

**Comité des Pêches du Centre
Ouest du Golfe de Guinée
(CPCO)**



**Fisheries Committee for the
West Central Gulf of Guinea
(FCWC)**

**REPORT OF THE FOURTH MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE
Abuja, Nigeria, 10 December 2010**

1. The fourth Ministerial Conference of the Fisheries Committee for West Central Gulf of Guinea (FCWC) took place in Abuja, Nigeria, on 10 December 2010, following the meeting of the Advisory and Coordinating Committee (ACC) held from 8 to 9 December, 2010.
2. The Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, The Deputy Minister for Fisheries of the Republic of Ghana, the Deputy Minister for Fisheries of the Republic of Liberia and Honourable Minister of agriculture, Livestock and fishery of the Republic of Togo attended the Meeting. Due to technical problems, the Ministers of the Republic of Benin and the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire were unable to attend the meeting.
3. Members of the ACC, Representatives of the Commission of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the ACP Fish 2 Project of the European Union, the NEPAD International Partnership for African Fisheries Governance and Trade (PAF) Programme, the Fisheries and HIV/AIDS in Africa Programme (FAO/World Fish Centre), the United States' National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the United States Embassy in Nigeria together with civil society organizations of Nigeria and resource persons attended the meeting. The list of participants is given in Annex 2.

I. Opening Ceremony

4. The opening ceremony of Ministerial Conference was chaired by Mrs Fatima Bamidele, the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Federal Republic of Nigeria on the behalf of the Honourable Minister, Professor Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah OON, FNIM.
5. In his introductory speech, the FCWC Secretary-General, Mr Seraphin Dedi Nadje, recalled to the Ministers present on the achievements of the Committee since its creation and therefore thanked Member States and partners for the financial and material supports which immensely contributed towards the achievement and pursuance of the committee's vision and mandates.
6. The FCWC Secretary-General also highlighted some challenges / constraints arising from inadequate funding, poor staffing for the FCWC secretariat,
7. and further pleaded for continued support from donor partners (FAO, NEPAD etc) to assist FCWC in the sustainable management, conservation and development of the fishery resources in the sub-region. He particularly expressed gratitude to Nigeria for the efforts and

commitments for successfully hosting the 4th session of this conference. He finally thanked all ACC members for their valuable presentations, deliberations and contributions during the technical session.

8. In her welcome address, Mrs Fatima Bamidele on behalf of the Honourable Minister, Professor Sheikh Ahmad Abdullah OON, FNIM expressed her honour and pleasure to be at the 4th FCWC Ministerial Conference. She therefore extended the goodwill message from the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces and the entire people of Nigeria.

9. The Honourable Minister then thanked FCWC for the opportunity accorded to Nigeria to host this important conference. He further reiterated Nigeria's commitments towards the development of fisheries and aquaculture and to also collaborate with regional, international partners and organizations in sustainable fisheries resources management and protection of aquatic ecosystem which provides livelihoods to many people in Nigeria.

10. He informed the meeting that Nigeria had earlier donated some equipment to FCWC to support the Secretary-General. Finally he wished participants fruitful deliberations and a happy stay in Nigeria.

11. In his key note address the Deputy Minister for Fisheries of Ghana, the current Chairman of the Ministerial Conference welcomed delegates to the 4th FCWC Ministerial Conference and further stated that the objectives of the Committee is to promote cooperation amongst Member States for sustainable development, rational management, facilitating optimum utilization of marine fisheries resources within the sub-region.

12. The Chairman of the Ministerial Conference intimated the meeting that at the 3rd session, Ghana was appointed of the FCWC chair and was happy to announce that his tenure record significant achievements which include: (i) Elongation of a ten-year (2011-2020) Strategic Plan that would be reviewed and adopted for implementation; (ii) Holding of technical meeting particularly the first meeting the Working Group on IUU fishing; (iii) Reviews of recommendations of the previous sessions; (iv) Holding of ordinary sessions of the ACC and the present Ministerial Conference.

13. He appealed members to pay up their annual contributions and increase the professional staff to facilitate efficient and effective implementation of FCWC Strategic Plan and other programmes and finally wished members fruitful deliberations before declaring the meeting open.

II. Organization of meeting

14. The proceedings were chaired by the Deputy Minister of Fisheries, the Chairman of the Ministerial Conference. The Agenda for the meeting, which was unanimously adopted, is as attached in Annex 1.

III. Presentation of 2010 Activity Report by the FCWC Secretariat

15. The Secretary General presented the FCWC Activity Report for 2010. The report covered the period January 2010 to date. The main achievements are summarised as follows: (i) Reinforced cooperation among Member States by visiting all Member States and meeting with

Ministers in charge of fisheries of in each country except Benin Minister; (ii) Promotion of Sustainable Fisheries Development and Management within the sub-region towards organizing two technical working group meeting on improvement of fisheries data collection and combating IUU fishing; (iii) Organizing training of experts all member country on fisheries statistical data collection held in Ghana; (iv) Attendance of meetings on behalf of the FCWC to collaborate with programmes and projects implemented in the region; (v) Developed partnership with regional project in the region for technical and financial support; (vi) Drafting of MoU with WAEMU and the GCLME Project; (vii) Implemented the FAO TCP project of elaboration of the FCWC Strategic plan for 2010-2020 as well as identified 11 projects to implement this strategic plan; and (viii) Finalisation of the FCWC Bilingual website (English and French).

16. The Conference has appreciated supports to the operating budget of the Committee mainly Partners' support to FCWC activities such as funding of TCP project, the contribution of funds to FCWC Secretariat by Cote d'Ivoire and Togo, and the supply of ITC equipment. It was noted that none of the others members has paid up to date its financial contribution.

17. The Secretary General informed the meeting of main constraints related to the functioning of the Committee. These are lack of professional staff, as well as support staff despite member state commitment already concluded; need of relocation of Headquarters from Tema to Accra for better visibility of the Committee; Delay of the headquarters agreement for legal establishment of the committee and for smooth running of the secretariat more central location in Accra, conveyed to the Ghanaian Authorities.

18. The work done by the Secretary and efforts made in performing its duties despite the financial challenges the Committee faced were appreciated by the Ministerial Conference.

19. ***The Ministers particularly advised the Secretary General to initiate a project to enhance the achievement of the first phase of the STF Fish Code project ended in October 2010.***

20. ***It also was advised to take appropriate action to officially request the continuation of the support project of FCWC supported by Swedish cooperation toward FAO.***

21. ***Finally, the meeting noted the absence of the representative of FAO, main partner of FCWC, in this 4th Session of the Conference of Ministers and has instructed the secretariat to take appropriate steps in connection with the sub-regional office of FAO in Accra Ghana, to remedy this situation.***

22. With regards of the follow up of the implementation of the Regional Action Plan to combat illegal fishing, member States pledged total commitment in pursuing their efforts to combat IUU fishing in the sub-region and particularly demonstrated compliance to Agreement on the issue of ban Pair Trawling fishing as adopted by Ghana in 2009.

23. ***For this end it was recommended to report progress made and exchange good practices regarding the fight against IUU fishing.***

24. ***Finally Member States renewed their full commitment to pay their contributions to the Committee and proceed to the review of their fisheries policies for implementing the Strategic Plan 2011-2020.***

25. The representative of the US NOAA agreed on the need to give equal consideration to the issue of migration of fishermen just as much as is given to migration of fish within the sub region. ***She expressed the commitment of her institution to collaborate with the FCWC to develop a regional of training of fisheries observers and inspectors in the region.***

26. The representative of ECOWAS informed the meeting that during the 3rd ECOWAS Minister's conference, it was agreed that fisheries within the West African sub-region be supported with greater funding. She declared the support of the Commission to FCFWC Member countries towards the fight against IUU fishing, support to artisanal and migrant fishermen. She also advocated the need for sub-regional fisheries organisations to work together where such arrangements do not exist at present.

27. Following the request of the Secretary General, ***the Conference agreed to clear previous expenses incurred by the Secretariat in 2010, in accordance with the mobilization of members States financial contribution as well as on compliment of staff in the areas of Fisheries professionals, Administration and Accounting Personnel to perform the Secretariat activities by 2011.***

28. The adopted version of the 2010 Activity Report by the FCWC Secretariat is provided as Annex 3.

IV. Presentation of the Strategic Plan

29. The Strategic Plan, which is the Working Document of the Committee, fine-tuned at the Abidjan meeting of experts held in October 2010 was presented by Dr Moustapha Kébé, Consultant. The Plan covers six focal areas, namely (i) Fisheries Policy Governance and Institutional Arrangements, (ii) Conservation and Sustainable Resource use, (iii) Improving the Livelihood of small-scale Fishers and operations, (iv) Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) and Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing, (v) Research in Fisheries and related disciplines and (vi) Excellence in Management. The document provides a background of the plan to be implemented through activities encapsulated in Three-Year Rolling Business/Action Plans.

30. ***The Conference emphasized the need for Member States to pay more attention to some important issues relating to the objectives of this Committee such as by-catch and Vessel Monitoring System (VMS).***

V. Presentation of the regional Programme for Implementation of the Strategic Plan

31. The Regional Project proposal for implementing the strategic plan was presented by Dr Moustapha Kébé, Consultant. The presentation detailed six main components slated for implementation and broken down into projects of thirty broad activities spread over the period covering the Strategic Plan (2010-2020). These components are as follows: (i) Improvements in Policy, Governance and Institutional Arrangements; (ii) Fisheries Conservation and Sustainable Resource Use; (iii) Monitoring, Control, Surveillance (MCS) and Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing ; (iv) Research in Fisheries and Related Disciplines; (v) Improved Management of Small-scale Fisheries and Livelihoods of Small-scale Fishers; and (vi) Excellence in management.

32. ***It was agreed to prioritise the implementation of the projects in the Three-Year Plan due to resource limitation. The need for regular exchange of information was also highlighted.***

33. ***The Conference adopted the draft of the Strategic Plan 2011-2020 as well projects proposals identified to implement it. It therefore advised the Secretary to review, finalise and disseminate the document in close collaboration with the Consultant. A synthesis document would also be prepared and finalized for presentation at the Donors Conference.***

34. The adopted version of the regional Programme for implementation of the Strategic Plan is provided as Annex 4.

VI. Presentation of the Annual Programme of Activities and Budget 2011

35. The Annual Programme of Activities and Budget 2011 were presented by the Secretary General and approved by the Ministers. The documents are provided as Annex 5 and Annex 6.

36. ***The need for involvement of experts in Member States in project implementation including regular Staff Training and Welfare were emphasized. The problem of inadequate logistics for running the Secretariat was mentioned as of paramount importance to the successful execution of programmes.***

37. It was pointed out that the payment of annual contribution of member states was based partly on their level of fish production (equity) and partly on equality of states. The estimated budget of \$640,000 for the year 2011 was proposed to be derived as follows, contributions of Member States (\$200,000), Development Partners (\$440,000) in pledges.

38. ***The Conference reaffirmed the need for Member States to redeem their mandatory annual contributions to the Committee and the need to hold the Donors' meeting which should form an activity in the Work Plan and a key activity in 2011.***

39. ***The Conference noted that the execution of the Committee's Projects/Programmes for 2011 would be jeopardised in the event that these outstanding contributions and pledges are not redeemed. The member States renewed their commitments for a quick regularisation of the financial situation of the Committee.***

VII. Partners presentations

40. The presentation of the representative of SIF/PAF Programme of NEPAD highlighted the high incidence of fish by-catch as a global problem in Fisheries management particularly to countries in the West African sub-region. The menace of IUU fishing was identified as a major cause of the high incidence of by-catch in fisheries in the Sub-region. ***Appropriate management measures such as Training of MCS Observers and Inspectors, use of By-Catch Reduction Devices (BRD), Turtle Excluder Devices and Modern Technologies were recommended to the Member Countries.***

41. The presentation by the US NOAA representative focused on the promotion of low-cost MCS operations and the need for training of fish inspectors on Training-the-Trainer basis and deploying them appropriately. ***This position was endorsed by the meeting.***

42. The Coordinator of the West Central Africa component of the Fisheries and HIV/AIDS in Africa Programme presented the results of implementation of the pilot phase of the License Plus Approach in Republic of Benin. ***The License Plus approach is a regional response, complementary to the national response to HIV/AIDS which the meeting accepted as a developmental challenge in fisheries communities in the Sub-region.***

43. The presentation of the representative of the EU-ACP Fish II focused on MCS support provided by this project in the region in general and in the FCWC Member Countries. ***It was agreed that a partnership arrangement be developed between FCWC and AU-ACP FISH II to enhance MCS capabilities among member Countries.***

VIII. Consideration and review draft of MOU between FCWC and GCLME project

44. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) designed to foster cooperation and collaboration between the FCWC and the GCLME Project was presented for adoption. Three sections were put forward for members to consider. These are the purpose, content and signatories to the MOU.

45. ***The Conference unanimously voted in support of the purpose of the MOU. It advised the Secretary General to finalise the document as soon as possible. The representatives of the two organisations are mandated by the Ministers to sign the MOU on their behalf.***

46. The reviewed proposal of the MoU between the FCWC and the GLCME Project is provided as Annex 7.

IX. Declarations of the heads of Delegations

47. The representatives of the Republic of Ghana, the Republic of Togo, the ACP Fish 2 Project of the European Union, the NEPAD International Partnership for African Fisheries Governance and Trade (PAF) Programme, the Fisheries and HIV/AIDS in Africa Programme (FAO/World Fish Centre), the United States' National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) each made a declaration to share experiences with the Committee and continue to support it.

48. The Republic of Togo informed the meeting of its availability to host the next session of the FCWC Ministerial Conference.

X. Election of Officers

49. The following countries were unanimously elected by the Conference:

- Chairperson: Nigeria
- Vice-Chairperson: Togo

XI. Other matters

50. The Secretary-General informed the meeting about the forthcoming meeting of the FAO Committee of Fisheries (COFI) taking place in Rome in January - February 2011. He invited the Conference to make necessary arrangements to facilitate the participation of the Secretariat General and Member States to this important meeting.

XII. Venue and Date of the next Ministerial Conference

51. According to the Convention of the Committee and following the official statement of Honourable Minister of Agriculture, livestock and fishery of Togo, the Conference noted that the fifth Ministerial Conference will be held in Togo in 2011. The date will be specified later, in close collaboration with the Chairperson and the host country.

XIII. Adoption of the Report

52. The report was adopted on 10 December 2010.

XIV. Closing Ceremony

53. The Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Ministry on behalf of the Honorable Minister thanked the outgoing Chairman of the Ministerial Conference and further assured him that Nigeria will certainly add value to the achievements recorded by Ghana. She pledged for cooperation and support from members and finally expressed appreciations to development partners for their support to FCWC.

54. The participants congratulated the Nigerian authorities for the excellent arrangements made for the smooth running of the session.

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**Fisheries Committee for the West Central Gulf of Guinea (FCWC)
Ministerial Meeting
10 December 2010
Provisional Agenda**

10:00 - 10:45	Opening Ceremony <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Introducing Remarks from the FCWC Secretariat2. Welcome Address from Nigeria3. Opening Statement from the Chairman of the Conference4. Group Photo
10:45 - 11:00	Opening Cocktail
11:00 - 13:30	Ministerial Meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adoption of the Agenda2. Consideration and Adoption of the Report of the Experts Meeting3. Consideration and Adoption of the 2011-2020 FCWC Strategic Plan -and Commitment of Member States4. Consideration and Adoption of the Regional Project Proposal for implementing the FCWC Strategic Plan5. Presentation of topics (IUU fishing) and Commitment of Member States
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 - 16:00	Ministerial Meeting (continued) <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Consideration and adoption of the 2011 Program of Activities2. Consideration and adoption of the 2011 Budget3. Declaration of the Heads of Delegations4. Formation of the new Bureau of the Conference5. Venue and Date of the next Ministerial Conference6. Other Matters
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 - 18:00	Closing Ceremony of the 4th Ministerial Conference <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Adoption of the Report of the Ministerial Conference2. Speech from the Chairman of the Ministerial Conference3. Closing Remarks.

2010 Activity Report by the FCWC Secretariat

I. INTRODUCTION

The General Secretariat's activity report covers the period from January to November 2010 and revolves around three axes:

- 1) Implementation level of Technical activities scheduled in 2010 especially TCP project support to the Committee for the preparation of the 2010_2020 strategic plan; funded by the FAO;
- 2) Monitoring and implementation of the recommendations of previous regular sessions including the regional action plan against illicit fishing adopted in 2009, in Accra, Ghana; and
- 3) Assessing the mobilization and implementation of financial support previously identified for 2010.

II. IMPLEMENTATION LEVEL OF THE SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Activities revolve around five (5) selected components. This report recalls scheduled activities per component, their level of achievement and conclusions or recommendations for their continuation.

2.1 Scheduled activities

It should be noted that the components were implemented according to available material and financial conditions.

COMPONENT 1: Improving sub regional cooperation and ensure a sustainable fisheries management

Activity 1.1: FCWC Secretary General Tours to Member States and to Sub regional Committees

Scheduled missions were conducted for the preparation of the strategic plan of the Committee. The following findings were made during these missions.

At the level of the Member States, it has recorded the appointment of national directors in Benin and Côte d'Ivoire as well as new Ministers in charge of fisheries in Benin and Nigeria.

All the visited Member States welcomed the establishment of the Committee and renewed their commitment to actively support it.

The Secretary General missions had therefore accelerated awareness of the authorities met and revive the pending cases.

 ***The Secretariat General of the Committee requests members of the Advisory and Coordinating Committee (ACC) more involvement in welcoming FCWC missions and in***

monitoring the pledge made by their respective countries during these missions. The delegations of the Member States are invited to provide clarification on the state of the implementation of their commitment.

Activity 1.2: Participate in the meetings scheduled by fisheries management regional bodies, programs and projects

The gradual recognition of FCWC by development partners and other fishing projects induces regular attendance of the Secretariat General in different meetings related to managing fisheries and its activities. The Secretariat General of the Committee took part in the following meetings:

- a. First Meeting of the project Advisory Group "War against illegal fishing" called NEPAD SIF project, in Gaborone, Botswana, from 10 to 12 March 2010. **This project is to work with the FCWC working group on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing**
- b. Second Meeting of the Advisory Group of the WorldFish Center Program, in Cotonou, Benin from 15 to 18 March 2010. At the end of this meeting some areas of cooperation were identified between the FCWC and the aforesaid program and will be explored, to give a better visibility of the contribution of fisheries to the fight against HIV/AIDS, based on jointly identified case studies.
- c. Fourth session of Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) on strategic partnership of investment Fund in support of sustainable fisheries in Africa. FCWC Secretariat General was represented by a Member State at this session from 1 to 3 June 2010 in Namibia.
- d. First Conference of African Ministers of fisheries and aquaculture (CAMFA) held from 20 to 23 September 2010 in Banjul, Gambia. This initiative of the African Union (AU) was an opportunity to discuss and analyze the mechanism of evaluation and coordination of fishing programs and projects in Africa, to determine the gaps and consider perspectives, and also reflects AU's new interest in the development of fisheries sector in Africa.
- e. Second Emergency Meeting of the Board of Directors of INFOFISH, held from 27 to 29 September 2010, in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, for the revival of this Organization after several years of lethargy.
- f. Regional Advisory Workshop on the sustainability of small-scale fisheries: connecting lawful fisheries with social development Maputo (Mozambique), from 12 to 14 October 2010. The objective of the meeting is to receive guidelines from regional and national stakeholders on (i) the scope and composition of a likely international instrument on sustainable development of small-scale fisheries; and (ii) priorities and modalities of implementing the world assistance program.
- g. Workshop to evaluate and plan ACP FISH II project activities in West Africa held on 20 and 21 October 2010 in Accra, Ghana. The project plans to intervene both at national and regional level and selects the following three priority actions in the area covered by FCWC: i) Support for the operation of the regional plan to fight against illegal

fishing; ii) Support the establishment of national and regional fishing records through consultation; iii) Support for the facilitation of the institutional dialogue at the national level for the implementation of the agreement on measures for the states of the ports for the fight against illicit fishing. In addition, some specific projects were identified at the level of the various FCWC members. The Secretariat is pleased about the supports and calls on Member States to implement these projects.

- h. Dialogue meeting on the fight against illegal fishing in the area of Mano River Union, from 1 to 4 November 2010; the objective of the meeting was to identify and take into account the factors and impacts of IUU fishing in Sierra Leone and also in all the West African area both in terms of direct cost at social and environmental levels. At the end of this meeting, work schedule was adopted as a framework for regional cooperation to fight against illegal fishing in the area of Mano River Union.
- i. Technical consultation organized by FAO from 8 to 12 November 2010 in Rome, Italy to identify structure and strategy for the development and implementation of global records on fishing vessels, refrigerated transport vessels. The findings of this consultation will be discussed at the next 2011 COFI. Furthermore, FCWC will participate in the identification of support needs of developing countries in their contribution to the establishment of a global fishing record.

✚ The Secretariat is pleased about the involvement of FCWC Secretariat in the various meetings, which enable the promotion of the Committee and forge new partnerships. However, the Secretariat fails to honor some invitations due to lack of own funding and shortage of staff: (i) Dialogue Meeting for the formulation of ECOWAS program in fisheries sector from 29 to 30 July 2010, in Banjul, Gambia; (ii) REPAO Forum from 27 to 29 October 2010 in Saly Portudal, Senegal and (iii) UEMOA Meeting from 22 to 27 November 2010, in Cotonou, Benin.

Activity 1.3: formalize cooperation between regional institutions fishery bodies, programs and projects in the area

(i) Collaboration proposal with UEMOA

The FCWC Secretariat General has finalized the draft of the Memorandum of Understanding for cooperation between FCWC and UEMOA which was validated by the ACC.

✚ The final document could be signed by both parties during the 4th Conference of Ministers in Abuja, Nigeria.

(ii) Collaboration proposal with the GCLME

In 2007, FCWC Secretariat sent a request containing a draft of the memorandum of understanding for cooperation and a program of work presenting the axes of cooperation between the Committee and the Regional Coordination of GCLME project. The review of this request continued in 2010. Both parties agreed on a draft document to be submitted to members of the ACC for validation during the 4th session of Ministers to ensure that the signing procedure continues between the two parties.

(iii) Collaboration project with ECOWAS

In the missions for the preparation of the strategic plan, the Principal Consultant and the FCWC Secretary General could not meet the officials of the institution who failed to participate in the strategic plan developing process. Furthermore, FCWC could not take part in meetings scheduled by ECOWAS in the region due to lack of funds.

- ✚ FCWC is still willing to collaborate with ECOWAS in fisheries development activities in the area. It will also continue the contacts for opened collaboration.***

(iv) Collaboration with WWF-WAMER

In spite of the signing of the Agreement with WWF-WAMER on 18 October 2009, in Dakar, Senegal, no activity could be carried out.

- ✚ FCWC therefore calls for the first assessment of the agreement to develop a coherent work plan. In this perspective an invitation was addressed to WWF to attend this Conference.***

Activity 1.4: Seek for funding

(i) Funding of the Strategic partnership for an investment fund to sustain fisheries in Africa large marine ecosystems

In accordance with the conclusions of the previous Conference of Ministers, the secretariat conducted the consultation in the preparation of a project concept note to be submitted to the support Fund for sustainable management of fisheries in Africa financed by the World Bank for the benefit of States.

The concept note validated by the ACC during the 3rd session organized in Accra, Ghana, on 28 and 29 May 2009 was transmitted to FAO in September 2009, to initiate the procedure for the adoption of this document. The review and discussions on funding the identified projects through this proposal are underway.

- ✚ The FAO's Regional Fisheries Officer and the Secretariat of the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC), invited to the session may provide clarification on the status of the note in the project cycle.***


(ii) NEPAD Funding of Program Africa fisheries (PAF)

The FCWC and NEPAD PAF Program agreed to collaborate for the implementation of the component Fight against illegal fishing. Thus an agreement in principle for funding the Working Group on illegal fishing of the FCWC is in force. The PAF/SIF project supported also the FCWC Secretary General to attend regional and international meetings on the IUU fishing issue.

- ✚ The Coordinator of NEPAD/PAF or his representative invited to this meeting could give details on these support and perspectives.***

(iii) Funding of the FAO/TCP for development of the FCWC Strategic Plan

In 2008, the FCWC Secretariat General submitted to FAO request for support to the Fisheries Committee for the West Central Gulf of Guinea (FCWC) for the preparation of a Strategic Action Plan (SAP) and a regional action program. The objective is to support FCWC with 214.878 US\$ to prepare this SAP covering the period 2010 - 2020. This project is going on with an extension of three (3) months. The closing date was originally fixed at 31 December 2010.

 ***FCWC Members States and partners are invited to continue the collaboration for the finalization of the Committee 2010-2020 Strategic Plan.***

(vi) Funding of the ACP Fish II

As a result of the two evaluation and planning workshops of the ACP FISH II Project held in October 2009 and 2010 in Senegal and Ghana respectively, the project agreed for the funding of the activities proposed by the Committee; the activities are:

- Study on the national records of industrial fishing vessels
- Implementation of the regional action plan to combat IUU fishing
- Support for the development of institutional mechanisms for dialogue and cooperation in the fight against IUU fishing, including the implementation of the agreement on the port State measures

 ***The regional coordinator of ACP fish II project invited to the session could give details on startup and modalities of implementation of these activities.***

Activity 1.5: Preparation of the Committee Strategic plan

Technical consultations and meetings were held to implement the TCP project to support the preparation of the Committee's strategic plan funded by FAO. Thus, activities were held successively as follows:

- Recruitment of international and national consultants;
- Meeting in Ghana from 24 to 25 March 2010, for the adoption of an overall plan of the TCP implementation and an implementation schedule;
- Meeting in Lomé, Togo, from 22 to 25 June 2010 for adopting regional diagnosis of fisheries sector as well as the mission, the vision and five focus areas for action in the strategic plan of the Committee namely: (i) Improving policies, governance and institutional arrangements (ii) Conservation and responsible use of fisheries; (iii) Improving the livelihoods of small-scale fishers and operators; (iv) Monitoring, Control and Surveillance, and Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing; and (v) Research on fisheries. For each of the five selected major themes, the workshop identified 2 to 4 project ideas, a total of **17** project ideas to be developed in the FCWC area;
- Meeting in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, on 7 and 8 October 2010, for the review of documents proposed by the consultant and formulation of recommendations. These documents include: the first version of the strategic plan, the summary of this strategic plan for donors and the draft 2010-2012 three-year action plan.

 ***The reports of these meetings are available in the Committee website.***

COMPONENT 2: Improving management framework of shared stocks

Activity 2.1 Evaluation of trends as regards abundance of fish stocks and the consequences of fishing for Fish Code STF project


This activity is conducted in collaboration with FAO Fish Code STF project team.

At the regional level, the following results were obtained:

- 1) The second meeting of the FCWC ad hoc working group on the improvement of information and data collection on capture fisheries was held in May 2010. The main topics covered were: i) progress made on field activities supported by FAO; (ii) the harmonization of the vessels and fishing gears for small scale fisheries and inventories; (iii) the development of a sub regional information system on fisheries.
- 2) The English version of the FCWC web site became operational in February 2010. The domain is titled: www.fish-fcwc.org or www.peche-cpc.org. In October 2010, the French version was put online.
- 3) In collaboration with the Department of Oceanography and Fisheries of the University of Ghana, Legon, Accra, a 10-day sub regional training course on data collection and statistics on Fisheries was developed. The first training course was delivered in October 2010 with 18 participants from FCWC Member States. Currently, a second training for staff involved in fisheries data collection in the coastal States of Nigeria is scheduled and training courses will be held in December 2010 or January 2011.

At the national level:

- 1) In monitoring the 2006 sub-regional workshop, some field activities supported by the project were finalized in 2010: frame survey and socio economic surveys were conducted in Togo, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire and Liberia and resulted in a structural data update of artisanal canoes in the countries concerned. Information obtained can be used to improve existing systems of data collection for small-scale fisheries.
- 2) In Ghana, on experimental basis 1,000 canoes were registered and the results could be used for similar activities in the area.

 ***Member countries at the meeting could provide additional information or comment on the activities of this project.***

The first phase of FAO FishCode STF project in the area, supported by Sweden Government has officially ended in October 2010. In a second phase (depending on available funds) activities could focus on: i) improvement of data collection on small scale fisheries (ii) capacity building of national staff (iii) development of national and regional fisheries information Systems; (iv) regional harmonization and strengthening of partnerships.

✚ Considering the results obtained in order to make the second phase possible or enhance it, the FCWC Secretariat General suggests the submission of a support project to partners especially FAO for the sustainability of the experience of this phase. Member States of the Committee and partners are invited to comment on this proposal.

Activity 2.2 Publication of results and recommendations of the technical meetings

At the end of the third session of the Ministers Conference held in December 2009 in Accra, Ghana, the Secretariat General published the final report of that session. Regional plan to fight against IUU fishing as well as the Ministerial Declaration adopted at the third Conference were widely disseminated.

In addition, all reports from the technical meetings of the working groups and consultations in the preparation of the strategic plan were published and are available on the Committee's website.

COMPONENT 3: Review of policies and fisheries management methods and proposed adjustments

- Activity 1 Assess the sector or specific fisheries policies and identify relevant strategies as well as political choices to eliminate constraints.
- Activity 2 Assess the possible options and recommendations, with particular attention to their impact on the means of existence of fishermen and other stakeholders.
- Activity 3 Publish summaries.

A multidisciplinary team composed of the principal consultant and national experts for the preparation of the FCWC strategic plan carried out this work. The various country reports were consolidated for the diagnosis of strengths and weakness of the Committee and identify thrust areas.

Other ongoing initiatives in the area in projects led by FAO and other institutions involved in the management of fisheries as African Union (AU), West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA), Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), have helped to enrich the database on fisheries management in the area.

Briefings and meetings for validation of thematic studies' reports were organized in the sub region.

On the other hand the meeting of donors and technical partners initially planned during the strategic plan implementation process was postponed until the year 2010.

✚ Reports of these thematic studies will be published on the Committee site as they are validated.

COMPONENT 4: Improving Monitoring, Control and Surveillance system

This issue was discussed in the first meeting of the Working Group on the fight against IUU fishing of the committee whose first session was held from 28 to 30 April 2010. It enjoyed the financial support of FAO and the technical support of resource people from FIS and MCS network International organization. It was attended by six (6) FCWC Member States. For each paper presented and the subsequent discussions, the Working Group formulated recommendations and agreed on a working schedule for 2010 to 2011 period.

This meeting also examined actions for the implementation of the regional plan to fight against illegal fisheries and the ports States measures implementation needs.

The impacts of this meeting were immediate:

- i) Invitation of staff of member states in charge of the fight against illicit fishing to a training session in Cape Town, South Africa, initiated by CCAMLR
- ii) Invitations of FCWC Secretariat to various sub region meeting on illicit fishing initiated in the (ACP fish II, UEMOA, AU) and to international meeting (FAO, EFJ Chatham HOUSE London)
- iii) Renewed commitment of the ACP Fish II project to support the FCWC Member States through the activities of this working group
- iv) Edition of 2,000 leaflets aimed at raising awareness to combat illegal fishing in the FCWC area, in collaboration with FIS program.

✚ FCWC Secretariat invites Member States to report regularly national initiatives to combat illegal fishing within the framework of the regional action plan against IUU fishing, and exchange good practices in the sub region through the FCWC web site.

COMPONENT 4: Better understanding of special issues needed for sustainable fisheries management in the sub region

Activities of this component are supposed to be carried out within the context of the Committee's new commitments with the following partners: WWF-WAMER Program for the development of experimental activities in understanding and monitoring the impacts of climate change in the fisheries; ii) IUCN - Coastal Marine Program West and Central Africa (MACO) and GCLME Program, for the extension of activities related to marine protected areas in the region, (iii) the fisheries and HIV/AIDS Program in Africa (FAO WordFish Center) for the diagnosis of the fishery dynamics and analysis of the value chain and the fight against AIDS in fishing.

However due to lack of funding for some and lack of collaboration for others these activities failed.

III. MONITORING OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS

The report of the third FCWC Ministerial Conference held in December 2010 in Ghana, was finalized and sent to Member States in January 2010.

3.1 Côte d'Ivoire commitments

Annual support to FCWC General Secretariat was budgeted by the Government of Côte d'Ivoire for 2010. Arrangements are being made for the payment.

3.2 Ghana commitments

The following results were obtained from the Ghanaian authorities, for this year:

- a. Issue of the residence and work permit to the Secretary-General,
- b. Opening of the FCWC official account with Barclays Banks, Ghana.

✚ The arrangements for the adoption of the headquarters agreement, the payment of the contributions, and payment of support staff just as the request to transfer the Committee Headquarters from Tema to Accra, for a better visibility and a good collaboration with the Member States and partners, are still pending. Specifically for the adoption of the headquarters agreement, the Director of fisheries instructed his management chain through a letter dated 6 September 2010.

3.3 Nigeria commitments

Following the defection of the government of Liberia to host the 4th Ministerial Conference in November 2010, by letter No R L/MOA/FAC/M-182/10 of February 24, 2010, the Authorities of the Federal Republic of Nigeria gave their agreement to host this session.

Moreover Nigeria has made necessary arrangements to keep to their promise during the 3rd FCWC Ministerial Conference in December 2009 in Accra, Ghana. Thus, the equipment items were given to the FCWC Secretariat in April 2010, including four portable computers, one printer, one photocopier, two digital cameras, and office supplies.

✚ The handing-over of a vehicle 4X4 Toyota Hilux Pick-up and the payment of the three (3) years arrears of Nigeria statutory contributions are envisaged before the Ministerial Conference in November 2010, in Abuja, Nigeria. Regarding Nigeria's commitment aimed at provision of the Secretariat of the Committee, an Expert to beef up its workforce, no further response was given to date.

3.4 Togo commitments

The Togolese Republic settled, in November 2010, its arrears of contribution in respect of 2009 fiscal year and is striving to settle that of the current year.

3.5 Other provisions

Benin and Liberia also made administrative and financial arrangements to balance their arrears of contributions. But these arrangements until then remained without result.

- ✚ ***The Secretariat requests the Member States and especially members of the ACC to strive doubly hard to monitor the recommendations for greater effectiveness of FCWC actions in the country and for its financial autonomy.***

IV FINANCIAL AND STAFF ASSESSMENT

In accordance with the conclusions of the Ministerial Conference in December 2009, the budget for implementing the activities scheduled for 2010 consisted of mandatory contributions of Member States and the support expected from the identified partners.

4.1 Report on the mobilization of States contribution

At the time of finalizing this report only Côte d'Ivoire fulfilled its commitments related to the support of the Secretary-General and its contribution to the Committee.

Togo settled its 2009 contribution arrears and remains active toward the payment of its contribution for the year 2010. The contribution paid in November 2010, could not be used for 2010.

Other Member States (Liberia, Ghana, Benin and Nigeria) therefore owe arrears of contributions covering 2008, 2009 and 2010.

The situation of the expenditure transacted is presented in annex. The remaining amount to pay is US\$ 23,530.

- ✚ ***The Secretariat proposes to make that outstanding expenditure or advances on operating budget for 2010 as the arrears of contributions by Member States will be settled.***
- ✚ ***The delegations of the Member States concerned are invited to inform more this session on the progress made to settle their respective contributions.***

4.2 Mobilization of the partners' contribution

The first provision of about US\$ 225,000 of the support project to the Fisheries Committee for the West Central Gulf of Guinea funded by the Swedish cooperation is now exhausted. Its contribution to the 2010 budget estimated at US\$ 20,000 allowed the financing of the first meeting of the Working Group on IUU fishing. This financing which closing date was initially set at December 31, 2009 was again extended to 31 December 2010, without any additional resources.

- ✚ ***The Secretariat suggested to write a revival letter to FAO DG for provision of ¾ of the remaining funding to the Committee***

The Second provision from TCP support in the preparation of the 2010-2020 strategic plan is effective and is in course of implementation. In addition to the technical activities scheduled for this TCP it will contribute to equip the Secretariat in computer equipment and office supplies in 2010.

✚ Details of expenditure are available in the project document with FAO.

4.3 Mobilization of Secretariat staff

Considering the scope of the activities of the Committee's Secretariat and the non-fulfillment of the commitments made by the Member States to beef up the staff the Secretary had to recruit an Assistant. She is on one-year local contract.

V - CONSTRAINTS

The General Secretariat's constraints remain persistent since its inception and are related to non-fulfillment of the commitments made by most of the Member States or sometimes the delay in their fulfillment. We should note:

- Inadequate means of functioning of the Secretariat, and which are available only in the last quarter of the year, in spite of the promises of the previous meeting fixing the first quarter as deadline for mobilization of operation means.
- Administrative difficulties requiring the clarification of the status of the Committee and its staff with the Ghanaian authorities.
- Need of greater visibility of the Committee and its headquarters

5.1 Operating means

The payment of the contributions of the Member States are coming late, thus depriving the Secretariat of operating means for the current year.

✚ The Secretariat recommends that an appropriate mechanism will be found to put at its disposal a minimum of three (3) months operating fund after the adoption of the budget and make its support regular.

5.2 Staff

The Secretariat remains short staffed. The Secretary General is the only permanent staff, this despite appeals to the headquarters country to provide to the Committee support staff in accordance with its commitment. This situation becomes unbearable for the proper running of the Committee.

✚ The Secretariat requests Ghana to fulfill its commitment to support staff of the Secretariat and suggests the renewal of the Assistant's contract pending the fulfillment of the commitments.

✚ The Secretariat recalls its request to the Member States to put at the disposal of the Committee a fisheries biologist staff or a project planning staff, in support of the Secretary-General for greater efficiency, in accordance with the provisions for secretariat organization adopted in 2008.

- ✚ ***Finally, the Secretary invites partners who so wish, to put at the disposal of the Committee, experts for exchange of experience between structures following a specific collaboration protocol.***

4.3 Visibility of the headquarters of the Committee

Indeed, the diagnosis studies of working environment (strengths and weaknesses) of the Committee in the preparation of the strategic plan also noted that the choice of Tema to house the headquarters of an international organization is not appropriate. The authority of the host country should make necessary arrangements for the transfer of the Headquarters Committee from Tema to Accra.

- ✚ ***Member States of the Committee are invited to react to this proposal.***

V- CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The results recorded this year are owed to the technical and material support from FAO and the Swedish cooperation funding. Thus, most scheduled technical activities were carried out and deserve to be improved.

The Secretariat is pleased about the commitment of the Member States and the Committee's partners, including FAO and NEPAD, and about membership of the Committee, as a member or observer of Executive Committees of fisheries resources management projects implemented in the region.

Considering this increasing solicitation of the Committee, it is more and more essential that the Member States continue and enhance their support to the Secretariat, including the finalization of the Secretariat headquarters, provision of support staff, and payment of contributions for its full operation.

For the technical activities to strengthen cooperation and fisheries management, the Secretariat encourages Member States to:

- ✚ pursue the improvement of national and regional fisheries project statistics within the framework of Fish Code STF
- ✚ appropriate the priority axes and projects identified within the framework of FCWC strategic plan for fisheries management in the sub region
- ✚ implement the regional Action Plan to fight against IUU fishing, and ensure regular reporting to exchange good practices
- ✚ collaborate effectively with current fisheries development programs and projects in the region.

**Regional Programme for implementing the
FCWC Strategic Plan 2011 - 2020**

The Fisheries Committee for the West Central Gulf of Guinea (FCWC) is an intergovernmental organization established by Convention signed on 7 November 2007 at Cotonou, Benin. Signatories to the Convention, Members of the Committee are: Benin, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria and Togo. The Convention covers all fishery resources within the area of competence of the Contracting Parties.

The FCWC has developed a Strategic Plan to guide its activities from 2011 through 2020. This plan was adopted at the fourth Meeting of the Conference of Ministers in Abuja, Ghana in December 2010. It is a clear expression of the Committee's continued commitment to ensure the sustainable development of fisheries and demonstrates FCWC's support to its member States to protect their aquatic ecosystems, ensure the sustainable use of their aquatic resources, and improve the economic and social benefits of their inhabitants now and in the future.

The present Programme was prepared for the implementation of this strategic plan.

The mission assigned to the Fisheries Committee (FCWC) is to promote cooperation among Members–States and support them to achieve sustainable fisheries and the highest levels of social-economic benefits from the sector in harmony with the environment, and in conformity with international standards.

As indicated in the strategic plan the Committee will pursue one over-arching goal, five strategic technical goals and one strategic organizational/functional goal that relate to specific focus areas during the ten-year period from 2011 through 2020. Those focus areas correspond to the component of the Programme for implementing the strategic plan.

The over-arching goal is to ensure the sustainable development of the fisheries resources in the FCWC Convention Area.

The strategic technical goals are the following:

1. Rebuild and maintain robust fisheries resources through policy reforms, cooperative regulatory planning, good governance and improvements in institutions.
2. Develop and implement appropriate management frameworks that ensure fisheries resources are harvested sustainably, improved intra-regional and international trade of fish and fishery products and maximum economic and social benefits are obtained from the fisheries.
3. Develop the capacity of Members' Small-scale fishers and other operators to create sustainable livelihoods for their people from the sustainable harvest, processing and marketing of their fisheries resources
4. Enhance national capabilities for efficient, cost effective and sustainable fisheries monitoring, control and surveillance, and establishing mechanisms for effective regional

- cooperation in MCS and enforcement to stop illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing in the West Central Gulf of Guinea
5. Strengthen cooperative research and ensure that resource-related decisions are based on sound knowledge, scientific methodology and best information available.
 6. Ensure the effective implementation of the Committee's work through results-based management, improved communication, and better financial, human and knowledge management systems and tools.

The projects proposals formulated for each component of the Programme are listed below.

Component 1: Improvements in Policy, governance and institutional arrangements

Project 1.1: Support to the strengthening of sub-regional cooperation within the framework of institutional reforms

Project 1.2: Creation of appropriate regional institutional arrangements for the Conservation and management of trans-border fishery resources (small pelagic)

Project 1.3: Assisting Member States in formulating national fisheries policies and provision of frameworks

Component 2: Fisheries conservation and sustainable resource use

Project 2.1: Capacity building in rules and procedures for intra-regional and international trade

Project 2.2: Assistance to Member States in the development and implementation of resource-specific management plans

Component 3: Improved management of small-scale fisheries and livelihood of small-scale fishers

Project 3.1: Strengthening the capacity of stakeholders to participate in planning and implementation of policies and programmes

Project 3.2: Support for integration of migrants fishers.

Component 4: Monitoring, Control, Surveillance (MCS) and Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing

Project 4.1: Implementation of the IUU regional plan

Component 5: Research in fisheries and related disciplines

Project 5.1: Strengthening cooperative research and support for dissemination of the findings of research for the fisheries sector

Project 5.2: Improvement of knowledge on the fisheries sector in the region

Component 6: Excellence in management

Project 6.1: Institutional support for the FCWC Secretariat General

The following logical Framework gives details on activities identified for the various projects proposals. These activities will be refined within the Framework of the preparation of concept notes of projects related to each of the 6 components of the Programme. The budget required to undertake the activities will be determined with more precision. The Programme will be submitted to partners for funding but contribution from Member States is expected to demonstrate the continuous commitment of the Committee to ensure a sustainable development of fisheries in the region.

Programme Logical Framework

Name of the Programme: Implementation of the Fisheries Committee for Central West Gulf of Guinea (FCWC)

Countries: Area covered by the FCWC Convention: Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria and Togo

PURPOSE	OBJECTIVELY VERIFIABLE INDICATORS - OIVs	MEANS OF VERIFICATION - MoVs	ASSUMPTIONS
To promote cooperation among Members–States and support them to achieve sustainable fisheries and the highest levels of social-economic benefits from the sector in harmony with the environment, and in conformity with international standards.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Food security indicators improved in fishing communities 2- Aquatic Resources sustainably managed 3- High levels of benefits from the fisheries sector 4- Environmental sustainability of fisheries resources exploitation ensured 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- United Nations and World Bank economic and social statistics and poverty indicators 2- FAO Reports on the situation of fisheries in the world 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Macro-economic changes (structural adjustment, demographic change, high population growth) do not swamp benefits of sustainable aquatic resource use
GOAL			
Ensure the sustainable development of the fisheries resources in the FCWC Convention Area	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- The state of fisheries resources, ecosystems and their sustainable use is improved in FCWC Member Countries 2- IUU fishing is significantly reduced in each country 3- Appropriate governance mechanisms for the management of trans-boundary fisheries resources are implemented at the regional level 4- Stakeholders participation in planning and management processes is strengthened at national and regional level 5- The scientific and technical capacity enhanced in the member countries for fisheries planning, policy development and management at national and regional level 6- Formulation of policies and standards in coherence with international instruments and in response to emerging issues, improved for each Member State 7- More responsible post-harvest utilization and trade of fish and fishery products, including 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- FCWC Annual Activity Reports 2- FAO Reports on the situation of fisheries in the world 3- National Reports on fisheries 4- National fisheries policies documents 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Political and economic stability of FCWC member countries 2- More resources made available for more effective management. 3- Willing of decision makers to fisheries policies reforms to ensue a sustainable fisheries resources management

	<p>more predictable and harmonized market access requirements achieved by member States and their stakeholders</p> <p>8- Operation of fisheries, including the use of vessels and fishing gear safer, more technically and socio-economically efficient, environmentally friendly and compliant with rules at all levels.</p>		
OUTPUTS			
<p>1- Policy reforms, cooperative regulatory planning, good governance and improvements in institutions are promoted</p>	<p>1- Policy and practice affecting fisheries are reinforced at national and regional level</p> <p>2- Access to, and sharing of knowledge for fisheries resources management are improved</p> <p>3- Increased number of Member-States incorporating Ecosystem and sustainable development principles are incorporated into fisheries planning and management of member states.</p> <p>4- Level of harmonization of access/partnership agreements</p> <p>5- Fisheries governance is improved at Committee level and in Member States in line with international standards.</p> <p>6- Shared stocks are managed under joint or cooperative management arrangements</p>	<p>1- Government policy and planning documents.</p> <p>2- Project monitoring reports (Annual Activity Reports of the Committee Secretariat General.</p> <p>3- Consultancy reports.</p>	<p>1- Willing of decision makers to fisheries policies reforms to ensure a sustainable fisheries resources management</p> <p>2- No resistance to good governance in fisheries sector as a result of political pressures.</p> <p>3- More resources made available for more effective management.</p> <p>4- Member countries willing and able to adopt and finance change.</p> <p>5- Member countries willing and able to implement change.</p>
<p>2- Fisheries resources are harvested sustainably, intra-regional and international trade of fish and fishery products is improved and maximum economic and social benefits are obtained from the fisheries</p>	<p>1- Level of social and economic benefits to Member States</p> <p>2- Fisheries is managed in line with the principles of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries in x countries</p> <p>3- Level of information of public of coastal and marine ecosystems</p> <p>4- Degree of competitiveness of small producers (quality of products and services).</p>	<p>1- Government policy and planning documents.</p> <p>2- Project monitoring reports (Annual Activity Reports of the Committee Secretariat General.</p> <p>3- Consultancy reports.</p>	<p>1- Decision makers willing to Policy reforms and take into account links between fisheries resources, trade and poverty reduction</p> <p>2- Equitable fish products trade</p>
<p>3- Sustainable livelihoods are created for people from the sustainable harvest, processing and marketing of the fisheries resources</p>	<p>1- An effective collaboration/partnership is working to influence policy and practice in x countries</p> <p>2- The rights of migrant fishers and fish traders are recognized in legislation and</p>	<p>1- Government policy and planning documents.</p> <p>2- Project monitoring reports (Annual Activity Reports of the Committee Secretariat General.</p>	<p>1- Environmental and climatic stress will not overshadow gains in production</p> <p>2- People willing to support environmentally sustainable</p>

	<p>measures developed within the region</p> <p>3- The fisheries communities are more secure and resilient within the region with basic amenities for a decent way of life</p> <p>4- Strategic partnerships are established in member countries to support the dissemination of knowledge acquired in fisheries communities</p> <p>5- Small-scale fishers of member countries diversify into other forms of livelihoods</p>	<p>3- Consultancy reports.</p>	<p>exploitation practices</p> <p>3- Fisheries Stakeholders and management institutions collaborate to promote responsible and sustainable fisheries</p>
<p>4- Illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing is stopped in the West Central Gulf of Guinea</p>	<p>1- A modernized vessel tracking system in West Central Gulf of Guinea waters is implemented</p> <p>2- Fishing operations within the region are safer and more efficient</p> <p>3- A regional Plan of Action to deter, prevent and eliminate IUU fishing in the region is successfully implemented.</p> <p>4- Compliance officers give more attention on education and working in partnership with operators</p>	<p>1- Government policy and planning documents.</p> <p>2- Project monitoring reports (Annual Activity Reports of the Committee Secretariat General.</p> <p>3- Consultancy reports.</p>	<p>1- Commitment of the member countries to support the implementation of the regional plan to combat IUU fishing</p> <p>2- National institutions in charge of fisheries resources management accept to work in close collaboration with the actors of the sector</p>
<p>5- Cooperative research is strengthened and resource-related decisions are based on sound knowledge, scientific methodology and best information available</p>	<p>1- Appropriate Databases are established and regularly updated and consulted at national and regional level</p> <p>2- Funding for fisheries research increase</p> <p>3- Policy and management decisions are based on research findings</p> <p>4- Increase in collaborative research in the region.</p>	<p>1- Government policy and planning documents.</p> <p>2- Project monitoring reports (Annual Activity Reports of the Committee Secretariat General.</p> <p>3- Consultancy reports.</p>	<p>1- Institutions of fisheries research accept networking</p> <p>2- The member States willing to provide necessary means to fisheries research</p> <p>3- Fisheries Research, Administration and Professionals are committed to work in close collaboration</p>
<p>6- The Committee works through results-based management, improved communication, and better financial, human and knowledge management systems and tools.</p>	<p>1- Results have high impact at country and regional level</p> <p>2- The Committee has a High performance and policies are based on feedback from better monitoring, evaluation and reporting</p> <p>3- Level of effectiveness and efficiency of the Committee (quqlity of the management system implemented)</p> <p>4- Level of FCWC staff and Member States to a common vision and values</p> <p>5- Degree of resource mobilization by the Committee</p>	<p>1- Government policy and planning documents.</p> <p>2- Project monitoring reports (Annual Activity Reports of the Committee Secretariat General.</p> <p>3- Consultancy reports.</p>	<p>1- The Secretariat General can effectively co-ordinate activities across the 6 countries (strong staff, Headquarters agreement)</p> <p>2- Member countries willing and able to provide support to the Secretariat General (adoption of the Financial Regulations of the Committee, payment of</p>

			contributions)
ACTIVITIES	MEANS	COST	
1.1 Organize a regional workshop on formulation of Policy frameworks	Participatory Workshops		
1.2 Provide assistance in the review and updating of the Fisheries Regulations in Member States	Consultations – Participatory Workshops		
1.3 Coordinate assistance of FCWC Partners for the realization of legislative reforms in Member Countries	Consultations – Participatory Workshops		
1.4 Initiate studies on the harmonization of access and partnership agreements	Studies to be conducted by Consultants – Participatory Workshops		
1.5 Organize workshop on the principles of cooperative management of shared pelagic resources	Participatory Workshop		
1.6 Support for the review of existing governance arrangements	Consultations – Participatory Workshops		
2.1 Organize a regional workshop on the formulation of resource specific management plans incorporating ecosystem principles	Participatory Workshop		
2.2 Assist Member States under FAO FishCode Project to undertake frame surveys	Collaboration FAO FishCode Project - Frame surveys		
2.3 Develop a sub-regional artisanal fishing vessel registration system	Consultations - Inspired by pilot work in Ghana – Participatory Workshops		
2.4 Strengthen collaboration with INFOPECHE to facilitate dissemination of market information to Members States	Signature of a MoU and follow-up		
2.5 Establish database of relevant information concerning international trade of	Consultations – Participatory Workshops		

fish and fishery products		
3.1 Compile and disseminate relevant information on fish trade to Member States	Working groups and Reporting	
3.2 Initiate action in partnership with UEMOA to inscribe the matter of decision/regulation in favour of migrant fishers, traders and other operators in the Agenda of ECOWAS	Signature of a MoU and follow-up	
3.3 Provide support and advice on the establishment and implementation of catch certification scheme in compliance with EU Regulation 1005/2008	Technical Assistance and Capacity building	
3.4 Assist members with contemporary information on conditions of intra-regional trade	Technical Assistance and Capacity building	
4.1 Encourage States to incorporate relevant standards and principles of relevant international agreements in national regulations	Consultations – Participatory Workshops – Lobbying	
4.2 Urge States to be party to international Conventions relating to safety at sea, etc	Consultations – Participatory Workshops	
4.3 Establish “Black List” of vessels in FCWC Area	Consultations – Collaboration with national institutions	
4.4 Initiate harmonization procedures and conditions for registration of industrial fishing vessels	Consultations – Participatory Workshops	
4.5 Assist Member States to ratify all appropriate international instruments related to IUU fishing	Consultations – participatory Workshops	

4.6 Undertake MCS needs assessment	Consultations	
4.7 Provide regional vessel registry services in support of members licensing arrangements	Consultations – Participatory Workshops	
4.8 Capacity building on MCS	Regional Participatory Workshop and Exchange visits	
5.1 Support members to forge contacts between scientists of member States' research institutions	Regional participatory Workshops: Develop contacts and exchange of information between scientists - Active participation of research institutions in the work of the Scientific Sub-Committee of CECAF	
5.2 Encourage the restitution of research results to end users	Participatory Workshops – Development of collaboration between researchers and end users	
5.3 Assist to standardize and harmonize progressively databases	Workshops	
5.4 Support for effective involvement of research institutions in stock assessment activities by the Dr. Fridtjof Nansen Project in the region	Collaboration with the Dr. Fridtjof Nansen Project	
5.5 Facilitate the provision of scientific advice to Committee from research	Development of a sustainable partnership	
6.1 Implement and manage ICT facilities including FCWC's Website	Consultants	
6.2 Maintain and continually improve the Website	Consultants and FCWC Secretariat General Staff	
6.3 Implement the FCWC Financial Regulations	FCWC Financial and Administrative Staff	
6.4 Establish systems and procedures for the collection, storage and dissemination of data and information	FCWC Secretariat General Staff + Consultants	
6.5 Establish and continually improve both a virtual and conventional Library	FCWC Secretariat General Staff + Consultants	
6.6 Implement the Resource Mobilization Strategy	FCWC Financial and Administrative Staff	

Annual Programme of Activities 2011 of the Committee

INTRODUCTION

The General Secretariat proposes through this 2011 activity plan to continue royal missions promoting the Committee's fisheries cooperation through its representation and its collaboration with fisheries management organization in the sub-region.

Priority will be given to the activities related to the implementation of the regional Action Plan to combat Illegal fishing as well as to finalize the 2010-2020 strategic plan (SP). This for two reasons:

1. Intensify the fight against IUU fishing
2. Mobilize partners around the Committee's priority objectives.

I. OBJECTIVES

- Contribute to the improvement of governance through adequate cooperation between the Member States in the management of fishery resources in the water under their national jurisdiction.
- Promote the exchange of experiences between sub regional fisheries administrations in the implementation of the fight against IUU fishing regional plan and strategic plan on course of finalization.

II. MATERIAL AND FINANCIAL MEANS

The activities of the committee will be funded by Member States statutory and voluntary contributions.

Scheduled technical activities will be conducted through the implementation of the TCP project for preparation of the strategic plan (SP) and the development of partnership with ongoing projects in the area.

III. HUMAN RESOURCES

In addition to the permanent staff of the Secretariat-General, the contribution of national experts from each member country fisheries administration is required.

Specialized international consultancy services will be required in specific areas of policy, regulations and MCS for the fisheries management.

IV. IDENTIFIED AND SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

COMPONENT 1: Improving management of shared stocks framework

These activities are carried out in collaboration with the ad' hoc working group on the improvement of FCWC statistics and Fish-Code STF project

The first phase of FAO Fish-Code STF regional project, supported by the Sweden Government is officially ended in October 2010. In a second phase (depending on availability of funds) activities could focus on: i) improvement of data collection on small scale fisheries (ii) capacity building of national staff (iii) national and regional development of fisheries information systems; (iv) regional harmonization and partnerships strengthening.

To reinforce activities of this project in the FCWC sub region, it is also proposed by the Secretariat to submit a proposal for a TCP project to FAO for financing.

Component 2: Improvement of the monitoring, control and surveillance system

This issue is part of the implementation of the regional plan to combat IUU fishing. It will be conducted through the Working Group on the fight against IUU fishing and in partnership with ongoing programs and projects in the area

Activity 1: Establishing agreement on minimum terms and conditions of cooperation through the development of the strategic plan (ACP FISH II) and exchange of data and good experience in the fight against IUU fishing

Activity 2: Drawing the list of registered vessels that are allowed to fish in each country as well as a regional fishing record, especially through ACP Fish II project / FAO Global record

Activity 3: Assist States in implementing the provisions of the binding measures of the agreement on the measures on FAO Port states, in conjunction with NEPAD/SIF/FAO, ACP-fish II (institutional dialogue) and training program (US)

Component3: Review of fisheries management methods and policies and proposed adjustments in the sub region

The Secretariat will contribute to different scheduled studies or ongoing strategy in the area and take active part in the arrangements of training sessions and meetings for validation of the thematic studies' reports organized by partners and institutions in the area. Thus, it will ensure that the position of FCWC Member States and Africa emerge in the policies revision process (voice of Africa)

Activity 1: Contribute to the review of the sector or specific fishing policies and identify relevant strategies as well as political choices to eliminate constraints.

Activity 2: Disseminate publications and summaries.

Component 4: Improve regional cooperation and ensure sustainable fisheries management.

The Committee should continue contacts with the authorities of the Member States and respond to the demands from other fisheries organizations. It should also be present in the main forums for discussions on the sustainable management of fisheries so as to take advantage therein for the area

Regular committee meetings will continue and technical meetings may be organized on arising major themes for the capacity building of its members, notably through working groups.

Concerning the search for funding, initiatives will be taken to revive FCWC support project. We will mobilize the balance of the initial 1,000,000 USD budget of this project from which 250,000 USD was disbursed in 2008.

The mobilization and coordination of new financing in the area will be essential to pursue the ambitions and objectives of the Committee. So it is necessary to finalize the FCWC strategic plan and submit projects of common interest to partners.

Finally a communication strategy will be developed to promote the Committee.

- Activity 1: Pursue scheduled missions and meetings in the Member States.
- Activity 2: Attend scheduled meetings by regional fisheries management organizations: CECAF, ICCAT, UEMOA, COMHAFAT.
- Activity 3: Finalize or formalize cooperation between regional organizations: UEMOA, GCLME, ECOWAS.
- Activity 4: Find financing and coordinate the activities of the partners through meeting of donors and promotion of the 2010 - 2020 strategic plan
- Activity 5: Plan sessions of the Ministerial Conference and meetings of the Advisory Consultative Committee (ACC)
- Activity 6: Organize training sessions and technical meetings
- Activity 7: Monitor and report on the state of implementation of the decisions and recommendations, especially the regional plan to fight against IUU fishing and the 2010_2020 strategic plan.
- Activity 8: Disseminate official information documents using website, leaflets and various reports.

V. IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The above activities will be carried out based on case studies, or consultations, arrangements of networking, working groups, seminars and workshops. In most cases, they will be organized jointly with the meetings of the ACC in conjunction with partners.

The Committee will work closely with the project and non-governmental organizations and specialized agencies involved in the fisheries sector in the area.

VI. EXPECTED RESULTS

At the end, it is hoped that countries must have acquired experience in sub regional cooperation with a view to resolving the problems of development and management of fisheries in water under their jurisdiction.

The Committee will contribute to the achievement of these results as a dialogue platform, search for technical and financial partners and provide the required assistance to implement identified activities. Thus, countries can initiate actions aimed at:

- Developing an integrated information and decision-making system for the management of the fisheries
- Developing procedures and acquire equipment for monitoring controlling and supervising (SCS);
- Drawing a comprehensive program (frame and socio economic survey) for monitoring and evaluation of catches of living marine resources;
- Developing regional strategies for long-term resource management
- Designing arrangements to ensure the well-being of fishermen on a small scale (migration of fishermen, safety at sea and marketing of fisheries products);
- Harmonizing fisheries regulations;
- Strengthening collaboration in fisheries management.

VII. ACHIEVEMENT CONDITIONS

The implementation of this program is subject to a number of conditions. In addition to natural hazards that may occur, member countries must agree to cooperate with the General Secretariat of the Committee. To do this, they will have to honor their contributions to the budget and provide equipment and staff for the Committee.

Ongoing projects and programs will continue smoothly according to the established schedule.

Finally, in accordance with its mandate, the Advisory and coordination Committee will need to assist the Secretariat in monitoring recommendations and removing bottlenecks or delays that might arise during the course of the implementation of this program.

VIII. TIMETABLE OF IMPLEMENTATION

COMPONENTS / ACTIVITIES	PERIOD				OFFICIALS AND COMMENTS
	T1	T2	T3	T4	
Component 1: Improving management of shared stocks framework.					
Activity 1: Improve data collection in small scale fisheries;	X	X	X	X	FAO Fish-Code STF project / working group / SG of the Committee
Activity 2: Capacity building of national staff		X	X	X	
Activity 3: Develop national and regional systems of information on fisheries;					
Activity 4: Propose a TCP project to FAO to strengthen the achievements of phase1		X			
Component 2: Improving the monitoring, control and monitoring system					
Activity 1: Establishing agreement on minimum terms and conditions of cooperation through the development of the strategic plan (ACP FISH II) and exchange of data and good experience in the fight against IUU fishing		X			Working Group / Committee SG / partners. Priority activity 1
Activity 2: Drawing the list of registered vessels that are allowed to fish in each country as well as a regional fishing record, especially through ACP Fish II project /FAO Global record			X		
Activity 3: Assist States in implementing the provisions of the binding measures of the agreement on the measures on FAO Port states, in conjunction with NEPAD/SIF/ FAO, ACP Fish II (institutional dialogue) and training program (US)			X	X	
Component3: Review of fisheries management methods and policies and proposed adjustments					
Activity 1: contribute to the review of the sector or specific fishing policies and identify relevant strategies as well as political choices to eliminate constraints	X	X	X	X	
Activity 2: Disseminating publications and summary abstracts	X	X	X	X	
Component 4: Improve regional cooperation and ensure sustainable fisheries management					
Activity 1: Pursue scheduled missions and meetings in the Member States.	X	X	X	X	
Activity 2: Attend scheduled meetings by regional fisheries management organizations	X	X	X	X	
Activity 3: Finalize or formalize cooperation between regional organizations: UEMOA, GCLME, ECOWAS.	X				
Activity 4: Seek funding and coordinate the activities of the partners through meeting of donors and	X	X	X	X	

promotion of 2010-2020 strategic plan					Secretary General of the Committee
Activity 5: Plan sessions of the Ministerial Conference and meetings of the Advisory Committee (CCC)		X		X	
Activity 6: Organize training sessions and technical meetings	X		X		
Activity 7: Monitor and report on the State of implementation of the decisions and recommendations, especially the regional plan to fight against IUU fishing and the 2010_2020 strategic plan	X	X	X	X	
Activity 8: Disseminate official information documents using website, leaflets and various reports	X	X	X	X	

Introducing note to the 2011 BUDGET

The budget Committee includes mandatory contributions of Member States and identified financial support from partners.

It should be noted that because of the poor mobilization of resources expected from the Member States to the budget of the previous fiscal year, key equipment and operating expenditure were carried forward.

The cost related to the organization of FCWC regular sessions and the counter part of FCWC in implementing the Committee's support projects will record a NET increase to facilitate the coordination of the activities by the Secretariat..

A. CONTRIBUTION EXPECTED FROM MEMBER STATES

This is support solicited from the Member States to provide ways of running and coordinating the Secretariat:

NON-CONSUMABLE EQUIPMENT

1 - A vehicle (40,000 US\$)

The budget for equipment provides a vehicle for the Committee General Secretariat.

It is essential to provide the Secretariat a 4 x 4 vehicle type.

2 - ITC and communications: (5 000 USD)

This heading takes into account cost related to the Committee's website, telephone charges and purchase of software;

CONSUMABLE EQUIPMENT

Consumable supplies (10,000 US\$)

Reams of papers, lots of biros, pencils, felt pens, rulers, ink, multiple plug etc...

STAFF REMUNERATION (55,000 US\$)

In accordance with article 11 (3) of the Convention, the Government of Côte d'Ivoire is responsible for the Secretary-General's basic salary and the

Committee should provide additional benefits in accordance with the salary scale and other benefits adopted in Abidjan Conference in 2008.

On the same basis, estimates of wages and allowances were made for the rest of the staff. Salaries and allowances are budgeted on the basis of the staff expected in the Secretariat which includes:

- Secretary General
- One (1) bilingual Secretary
- One (1) administrative and financial staff
- One (1) driver.

The remuneration of staff (salaries and corresponding allowances) is estimated at 55 000 US\$ / year.

Official travels (10 000 US\$)

These travels are the attendance of staff of the Secretariat in meetings initiated by member states or support partners in the fisheries sector in the sub region.

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

The Committee should also take care of overhead costs of the Secretariat. These include:

1 - Fuel and maintenance of the vehicle

Quarterly average fuel consumption and cost of maintenance of the Secretariat vehicle **(10 000 US\$)**

2 - Production, publications and subscriptions to magazines and specialized website (5 000 US\$)

The Secretariat envisages cost of translation, publication and Edition of documents produced by FCWC;

3. Maintenance of computer equipment (1 000 US\$).

TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND ORGANIZATION OF FCWC SESSIONS

1- FCWC counterpart to the projects (20 000 US\$)

FCWC bears additional cost associated with the facilitation and finalization of the TCP, the development of the strategic plan (S P) as well as the EU regional projects, FishCode STF

2 Organizing regular meetings and working group sessions (50 000 US\$)

In addition, charges relating to the preparation of technical teaching aids for technical meetings of working groups and training as well as their translation will be provided by this item.

Finally because of the closure of support projects for FCWC funded by FAO the next regular FCWC meetings will be funded by the committee.

✚ In total the contribution of Member States is estimated at 200 000 US\$.

This contribution is shared among States according to the method of calculation adopted at the 2008 Abidjan meeting,:

- 60% fair between the States
- 40% in proportion to the average productions from the fishery according to FAO statistics, over the period from 2005 to 2007

Partition system for the contributions of States is established as follows:

Country	Production (tonnes)	Percentage
Benin	9 119	1.4
Côte d'Ivoire	26 364	4.0
Ghana	284 422	43.5
Liberia	9 529	1.5
Nigeria	305 791	46.7
Togo	19 176	2.9
Total	654 401	100

It results to the following distribution:

Country	Amount Fixed (60%)	Variable Amount (40%)	Total US\$ (100%)
Benin	20 000	1120	21120
Côte d'Ivoire	20 000	3200	23200
Ghana	20 000	34 800	54 800
Liberia	20 000	1200	21 200
Nigeria	20 000	37360	57360
Togo	20 000	2320	22320
Total	120 000	80 000	200 000

ARREARS of CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEARS 2008, 2009 and 2010

✚ In accordance with the provisions of the Committee Convention ,
States'
Contributions are mandatory. We also expect payment of arrears of
contributions
owed by Member States in 2010, **the total arrears of contributions is
429 280US\$**

B. CONTRIBUTIONS EXPECTED FROM PARTNERS

These contributions are mobilized on the basis of projects documents approved by the donors. The expenditure items exclude the day-to-day operating expenses and the cost of the Secretariat staff. As such the following headings are taken into account:

International consultants recruitment:

The project envisages the recruitment of international consultants for the review of the sector and providing advice on identified strategic and key themes.

Contribution of technical and legal advice services:

Technical advice will be provided to FCWC by FAO legislation and legal Unit (LEGN) to review and make proposals for adaptation of some texts: conventions, status, rules etc.

Recruitment of national/regional experts/ consultants:

Experts in management, planning and monitoring (registers/VMS) of fisheries for the development of national diagnostics will be recruited in each country for a mission (surveys, analyses, monitoring and training).

Official travel

This is miscellaneous charges for travel within the Member countries by national and international experts for analysis and meetings for validation of various diagnosis and team projects.

Overhead costs and direct costs of functioning

This item includes overhead costs of operation of the project, including the reporting of consultants and meetings/workshops.

Organization of technical workshops and trainings

- Participatory workshops will be organized on major themes (governance / management of fisheries, SCS and planning / formulation of projects of common interest) for FCWC Member States and there will be validation of the different missions and diagnostic studies on fisheries established at the level of each country for the working groups.
- Consultation with donors to support for the implementation of programs and projects is planned.

Contributions expected from partners for 2011 will result from the following projects and supports:

(i) NEPAD funding-Program Africa fisheries (PAF)

FCWC and program PAF /SIF works together in the implementation of the component “fight against IUU fishing” and “capacity-building program for the development of the voice of Africa in the negotiations and advocacies. So, funding is granted to launch the activities of the Working Group on the illegal fishing of the FCWC and missions..

 **The amount announced is roughly 5 0 000 US\$.**

(i) Funding FAO / TCP for the development of FCWC strategic action plan (SAP).

FAO through TCP is intended to support the Fisheries Committee for the West Central Gulf of Guinea (FCWC) for the preparation of a strategic Action Plan and a regional action program covering the period 2010-2020.
In 2011 Financial Year documents produced will be finalized and meeting of donors. Will be organized

 **Allotment remaining is estimated at 70 000 US\$.**

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III) ACP FISH II project funding in the Western region of Africa, which intends to intervene, at the same time, at national and regional levels retained the three priorities in the region covered by FCWC, : i) support for the operation of the regional plan to fight against illegal fishing; ii) support for the establishment of national and regional fisheries’ records through regional consultation iii) support the facilitation of institutional dialogue for the implementation of the agreement on ports States measures for the fight against IUU fishing..

 **Allotment remaining is estimated at approximately 320 .000 US\$.**

CONCLUSION

Committee overall budget in respect of the year 2011 is **640 000 US\$** including approximately **440,000 US\$** available from the partners, aimed at the implementation of technical activities identified for FCWC support projects. This contribution from the partners could increase with the co-financing of some activities by several partners.

Mandatory contributions of Member States in the budget is estimated at **200,000 US\$** and it is indispensable to the Secretary's representation mission, mobilization of partners' support, headquarters equipment in rolling stock and the coordination of all the activities of support projects for 2011 FY.

Finally, Member States are requested to kindly fulfill their commitments by settling arrears of contributions due to the Committee; it is estimated at **429 280 US\$**

Annex 7

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

THE INTERIM GUINEA CURRENT COMMISSION/GUINEA
CURRENT LARGE MARINE ECOSYSTEM,

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Represented by the Regional Coordinator/Executive Secretary

Dr. Stephen Maxwell Kwame Donkor,

On the one hand

AND

THE FISHERIES COMMITTEE FOR THE WEST CENTRAL GULF OF GUINEA (FCWC),
Hereafter referred to as the Committee, P.O. Box BT-62 Tema, GHANA, Represented by
the Secretary General, Mr. Seraphin Dedi Nadje,

On the other hand

Hereinafter collectively referred to as the 'Parties'

Article: 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (hereinafter referred to as "MOU") between the IGCC/GCLME and the Committee is to provide an official framework for cooperation and effective collaboration in the area of sustainable fisheries and environmental management and to also emphasize the areas of mutual interest for the benefit of the member states of the two Parties

Therefore the IGCC/GCLME project and the Committee decided to establish cooperation that will promote the implementation of development programmes within the fisheries sector and contribute to the achievement of the millennium development goals consistent with food security, improvement in agricultural productivity and environmental protection targets within the sub-region.

Article 2: Rationale

The Gulf of Guinea Large Marine Ecosystem, bordering member states of the two Parties, is one of the five large marine ecosystems in Africa and encompasses estuaries, bays, littoral zones and oceanic waters between the northern territorial sea borders of the Republic of Guinea Bissau and the territorial sea borders of the Republic of Angola. This area is characterised by huge marine resources, including fish, minerals, oil and gas and is also a potential source of major tourist attractions. Out of an estimated population of about 300,000,000 peoples, 40 % relies on the marine resources for sustenance and socio-economic advancement. These resources are natural assets with vast economic potential and are critically important for the national economies and economic growth.

Notwithstanding the above observations, unsustainable fisheries and environmental practices, pollution effects, due to natural and man-made causes, have caused changes in species composition and abundance, environmental degradation and highly polluted water bodies. The situation is also aggravated by incoherent fisheries or environmental policies and mostly outdated legislations. The observed situations would have negative implications for the people and countries in the subregion if dedicated and coordinated attempts are not made to reverse the trend. As most of the fisheries and environmental issues are transboundary in nature, it has been perceived, and rightly so, that the Large Marine Ecosystem concept of integrated assessment and shared management would be the most viable approach for recovery of depleted marine resources and their sustainable exploitation, restoration of coastal area degradation and pollution abatement.

It is now generalized recognized that single-state's solution to fisheries and environmental problems have not worked very well and that integrated and cooperative ventures offer the best hope for sustainable environmental management.

Article 3: Preamble

Considering the 1982 United Nations Convention of the Law of the Sea which advocated for global and regional cooperation (Article 197) for the protection and preservation of the environment.

Considering the importance of the application of the FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries in providing a framework and guidelines for addressing issues with regards to fisheries management and development, in particular, Combating, Deterring and Eliminating Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing (IUU) fishing, addressing issues of overcapacity in the fisheries sector, sustainable development of aquaculture and improving livelihoods of small-scale fisherfolks.

Recognizing the 7th November 2007 Convention that established the Committee with a view to promoting cooperation in fisheries management between member countries (Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria and Togo).

Recognizing these countries have shared fish stocks and have severally identified the need for shared management of these resources by signing the Convention that established the Committee.

Whereas the specific objectives are to promote cooperation, among member countries with a view to ensuring, through appropriate management, the conservation and optimum utilization of the living marine and encouraging the development of sustainable development of fisheries based on such resources.

Whereas United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is executing a project "Combating Living Marine Resources Depletion and Coastal Area Degradation in the Guinea Current Large Marine Ecosystem", through-ecosystem based regional actions in order to recover and sustain depleted fish resources, restore degraded habitats, reduce land and sea based pollution.

Whereas the Interim Guinea Current Commission (IGCC) was established by 16 countries following the adoption of the Abuja Declaration of 22nd September 2006 at the first Meeting of the Committee of West and Central African Ministers of the Guinea Current Large Marine Ecosystem Project in order to assume leadership and coordination of the GCLME project and serve as Interim vehicle for the establishment of a Permanent Commission for the Guinea Current Region.

Whereas the IGCC has sixteen members (Angola, Benin, Congo Brazzaville, Cameroon, Cote D'Ivoire, DR. Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea Conakry, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Nigeria, Sao Tome & Principe, Sierra Leone and Togo) and incorporates the six member countries of the Committee.

Considering that the fisheries sector is an area of common interest between the two Parties.

Taking cognizance of the 2011-2020 Strategic Plan of the Committee and the Strategic Action Plan of the IGCC/GCLME.

Whereas the need for collaboration and coordination between Regional Fisheries Bodies and Regional Economic Communities was underscored as a pertinent strategy for fisheries reform to foster good governance for sustainable fisheries management in Africa in the recommendations adopted by the Conference of Africa Ministers for Fisheries and Aquaculture in Banjul on the 24th September 2010.

Recognizing that despite rich endowment in marine resources in the GCLME, there is still widespread poverty and poor socio-economic development in the member counties of the two Parties as manifested by high levels of unemployment, low income and national GDP and very low positions in the list of UN Human Development Index.

Cognizant of their mandates, the IGCC/GCLME and the Committee have agreed to assist the member countries to promote regional integration in fisheries management, enhancing stakeholder participation as a key element of fisheries reform, underpinned by harmonized scientific and ecosystem based fisheries management.

Aware that implementing fisheries reform amongst member states in the Gulf of Guinea, through social-cultural, economical and political actions, and improved management of the marine resources, the 'wealth' from exploitation of these resources can be used to enhance livelihoods, economic growth and sustainable national development.

Cognizant of the need for comprehensive fisheries policy and legislative review and alignment of these instruments with international fisheries regulatory instruments for improved fisheries management.

Recognizing the role of artisanal fisheries (marine and inland waters) in food security and employment and the need to assist member countries in participatory fisheries governance, economic value addition and ecosystem-based fisheries management.

Recognizing the need to ‘unlock’ the potential wealth associated with the development of environmental friendly aquaculture and mariculture in the member states of the two Parties.

Recognizing the contribution of rationally regulated industrial fisheries to foreign exchange earnings and hence economic growth in member states of the two Parties.

Recognizing the importance of assisting member countries for the application of precautionary approach to fisheries management in data deficient situations and the ratification of international fisheries instruments (1982 UNCLOS, 1995 FAO Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries, 1995 UN Fish Stock Agreement, 1993 FAO Compliance Agreement, 2009 Port State Measures to deter, combat and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, etc).

Desirous of establishing effective cooperation and partnership towards the management of fisheries resources, particularly shared resources.

Mindful of the common developmental problems facing the countries of the subregion, as well as opportunities for rational and sustainable exploitation of their fishery in order to develop their economies and respond to the nutritional needs of their populace.

Whereas the two Parties recognize the benefits of genuine and substantive collaboration and, following consultations on priority areas and synergies between the Parties, wish to explore a joint initiative to strengthen their cooperation in a coast-effective and efficient manner.

Now, therefore, IGCC/GCLME and the Committee conclude the following Memorandum of Understanding.

Article 4: Areas of cooperation

i. Subject of the Agreement

The IGCC/GCLME and the Committee have decided to establish this partnership relationship for coherent implementation of their fisheries and aquaculture programmes within the framework of environmental sustainability in the sub-region.

ii. Collaboration and partnership

The Parties have agreed specially to collaborate in the development and implementation of projects and activities for reinforcing sub regional fisheries cooperation.

In the prime interest of the citizens of the member states, with the objective of securing sustainable livelihoods, improvement in general socio-economic conditions, through prudent sustainable fisheries resources management and environment, the two Parties have agreed to cooperate and collaborate in the following areas:

- a. Participation in regional planning workshops on matters of common interest organized by each of these institutions
- b. Harmonization of fisheries development policies, legislation and strategies amongst member states of the two Parties

- c. Identification of sustainable funding and common procedures for Monitoring, Control and Surveillance
- d. Development of capacity for fisheries research, development and harmonization of fisheries statistics as essential ingredients for supporting sound scientific based decision making
- e. Development of capacity in fisheries resources management and conservation, policy development and implementation with fisheries management plans
- f. Development of capacity in negotiation and monitoring fishing access arrangements
- g. Promote international and sub-regional trade in fish and fisheries products
- h. Sharing of information and plan of work of the two parties on fisheries resources exploration and exploitation
- i. Exchange of information and data on the fisheries
- j. The two Parties should collaborate in the promotion of ecosystem approach to fisheries management in their member states
- k. Where synergies have been generated in planned activities, the Parties should endeavor to collaborate in joint implementation of these activities that are of common interests to both Parties and relevant amongst states
- l. Seek, where desirable, technical cooperation between the two Parties in the area of capacity building and development, institutional strengthening and development. Such cooperation shall cover the following areas:
 - i. Development and implementation of fisheries management measures and tools amongst member states*
 - ii. Development and implementation of environmental management programmes amongst member states*
 - iii. Fisheries and environmental policies and legislative reviews and harmonization*
 - iv. Information gathering and dissemination*
- m. Collaboration towards the actualization of concept of fisheries platform as IGCC/GCLME initiative to establish forum for regular exchange of idea on fisheries development and management issues and charting the way forward.
- n. Endeavour to collaborate for enhancing fisheries production through alternative technologies such as aquaculture (and mariculture) with due regard to environmental sustainability
- o. Seek to collaborate in the development of inland fisheries through appropriate measures for optimal exploitation.

Article 5: Modalities of cooperation

5.1 General arrangements

The IGCC/GCLME and the Committee undertake to define priorities for the sustainable development of the resource and related activities and maintain regular and ongoing discussions about the decisions and actions related to management priorities specified in this MOU. In effect, they shall endeavour to integrate work programmes and undertake consultations.

Specific agreements will be signed between the IGCC/GCLME and the Committee for the implementation of various development and management projects.

5.2 Specific responsibilities

i. The Committee will:

- a. Support the project GCLME/IGCC in the identification and implementation of development priorities for the management of the fisheries sector in the Gulf of Guinea
- b. Put in place coherent programmes and effective management of the fisheries during the period under review
- c. Provide a forum for consultation for any activity conducted under this MOU
- d. Make available to IGCC/GCLME outcomes of programmes implemented by the Committee.

ii. The IGCC/GCLME will:

- a. Support the institutional and structural organization of the Committee;
- b. Adopt ownership of the activities and achievements of the Committee
- c. Facilitate mobilization of resources and make available to the Committee and its partners for the implementation of priorities for the development of the resources consistent with the objectives of the IGCC/GCLME project
- d. Facilitate the dissemination of results of projects and programmes for fisheries development in member states.

5.3 Monitoring and Evaluation

The Parties shall take steps to ensure that this MOU can be executed satisfactorily. To this end, the Parties agree to:

- i. Nominate one person from either Party to monitor the implementation of the activities in the MOU
- ii. Meet regularly to discuss the implementation and results of progress of the implementation relating to the MOU, taking stock, if necessary, for their cooperation.

Article 6: Intellectual Property Rights

1. Intellectual property rights, in particular copyright of material such as information, software and designs made available by two Parties to be used to carry out activities under this MOU, shall remain with the originating Party.
2. Agreements concluded under this MOU may provide for arrangements regarding ownership of intellectual property in any jointly developed materials, however, at a minimum, each Party

will have a non-exclusive and royalty-free license to use, distribute, publish, or translate, in whole or in part, such jointly developed materials.

Article 7: Financial Arrangements

The implementation of activities envisaged in this MOU will depend on the availability of financial resources and should be in accordance with decisions taken by the governing bodies of the IGCC/GCLME and the Committee as well as their respective financial rules. The resources mobilized by the IGCC/GCLME and the Committee for the implementation of the policy of fisheries development will be allocated to core activities of different projects. The provisions made in this MOU are subject to the mobilization of funds budgeted in accordance with donor partners to implement the activities identified by both Parties.

Notwithstanding, the foregoing, it is agreed that any minor and ordinary expenditure relating to the implementation of this MOU shall be borne by the Parties. If the cooperation proposed by one Party to another in pursuance to this MOU requires expenses other than minor and ordinary expenditures, consultations shall be between the Parties to determine the availability of required resources.

Article 8: Exchange of information and documents; Privacy

The Parties shall exchange relevant information and documents, subject to restrictions and agreements that each Party may deem necessary to preserve the confidentiality, irrespective of the support, information and documents. The Parties undertake to treat as confidential documents, information and data considered as such, they are exchanged, and taking necessary steps to guarantee their confidentiality. This clause shall however not apply to information in the public domain, those who, before the signing of this MOU, were known to the Parties, nor to those supplied or obtained from third through legal means.

Nothing that this MOU shall be construed as obliging a Party to furnish any material, data or information the disclosure of which could, in his view, constitute a violation of its policy regarding the confidentiality of such information.

Article 9: Review of Implementation

The Parties shall meet at such intervals as deemed appropriate to review the progress of activities being carried out under this MOU and to plan future activities in relation to the activities under this MOU.

Article 10: Visibility

The Parties recognize that their cooperation under this MOU should be publicised and therefore agree to acknowledge the role and contribution of each party in all public information documentation relating to such cooperation, provided, however, that the use of an Party's name and emblem shall be in strict accordance with the party's policies and subject to its prior written authorization. Both Parties shall create in their respective Websites a link directing potential users to the Website of the other Party.

Article 11: Publication

Before any publication or public presentation of any information generated by common activities that will be developed at the end of this MOU, each Party accept to submit the content of such report for review.

Article 12: Privileges and Immunities

Nothing in this MOU or in any document or activity related thereto shall be construed as a waiver, express or implied, of the privileges and immunities of IGCC/GCLME or the Committee, or as conferring privileges and immunities of IGCC/GCLME or the Committee or its employees and vice versa.

Article 13: Settlements of Disputes

In case of dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this MOU, or its failure to termination or invalidity thereof, (hereinafter "Dispute"), the Parties should strive to the best of their ability, to quickly settle this dispute through negotiations. Any dispute that is not settled within sixty (60) days from the date on which either Party notifies the other of the nature of the dispute or the measures it planned to take, will be settled through consultation between the Executive Secretary of the IGCC/GCLME and the Secretary General of the Committee or their duly authorized representative. Each Party shall give full and sympathetic consideration to any proposal advanced by the other Party to settle amicably any matter for which no provision has been made or controversy over the interpretation or application of this MOU.

Article 14: Amendment

This MOU may be amended in writing by mutual consent. Each Party will give appropriate consideration to any amendment proposed by the other Party.

Article 15: Entry into Force, Duration and Termination

This MOU is concluded for an indefinite period. It can be modified or amended by written agreement between the Parties. Either Party may terminate this MOU, subject to giving six months' written notice to the other Party. If the MOU is terminated by either Party, it must ensure that the termination does not affect previous obligations, project or activity under way.

It may be terminated in case of force majeure or non-compliance with its obligations by either Party. In the latter case, the Party taking the initiative to terminate the Protocol shall notify by letter the other reasons and subject to compliance with a notice of three months.

Article 16: Correspondence

Any written communication between the Parties pursuant to or in connection with this MOU shall be sent to the address specified below or to such other address as the Party concerned may hereafter specify:

For Committee Natural Resource Manager and Secretary General

Fisheries Committee for West Central Gulf of Guinea
P O. BOX BT 62
Tema, Community 2
Ghana

For IGCC/GCLME:

Executive Secretary and Project Coordinator
Interim Guinea Current Commission/Guinea Current Large
Marine Ecosystem Project
Regional Coordination Unit
PMB CT 324 Accra, GHANA

with copy sent to:

Project Manager
Water Management Unit, PTC/EMB
UNIDO, PO Box 300
1400 Vienna, AUSTRIA

In witness whereof, the undersigned, Secretary General of Fisheries Committee of West Central Gulf of Guinea and Executive Secretary of Interim Guinea Current Commission/Guinea Current Large Marine Ecosystem/ respectively, have on behalf of the Parties signed the present Memorandum of Understanding in English, in two originals.

For the Fisheries Committee for the West Central Gulf of Guinea

Signature: Date: 2010
Seraphin Dedi Nadjé
Natural Resource Manager and Secretary General
Fisheries Committee for West Central Gulf of Guinea
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For the Interim Guinea Current Commission/Guinea Current Large Marine Ecosystem:

Signature: Date: 2010
Stephen Maxwell Kwame Donkor
Executive Secretary and
Project Coordinator
IGCC / GCLME Project
Accra, Ghana.