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**COTE D'IVOIRE - GUINEA:
THE STAKEHOLDER TRAINING WORKSHOP ON ADT AND SAP**



Participants de l'atelier de formation sur le renforcement des capacités des acteurs nationaux / Photo : ANEx Guinee

From September 15 to 18, 2020, at Pergola hotel (in Abidjan), and from September 22 to 25 2020 at Dorney Hotel in Kindia – Guinea, Dr Madiodio NIAISSE, Regional Consultant, Water and Environment Expert, responsible for leading the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) in the Mano River Union, led two training workshops for stakeholders. He explained that “the objective of the training is to allow stakeholders to better understand the objectives and the methodology for the formulation of the TDA as recommended by the Global Environment Facility (GEF). Thus, the stakeholders will be able to support the process in the national component and at the regional level. ” The question of the Strategic Action Plan (SAP) was also addressed during this training. The first component of the training was the general introduction to the UFM area, which has 10 transboundary basins. The second is the presentation of the TDA process and the third is the process of formulating the SAP. The trainer explained to the stakeholders that the Strategic Action Plan (SAP) is a negotiated environmental policy document. It defines the priority areas of action and the reforms necessary to resolve the most urgent environmental problems identified in the Transboundary Environmental Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) of the Mano River Union basins. The general objective of the SAP will be to provide the MRU and its partners with a sustainable cross-border management tool for the environment of the Mano river basin. The fourth component of this training, covered the cross -cutting issues of governance, gender and climate change.

The participants who were delighted with the holding of this training, each of which received a certificate of participation, saw it as an opportunity to have the necessary resources to better address the issues of natural resources and water management in the region of the Mano River Union.

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MTC / VALIDATION OF THE REPORT OF THE ROAM PROCESS

On Wednesday August 12, 2020, at the Water Resources Management Agency, the MTC of Sierra Leone held a meeting during which was validated and adopted the report of the consultant of the activities of the ROAM, under the chairmanship of Mr. Mohamed Sarr Juana, Director, Hydrological Services, National Water Resources Management Agency.

This meeting, which aimed at validating the final report of the consultant of the ROAM process, also looked at the review of the activities carried out by the NEA since the last meeting of the MTC,

It emerges from the presentation of the final report of the ROAM process that the members of the MTC have validated and approved the document which, according to them, corresponds to the objectives assigned to the consultant during his recruitment. This document will be sent to the regional project executing agency for information.

The review of the activities carried out by NEA made it possible to note significant progress in the progress of the project at the national level.

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Photo de famille lors de la formation des cadres du CEGENS à Gbakoré (Nimba). Photo ANEx Guinée

From July 13 to 22, 2020, the Association for the Defense of Café Ziama -Macenta (ADECAM), organized a training workshop for the benefit of 308 farmers, including 68 women, from 19 villages, including 5 for the Ziama landscape, 4 for the Diecke landscape and 10 for the Nimba landscape, on good agricultural production practices and certification principles.

This training aimed at improving management practices to meet certification programs to sustainably improve agricultural practices respectful of the environment in the project area.

In accordance with the established schedule, the training itself consisted of giving courses on two modules (good agricultural production practices and fair trade and organic certification). These trainings took place respectively in N'Zérékoré for the CFZ, Gbakoré for the CEGENS, Séreingbara for the farmers of Nimba, Diecké for the farmers of Diecké and Fassankony for those of Ziama .

Especially for farmers, the training was translated into local languages to facilitate understanding and to enable actors to know the importance of certification, to have a good knowledge of the potential, an awareness of the value and real possibilities of contributing to the creation of wealth in these different landscapes.

