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AWA INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
"Ecosystem Approach to the management of fisheries and the marine environment in West African waters"
9th-11th December, Dakar, Senegal

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Terms of references and Program

Context

The Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission (SRFC) is an intergovernmental organization for fisheries cooperation, created by a Convention on March 29th, 1985. Its overall objective, in the long term, is the harmonization of fisheries policy of member states in terms of conservation and sustainable exploitation of their fisheries resources and fostering of fisheries cooperation for the benefits of their respective populations. It groups together seven member states namely: Cabo Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mauritania, Senegal and Sierra Leone.

Within the framework of AWA, financed by IRD (France) and BMBF (Germany), the SRFC is to support the member states and associated West African partners with concrete actions and enhanced advisory capacities on the new fisheries management approaches.

It must be noted that coastal states of the sub-region face host of problems, notably, overexploitation of fisheries resources together with rapid hydro-climatic changes. The consequences of the two phenomena on the fisheries resources are at the heart of debates between managers to which researchers of the sub-region take part. The multidisciplinary approach adopted in AWA allows the interaction of ecologists, biogeochemists, physical oceanographers, socio-economists and climatologists. The long term objective of this conference is to promote the development of a platform to monitor, simulate and predict key parameters of the ecosystem of North West Africa.

Scope of the Conference

The primary objective of the conference is to permit member states of the SRFC and partners from West African and northern countries to put in place a sustainable fisheries and marine environment management systems based on biological, ecological, laws, economic and social state of the art knowledge. In this way the conference organizer would like (i) to enhance fisheries management mechanisms in West Africa and particularly of the member states of the SRFC; (ii) Improve knowledge on the effects of climate change on living marine resources relative to the functioning of their habitats and (iii) enhance and train students including researchers of institutions and universities of West Africa in view of propagating AWA in the region.





Conference Topics

The conference will be structured in thematic sessions and side events.

- **Session 1: "Observation and modelling of ocean physics supporting the ecosystem approach to marine management".**

Chairman: Peter BRANDT (GEOMAR, Germany), Alban LAZAR (UPMC, France) and Bamol Ali SOW (UASZ, Sénégal).

- **Session 2: "Variability of pelagic productivity in West-African waters".**

Chairman: Heino FOCK (TI, Germany), Carlos F SANTOS (INDP, Cabo-Verde) and Patrice BREHMER (IRD, Senegal)

- **Session 3: "Physical-biogeochemical coupling: processes and control of small pelagic fish".**

Chairman: Eric MACHU (IRD, France), Vamara KONÉ (CRO, Ivory Coast) and Hamet DIADHOU (CRODT, Senegal)

- **Session 4: "Economics integrated into the ecosystem approach to marine management and economic benchmarking".**

Chairman: Joern SCHMIDT (CAU, Germany), Ibrahima DIALLO (CNSHB, Guinea), and Didier JOUFFRE (IRD, France)

- **Session 5: "Environmental marine law".**

Chairman: Pr. Ibrahima LY (UCAD, Senegal), Dr Marie BONNIN (IRD, France), and Dienaba Beye Traoré (CSRP)

- **Session 6: "Climate change processes and prediction impact in West Africa".**

Chairman: Asberr MENDY (World Bank, The Gambia) and Noel KEENLYSIDE (UiB, Norway)

- **Session 7: "Ecosystemic Seabird / Fishery interactions".**

Chairman: Jacob GONZÁLEZ-SOLÍS (UB, Spain) and Ross WANLESS (UCT, South Africa)

During the conference some majors "side event" will be organized at the sub regional level.

- **"Establishment of a Scientific committee instance in the Sub-Regional Fisheries Commission: Policy advisory and management issues of small pelagic (e.g. Ethmalosa)"**

Chair by Hamady DIOP (SRFC), and Joern SCHMIDT (CAU, Germany).

- **"West African scientific fleet, toward a sub-regional coordinating commission"**

Chair by Mahfoudh ould TALEB SIDI (deputy director IMROP, Mauritania) and Yves GOURIOU (Head of IRD-US Imago, UMS Flotte, France).

- **"Marine Protected Area (MPA) in West Africa"**

Chair by Dominique DUVAL-DIOP (Rampao), and Modou THIAW (ISRA/CRODT).

- **"Coastal erosion; monitoring, processes and impact on societies in West Africa"**

Chair by Moussa SALL (CSE, MOLOA), Rafel Almar (IRD) and Yves du PENHOAT (IRD, Benin).

Thematic round table discussions will be organized pre and post conference for the AWA partners exclusively (Monday 8th and Friday 12th). Please contact your AWA's PI (principal investigators) for more information.



Important dates

Call for abstract: 4th August 2014.
Dead line for Abstract submission: 17th November 2014.
Deadline for registration: 28th November 2014.
Manuscript deadline: 8th January 2015.

Conference fee and registration

Non AWA member 300 €
AWA consortium partners 100 €
All student 50 €

Registration fee waiver could be requested to the secretarial, for sub-Saharan citizens.

Proceedings

We have asked for publication of the proceedings in a special issue of a peer reviewed journal as well as an edition of a book of abstract. According to the number and quality of the communications the organizer reserve the right to request an additional special issue in a peer reviewed journal.

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Commercial Exhibitions

Some space near the lecture and posters rooms will be available for the exhibition of leaflets, books and equipments.

Press briefing

To register as a media representative contact Mame Fatou TOURE:
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Social event

Visit small scale fishing harbor, Mosque of divinity, West African light house and Statute of the African renaissance. You must be registered before, no fee.



Accommodation

Rooms are available at half board negotiated conference rates of 84 € (55 000 F CFA) at the conference Hotel (Hôtel Le NDIAMBOUR):

Hôtel Le NDIAMBOUR
Dakar Plateau, 121 Rue Carnot
www.lendiambour.com

Other available hotels within the vicinity of the conference venues at no-negotiated rate are:

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Dakar Plateau, 46 Rue Jules Ferry
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Dakar Plateau, 38 Rue Amadou Assane Ndoye
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