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AfWA DAYS - STC - EB - OGA:

Abidjan hosts the first 2009 Statutory meetings

Abidjan, the Ivorian economic capital city was the host city of the African Water Association first meetings of the year 2009 dealing with the AfWA Days, the Scientific and Technical Council (STC), the

Executive Board (EB) and the Ordinary General Assembly (OGA). Arrived at the sides of the Ebrié lagoon twenty four or forty-eight hours earlier, the actors of the water and sanitation sector in Africa took a remarkable and active

part in the development of these meetings scheduled from last February 23rd to 27th 2009. Each day turned on specific works according to the established schedule. The AfWA Days which central theme was "Information systems and management of the water and sanitation services in Africa: indispensable tools for the improvement of service performance" was organised over 3 days (from 23 to 25), the STC from 24 to 25 and the EB on the 26. The last day of these meetings (February 27) was devoted to the Ordinary General Assembly which closed this week of water in Côte d'Ivoire under the sponsorship of Mr ACHI PATRICK, Minister of Economic Infrastructures of Côte d'Ivoire who presided over the opening of these meetings

Water (AMCOW), the World Water Council and the Secretariat of the 5th World Water Forum, the participation of the oldest continent will be about the reduction of the water shortage in order to reach African vision of water. This choice is expressed in the chosen theme "Reducing water shortages", which means that Africa's participation in this 5th World Water Forum aims at using this forum as "a sensitization platform on water issues and its stakes to galvanize regional collaboration and reinforce global approach being able to sustain the African programme of the water resour-

ces management". The African Water Association will take an active part in that.

An Executive Board for the GLOBAL WOP

The Global WOP (GWOP) met in January (29th and 30th) 2009 in Nairobi (Kenya) to appoint its Executive Board and lay the bases of its activities. This decision came as a support to the setting up of the Water Operator Partnership in Africa which is in a real progress.

Anyway that is the least one could say at the end of the recent WOP - AFRICA meeting held on late January 31st 2009 in also Nairobi devoted to this programme. This meeting with its content as well as its formal aspect permitted the various WOP-AFRICA actors who attended it to review all the important items in the management of this programme, especially the code of behaviour, accommodation dispositions, governance, and recruitment of the programme coordinator. The business plan of the said programme presented by the Consultant in charge of it was the object of a particular analysis. It came out that the document was ready to be proposed to the African Development Bank (AfDB) for the financing of the WOP activities. During the assessment of the debates, several actions were suggested for the effective implementation of the WOP-AFRICA within a short time limit. Participants recommended July 2009 for the running of the Programme Secretariat.

AD'HOC COMMITTEE FIRST MEETING OF THE YEAR:

The 2010 Kampala Congress and the African Water Academy in the centre of the debates

The Ad'Hoc Committee held its first 2009 meeting last January 23rd and 24th in the Senegalese capital city in the presence of the African Water Association Specialised Committees' Chairmen. The agenda of this high level meeting dealt with two major items in the future schedule of the Association, namely the 2010 Kampala Congress and the African Water Academy. As regards the first item, the hosts of President Mamadou DIA united their efforts on the very

first day of the debates in view of the reformulation of the titles and general reference themes of the various technical sessions and the organisation of round tables, conferences, the colloquy and the symposium. The second day was devoted to the issues of the African Water Academy particularly concerning the selection of its Executive Manager, the recruitment of the contributors, the type of governance and the road map of the aforesaid Academy.

5th WORLD WATER CONGRESS

Africa for the reduction of water shortages

The World Water Forum is the greatest event of the water and sanitation sector worldwide and organised every three years on the initiative of the World Water Council in collaboration with the government of the host country. After the edition of Mexico, the fourth

of the kind, it's up to Istanbul (Turkey) to welcome the fifth edition which will be held from March 16th to 22nd 2009. Africa's attendance to this meeting admits no doubt. In fact, led by the African Development Bank on the express demand of the African Ministers Council of