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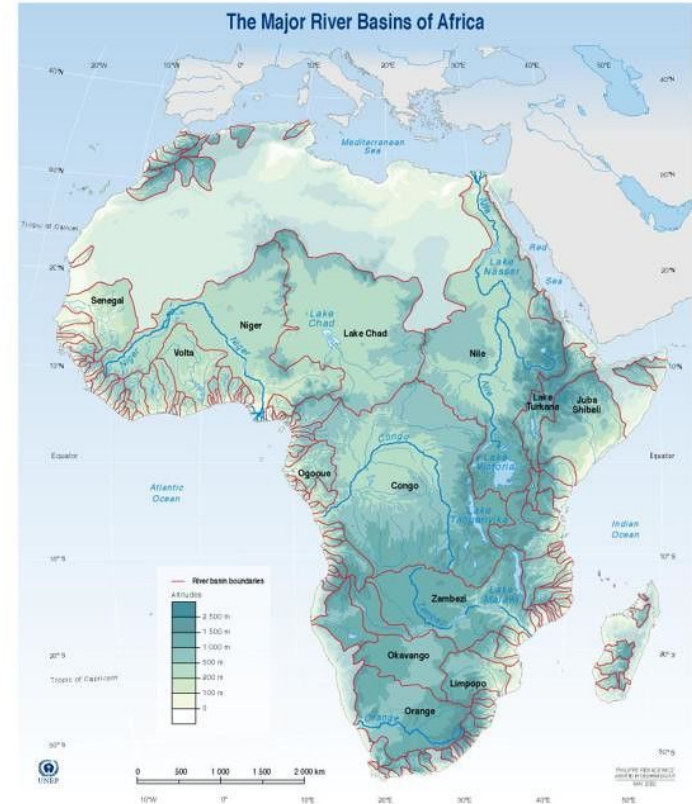
Role of African Network of Basin Organizations in Fostering Transboundary Water Management in Africa

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1a. Transboundary Water Resources in Africa

- 63 major transboundary River Basins in Africa, covering 64% of the continent's land area
- TWBs contain more than 80% of Africa's renewable freshwater resources
- Water resources are unevenly distributed and spatial and temporal variability of water in Africa are very high
- Extremes (floods and droughts) frequently pose challenges to effective management of the continent's water resources
- Pollutions and climate change are posing major challenges
- Rivers and Lakes still offer untapped potential
- Multi-purpose water infrastructure investments will accelerate poverty alleviation and will boost economic growth



Source: Aaron T. Wolf et al., 1999; Revenga et al., *Watersheds of the World*, World Resources Institute (WRI), Washington DC, 1998; Philippe Rakociewicz, *Atlas de poche, Livre de poche, Librairie générale française, Paris, 1992* (revised in 2001).

1b. Transboundary Water Management Challenges in Africa

- ❑ Countries recognize that development of water infrastructure is a key driver for achieving socioeconomic development.
- ❑ Over 20 transboundary Basin Organizations established
- ❑ Role is to support cooperation, joint management and promote transboundary investments
- ❑ However most African Basin Organizations remain institutionally weak, financially challenged and are highly dependent on donor funding.

Major Challenges

Limited information sharing, technical and analytical capacity for addressing challenges and harnessing opportunities

Limited capacity for planning, promotion, and implementation of joint investments programs

Inadequate visibility within the Basins / Members States

Weak governance and Member State ownership – financial support

1c. Key Development Challenges and Opportunities



KEY DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES FACING AFRICA

Rapid population growth

Rampant Poverty

Climate change

- Unmet food needs: **FOOD INSECURITY**
- Water scarcity (physical/technical/governance); water-related risks: **WATER INSECURITY**
- Low level of access to energy/electricity: **ENERGY INSECURITY**
- Degraded environment/ecosystems: **ENVIRONMENTAL INSECURITY**

WATER AND NEXUS WEF E AS PART OF SOLUTIONS

Sustainable and efficient dev and use of available waters, especially **TRANSBOUNDARY WATERS**: 80% of Africa's renewable freshwater

FOOD SECURITY

WATER SECURITY

ENERGY SECURITY

ENV SECURITY

2a. The African Network of Basins Organization



- ❑ The African Network of Basins Organization (ANBO) was created as an International Non-profit Organization in 2002
- ❑ It is a voluntary network of Basins, Lakes/Rivers, and aquifer organizations set up with the assistance of the International Network of Basin Organizations (INBO)
- ❑ Created to respond to;
 - Africa Water Vision 2025, AU calls for , a Federation of African Rivers and Lakes Basins Organizations
 - Address the need to coordinate and strengthen cooperation among African Basin Organizations
 - ANBO General Assembly formalized its relationship with AMCOW in 2009 as a pan African organization serving AMCOW on facilitating transboundary cooperation
 - Current ANBO Headquarter at OMVS, Dakar, Senegal
<https://www.anbo-raob.org/en/>

2b. ANBO - Strategic Direction



Vision

- ❑ ***‘An influential federation of African Basin Organization helping its members contribute tangibly to the African Water Vision for the welfare of the African people’***

- ❑ **Mission:** ‘to support the African basins organizations in developing their capacity to play leading role in sustainable regional economic development through promoting joint water investment and management, and enhancing cooperation and exchange of experiences among its members’

- ❑ **Goals & Objectives**
- ❑ **The Vision and Mission- pursued through 10-Year Strategies & 5 Year rolling Action plans**
 - ❑ **Currently ANBO Strategy (2015-2024) & the 5-Year Action Plan 2020-2024**

2c. ANBO Strategy 2015-2024



- ❑ Aligned to African Water Vision 2025: “An Africa where there is an equitable and sustainable use and management of water resources for poverty alleviation, socio-economic development, regional cooperation, and the environment.”

- ❑ **Areas focus**

Objective 1: The institutional, resources mobilization, technical and knowledge sharing capacity of ANBO, as a pillar under AMCOW, is strengthened;

Objective 2: The organizational structure and legal basis of the existing Basin Organizations are strengthened and the creation of new Basin Organizations is supported;

Objective 3: The investment planning, resources mobilization, and implementation capacity of the Basin Organizations is strengthened on the basis of cooperation and exchange of experiences among its members;

Objective 4: The data, information and knowledge management capacity to support transboundary water resources management is strengthened;

2d. Priority Actions 2020 -2024



Focus to Expand and strengthen transboundary water governance through improved cooperation and joint learning among ANBO Members and Partners through 4 Action areas;

- ❑ **Action Area 1.** Strengthening **water governance and cooperation** in **existing basin organizations** and supporting the creation of **new basin organizations**.
- ❑ **Action Area 2.** **Mobilizing and connecting** members and partners for **more effective engagement in and influence of water-related policy** processes and debates.
- ❑ **Action Area 3.** Strengthening ANBO's **Knowledge network and capacity development** functions.
- ❑ **Action Area 4.** Strengthening ANBO **Governance and operations**.

2e. Implementation & Achievements



- To contribute to advancing Africa's water-related priorities – under AMCOW strategy and SDGs, the Action plans have implemented the ANBO strategy - considering lessons learned and recommendations from the ANBO Council;

Achievements in Recent years

- Projects
 - SITWA Project; ANBO-UDP/GEF
 - DYNObA Project
- African water related commitments**
 - Alignment to AMCOW's 2018 -2030 Strategy and SDGs
- Members and Partners perspectives priorities – in **consultative meetings** with resolutions or declaration, e.g. the Kampala declaration, **side events, conferences**

2e. The 1st High-level Engagement of L/RBOs in Africa, May 2023, Kampala

- ❑ **Participants** - Senior management of African L/RBOs, RECs and Partners
- ❑ **Objective** – to deliberate on the state of transboundary water management on the Continent.
- ❑ **Outcome** - Kampala Declaration and Joint Action Plan on Transboundary Water Resources Management in Africa
- ❑ Kampala Declaration encapsulates commitments and strategic actions for improving transboundary water management in Africa
- ❑ **Key focus:** strengthening cooperation, increasing investments, stakeholder engagement, addressing climate change, data and information exchange, conflict resolution mechanisms
- ❑ Kampala Declaration 2023 was submitted to the African Union to ensure that the outcomes of the meeting as outlined are incorporated into broader Continental strategies and policies on water management

2e. Second High-level Engagement - 2024

- ❑ Date and Venue - **4-5 November 2024, Dakar, Senegal**
- ❑ Motivation - Efforts are currently underway to formulate a post-2025 Africa Water Vision that will motivate for action to achieve the AU Agenda 2063 goal of **environmentally sustainable and climate resilient economies and communities through assuring water security, among others.**
- ❑ **Goals**
 - Evaluate past performance of the 2015 -2024 and guide the strategic direction for the next 10 years
 - Institutionalise strategic operational arrangements with RLBOs and RECs through jointly formulated and executed engagement plans and resources mobilisation activities to strengthen ties between AMCOW, the RECs and RLBOs
 - Guide on how Africa's Common Position and Key Messages presented to the 10th World Water Forum that can be factored into the post-2025 Africa Water Vision vis-à-vis ambitions for sustainably managed transboundary water resources
 - Secure the future of ANBO (institutional strengthening, resource mobilization)

3. Challenges & Perspectives



Challenges

- Weak Institutions – Governance, limited participation, partnerships, collaboration and joint actions among members;
- Limited Institutional capacity, knowledge and information sharing
- Inadequate resources and Investments to show benefits on the ground

Perspectives

- Strengthen ANBO's leadership with more autonomous Secretariat, networking and alignment to continental and international commitments to show relevance and benefits on the ground
- Position ANBO as a knowledge hub to facilitate cooperation, investments, capacity building and supportive tools for decision support
- Pursue efforts to promote resource mobilization through Projects – e.g the ongoing **DYNOBA Project** funded by AFD and implemented by OMVS as ANBO Technical Permanent Secretary
- Develop New Projects, with Partners - Swiss cooperation, INBO, TEI, ...;
- New EU-funded **Peer to Peer Project**, implemented by **INBO/OiEau together with ANBO/OMVS**, to be launched soon.

4. ANBO Members at its Creation

**31 ANBO statutory
Members (eligible
and right to vote)**

**18
Basin
Organisations**

Including NBI – LVBC – ABN – ABV –
CICOS – KOBWA – LTA -LIMCOM – OKACOM
– OMVS – OMVG – ORASECOM – ZRA –
MRU CBLT - Ruvuma Basin - Juba Shabelli
Basin – Kunene Basin

**9 International
Organisations
& ONG**

Including World Water Council – International
Network of Basin Organizations (INBO) – UICN –
International Waters-Learning Exchange and
Resource Network (GEF-IW LEARN) – OMM -
International Network of Transboundary Basin
Organizations – CODOSEN - World Wil Fund /West
Africa

**10
Basin
Agencies**

Including Algiers-hodna-Soummam
Basin Agency - Oranie-Chott- Chergui River
Basin Agency - Sahaha River Basin Agency –
Oum Er Rbia Basin Agency - Niger River
Basin National Agency - SEBOU River
Agency - Integrated development authority
of the Iptako Gourma region ALG - AWASH
Basin Water Resources Administration
Agency

**7 Regional
Organisations**

Including ACMAD – Sahara and Sahel
Observatory (OSS) – Global Water
Partnership/Eastern Africa – GWP/WAWP/WATAC –
NEPAD Secretariat – SADC – ECOWAS -

3 Lakes

Including Lac Tonga – Lac Mweru
Lac Nyassa

**Administrations
and
others
Projects and**

Among others Department of Water Affairs and
Forestry (South Africa) - National hydrolic divisions -
African Centre of Meteorological Applications for
Development (ACMAD/Niger) - Department of Water
Affairs and Forestry (Mauritanian) - Ministry of the
Environment Directorate of Hydraulics / Ministry of
the Environment and Water Directorate General of
Water Resources National Hydraulics - Water
Resources Management and Planning Department -



5. AFRICAN NETWORK OF BASIN ORGANISATION



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