degradation from Land Based Activities. He congratulated the management of the GCLME Project, the UNEP - GPA Coordination office, The Hague, Netherlands for providing technical and financial support to the organization of the Workshop.

The Minister promised to pursue inter-ministerial actions in order to deploy as broad a spectrum of input into the development of the NPA.

LAUNCHING OF GCLME ACTIVITIES AND NATIONAL PROGRAMME OF ACTION (NPA) WORKSHOP IN BENIN: 17 - 19 NOVEMBER, 2005.

*At the Opening Ceremony
L-R: Technical Advisor for Env., Jeane Akoha Acacha, UNDP Programme Officer, Jean Jacob Sahou, Env. Expert, GCLME, Dr. Jacques Abe, Min. of Env. & Forestry, Jules Codjo Assogba and the Dep. Min. of Env. Didien R. Sacramento.*



A view of the participants during the presentation of NPA cycle by Environmental Expert, GCLME, Dr. Jacques Abe.



A group photograph of the NPA Workshop participants with the Min. of Env. Benin, Hon. Jules Codjo Assogba.

From 20 - 23 November, the Environment Officer, GCLME continued his mission to Togo where he participated in the Launching Ceremony of the GCLME National Activities in Togo, followed by a Workshop on the National Programme of Action (20 - 21 November, 2005). The opening Ceremony of the Workshop was graced by the presence of the Minister for Environment, Honourable Issoufou Okoulu, Min. for Mines, Energy and Water, Honourable Kokou Soleté Agbemadon and the Director of Environment. Prof. Adote Blivi, Doctor of Geomorphology and Management of the Littoral, Togo presented an overview of the GCLME project at the Launching Ceremony while the Environment Expert presented the process of development of the NPA.

A very fascinating aspect of the Workshop was the presence of Traditional chiefs in full traditional regalia from all the coastal provinces of Togo. They were not only present for the Opening Ceremonies but indeed participated in the working sessions. They provided an insight into the negative impacts of anthropogenic activities on the coastal and marine environment as well as suggestions on successful education initiatives for the sensitization and involvement of coastal populations in the NPA process.

On 18 November, 2005, on the invitation of MAMSCO Environmental Consortium, the Fisheries Officer, Dr. Theodore Djama attended a Workshop organized by the Canadian Natural Resources Group (CNRG) at the hotel Novotel Accra, Ghana. The objectives of the presentation were to:

- Outline Canada's forestry experience
- Discuss the role of forestry in sustainable development
- Present innovative approaches/Case studies in forest management systems and governance and,
- Exchange ideas and develop partnerships.

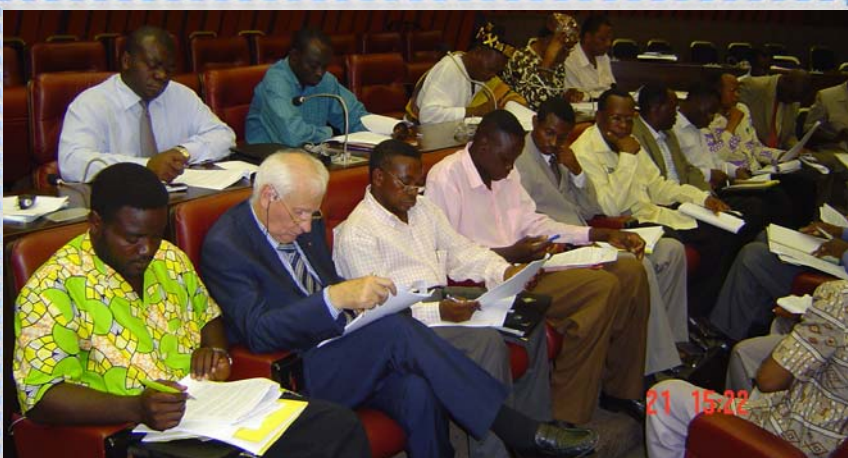
Between 17 and 25 November, the Regional Director, GCLME was on mission to Lagos, Abuja and Owerri in Nigeria. The objectives of the missions were to:-

- To meet with the Director, NIOMR in Lagos to plan the Ship based Training on Marine Pollution scheduled for early 2006,
- To meet with the Imo State Governor in Owerri on Assistance to the Regional Centre for Pollution Management. And,
- To meet with the New Nigerian Minister of En

LAUNCHING OF GCLME ACTIVITIES AND NATIONAL PROGRAMME OF ACTION (NPA) WORKSHOP IN TOGO: 21 - 22 NOVEMBER, 2005.



At the Opening Ceremony L-R: Env. Expert, GCLME, Dr. Jacques Abe, Min. for Env., Issoufou Okoulou Kantohati, Min. of Mine, Energy and Water, Kokou Soleté Agbemadon and the Dir. of Env, Bougounou Djeri Alassani.



Working Group on Pollution in session with members from technical ministries and Private Sector.

Group photograph of the participants with the Min. of Mines, Energy and Water, Hon. Kokou Soleté Agbemadon, Min. of Env., Hon. Issoufou



Okoulou Kantohati, the Env. Expert, GCLME flanked by Traditional Chiefs in Togo.

vironment and the newly designated National GCLME Director in Abuja on National Project implementation.

On return from his mission to Nigeria, the Regional Director undertook a mission to Vienna to participate in the UNIDO General Conference, 28 November to 2 December, 2005.

The Regional Director witnessed the swearing in of the new Director General of UNIDO, Dr. Kandeh Yumkella, with whom he had brief discussions on future direction of the project and in particular the proposed first meeting of the Committee of Ministers now expected in the first half of 2006.

FUTURE EVENTS:

- 12 - 16 Dec, 2005: ICAM/GIS Workshop, Calabar, Nigeria.
- 1 Jan - 31 March, 2006: Survey of Aquaculture/ Mariculture Potentials.
- 1 Jan - 31 March, 2006: Formulation of National ICAM Plans (Continued).
- 1 Jan - 31 March, 2006: National workshops for the Formulation of NPA's of LBA (Nigeria, Equatorial Guinea, Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea Bissau).
- 16 - 20 Jan, 2006: IMO Workshop (Review of the region's maritime infrastructure with particular regard for survey and inspection requirements).
- 23 & 27 Jan, 2006: Consultation on Regulatory Implications of Trawl Survey Results.
- 24 - 26 Jan, 2006: GCLME / WWF Workshop on Fisheries Partnership Agreements.
- 30 Jan - 3 March, 2006: Regional Workshop on Management of Ballast Waters.
- 6 - 10 Feb, 2006: Erosion Processes / Modeling and Coastal Erosion with US Army Corps of Engineers .
- 13 - 17 Feb, 2006: 3 IMO / IPIECA (International Petroleum Industry Energy Conservation Association) Level 3 Course.
- 20 - 24 Feb, 2006: Regional Workshop on Regional Co-operation and Regional Contingency Planning.
- 27 Feb. - 3 March, 2006: Meeting of the pollution/ ecosystem health WG.
- 6 - 10 March, 2006: National workshops for the Formulation of NPA's of LBA (Nigeria, Equatorial Guinea, Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea Bissau).
- 13 - 17 March, 2006: Workshop on Alternative Livelihood.
- 20 - 24 March, 2006: Sea based training for sampling and measurement of contaminant levels and distribution.
- 27 - 31 March, 2006: Round table with private sector on WSEMS.

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RD'S MISSION TO LAGOS, ABUJA AND OWERRI IN NIGERIA: 17 – 25 NOVEMBER, 2005.

L-R: Mr. Jossy Thomas, UNIDO RIDC Nigeria, Prof Chidi Ibe, GCLME Regional Director, His Excellency Chief Achike Udenwa, Executive Governor Imo State, Dr Chika Ukwé, GCLME Project Manager UNIDO, Vienna.



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Gen. Mgr ISEPA, Mr Jossy Thomas UNIDO RIDC Nigeria, and Dr Chika Ukwé, GCLME Project Manager, UNIDO .

L - R : Executive Assistant to Imo State Dep. Gov. on Env, Dr Samuel Anurigwo, Perm. Sec. Political Office of Sec. to Govt of Imo State Govt, GCLME Regional Director, Mr. Ethelbert Nnodimele,

FAST FORWARD!

UNIDO's Dr. Chika Ukwé (Right) in a light hearted mood with the Hon. Minister of Industries, Nigeria, Ambassador Tapgum (middle) and the Chair of the NEPAD Business Round Table, Hon. Bamanga Tukur (left) on 02 Dec'05 during the Swearing in Ceremony of the new Director General, of UNIDO, Dr. Kandeh Yumkella.

