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Participants to the training workshop / Photo : Rabe G. Florent

As part of the implementation of the “*Conservation of Ecosystems and International Management of Water Resources of the Mano River Union*” project funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the National Protected Area Authority (NPAA) and the National Agency of Execution in collaboration with the Mano River Union, Regional Agency, held on 14 October 2020 in Bo city, a training workshop to strengthen the capacity of national actors.

Twenty-five (25) participants including five (5) women members of the National Platform of water users of the Great & Little Scarcies Basins, the National Technical Team of the Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis and Strategic Action Plan (SAP) , the Multisectoral Technical Committee, the Mano River Union, NGOs and Civil Society Organizations working in the field of water resources took part in this important activity. This training, which lasted four days, from October 14 to 17, 2020, Aimed at allowing stakeholders

to better understand the objectives and formulation methodology 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 participants who were delighted with the holding of for this training, each of which received each a certificate of participation, They 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 MRU.

TDA / SAP PROCESS / TRAINING OF THE LIBERIA NATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEE



Participants to the training workshop / Photo : NEA Liberia

From November 3 - 6 2020, members of the national technical committee for Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA and SAP) of Liberia received a training on the TDA process. This training was conducted by the international consultant team in charge of this study within the framework of the GEF Mano project. A total of 31 people from 22 government entities have benefited from this training. This training for the Liberia stakeholders completes a series that the consultant team conducted in Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea and Sierra Leone from September to October 2020.

COTE D'IVOIRE / AWARENESS OF LOCAL ACTORS IN THE CAVALLY BASIN

In Côte d'Ivoire, awareness raising on environmental issues in a context of water pollution and its impact on the ecosystem and the environment, as part of the BRIDGE project, took place on December 16, 2020, under the presidency of Mr. DIANE Bassinima, Prefect of the Department of Danané. The objective of this activity was to inform and educate the key actors of communities of the locality of Danané living in the Cavally basin on the environmental issues in a context of water pollution and its impact on the ecosystem and the environment.

Forty people took part in this meeting representing decentralized and deconcentrated administrative authorities, customary authorities, representatives of civil society and NGOs, members of the National Project Coordination Unit and the National Water Partnership. from Cote d'Ivoire.

After the meeting which involved 46 people, including 14 women, recommendations were made for information and awareness raising sessions to be conducted at the location of the Cavally River in the Department of Danané taking into consideration its strategic geographical location (upstream) of the water course.

**SIERRA LEONE / BRIDGE
AWARENESS OF KEY ACTORS ON WATER POLLUTION
AND SOIL DEGRADATION IN KAMBIA AND KAILAHUN**



Participants to raising awareness activity / Photo National Platform Sierra Leone

Improve the level of knowledge of the riparian populations of the Great and Little Scarcies and Moa /Makona basins, particularly minors, cross-border traders, fishermen and farmers on the dangers of human action and its consequences on the ecosystem and river basins was the objective of the awareness campaign that the Sierra Leone National Platform with the support of the Mano River Union carried out from December 9 to 13, in the districts of Kambia and Kailahun . This campaign made it possible to directly mobilize 86 people, including 13 women, through direct exchanges with educational and communication information materials (flyers, posters) and through community radio waves (Radio Kolenten FM 92.4 and Radio Moa). The terms discussed during this campaign were: water pollution through alluvial mines, fishing and agriculture.

GUINEA / BRIDGE AWARENESS OF KEY ACTORS ON MAKONA RIVER POLLUTION



Participants / Photo : National Platform Guinea

Guinea's Moa / Makona national platform with the support of the Mano River Union organized, from December 10 to 11, 2020, an awareness-raising workshop for the community of Binikala on environmental issues and pollution of the Moa / Makona river .

The awareness-raising activity began with a field visit which aimed to identify certain realities by all the stakeholders invited to the workshop, to share with the delegation from the MRU and the administrative and municipal authorities. Observations of the degradation of plant cover and soil by artisanal diamond miners along the Moa / Makona river were also shown to the Mano River Team.

The objective of this workshop was to sensitize 38 people, including 2 women, water users on activities related to the upstream water pollution of the basin Makona and all the rivers of neighboring communities of the Makona basin through the dissemination of messages and workshop recommendations by the media (Radio Rurale de Macenta and the Guinean Press Agency (AGP).

Several topics were addressed e s during this awareness workshop, it is

Human activities and the actors involved in the management of natural resources in general and in particular on water resources ; Alluvial mining and its impact on the ecosystem river and human health, animal and plant. Case of the degradation of natural resources upstream of the Makona basin ; Some mitigation measures for negative impacts ; presentation of best practices and their benefits.

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MTC MEETING / ADOPTION AND VALIDATION OF 2021-2022 AWPB

As part of the extension of the GEF Mano project over the period from January 2021 to June 2022, the Sierra Leone Multisectoral Committee held a meeting on December 14, 2020 in the conference room of the Mano River Union, to adopt the 2021-2022 Budgeted Annual Work Plan (AWPB) and examine the progress of the project. It is clear from this meeting that the MTC has adopted and validated the AWPB and made recommendations to improve project management conditions and work of the National Coordination Project Management Unit

. The MTCs of Cote d'Ivoire and Liberia must, in turn, meet To validate the AWPB for 2021 and 2022. Guinea validated its ~~document~~ AWPB on December 7, 2020.

The consolidated AWPB will be submitted to IUCN by the Regional Agency (MRU) for validation and approval.

BRIDGE PROJECT / AWARENESS RAISING FOR KEY ACTORS ON POLLUTION OF THE MANO RIVER IN GRAND CAPE MOUNT COUNTY



Participants / Photo : National Platform Liberia

On December 16, 2020, in Robert sport city, Cape Mount County, Liberia, the Mano River Union (MRU) with the support of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and Build River Dialogue and Governance (BRIDGE) has successfully carried out an Awareness raising activity on the pollution of the Mano River . This activity was intended to raise awareness of key actors of riparian communities adjacent to the Mano River on the pollution for years in the Grand Cape Mount County. The sensitization stressed on the one hand on the need to conserve pure and aged water and on the other hand the facts which cause pollution of the river. A total of 45 people, including 20 women, were made aware of the importance of water and why everyone should take responsibility for the protection of water resources in their environment. The communities were also educated on the transboundary river and why every member country of the Mano River Union must protect the water resources in their country. The good practices and their consequences on the environment and the quality of life were presented to the populations by the National Platform of the Mano River with the support of the Mano River Union.