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Partial view of the Participants in the 6th Executive Board Meeting: Bottom left, WAPP Chairperson Dr. (Engr.) Joseph Makoju, bottom right WAPP Secretary General, Engr. Amadou Diallo

WAPP Secretary General Takes Stock of Significant Activities Between November 2007 and March 2008

The conference room of the WAPP Secretariat was host to the 6th Meeting of the WAPP Executive Board (EB) on April 30th, 2008. All the members of the EB were present at the

meeting, which was presided over by WAPP Chairperson, Dr. (Engr.) Joseph Makoju. During the session, WAPP Secretary General Engr. Amadou Diallo reported on activities carried out and results attained by the organisation between November 2007 and March 2008.

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The oration by the Secretary General focused on mobilisation of financial resources, project preparation and coordination, monitoring and coordination of power exchanges throughout the Interconnected network system (Coastal Transmission Backbone), Finance and Administration, Technical cooperation...

Mobilisation of Resources



Grant Agreement Signed by EIB & WAPP on 19th December, 2007, in Luxembourg

Within the six-month period, WAPP had secured funds from its partners to finance the implementation of some WAPP projects or their diverse studies. Key among these were the signing of a Grant Agreement of 3 million Euros with the European Investment Bank (EIB) on behalf of the European Union (EU) – Africa Infrastructure Trust Fund for preparatory studies on the Côte d'Ivoire – Liberia - Sierra Leone - Guinea Interconnection project, a US\$ 2.5 million pledge from Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) for Feasibility and Engineering studies on the WAPP Information and Coordination Centre, and a Grant Agreement of 14.75 million Euros with representatives of the European Commission for implementation of MV Cross border projects involving Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Togo, Burkina Faso, within the framework of the ACP-EU Energy Facility.

Project Preparation and Implementation

In collaboration with beneficiary member utilities, the WAPP Secretariat is progressively implementing project preparatory activities in accordance with its approved Business Plan to ensure the timely realisation of the projects. Pre-investment studies on the Han (Ghana) – Bobo Dioulasso (Burkina Faso) – Sikasso (Mali)-Bamako (Mali) interconnection project would be completed by end of July 2008 ; with respect to the Bolgatanga (Ghana) – Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) interconnection line, the pre-investment studies would be carried out over a period of 10 months from July 2008 to May 2009, and the Man (Côte d'Ivoire) – Sannequille (Liberia)- Nzérékore

(Guinea) – Buchanan (Libéria) – Monrovia (Liberia) – Bumbuna (Sierra Leone) – Linsan (Guinea) interconnection line, would be carried out in 11 months once the consultancy contracts are executed.

Implementation of WAPP Operations Manual

Developed in collaboration with NEXANT Inc., the resident USAID-funded Technical Assistance to the WAPP, the implementation of the WAPP Operations Manual requires that the gaps and deficits in presently applied methods and available infrastructures be identified and resolved. Upon completion of the gap identification, NEXANT Inc. shall support WAPP to review the results of the analysis carried out and assist WAPP in determining the investment requirements to resolve the shortcomings.

Definition of Regional Electricity Transmission Tariffs

NEXANT Inc. is supporting WAPP to define a methodology for determining regional electricity transmission tariffs that would permit the supply of reliable and affordable electric energy in the region. The implementation of these tariffs would represent an important step in the establishment of a regional electricity market within ECOWAS. The WAPP, with support from NEXANT Inc., has organised a number of workshops with its member utilities in order to develop the regional transmission tariff methodology.



H.E. Dr. Mohamed Ibn Chambas, President of ECOWAS Commission, and KOICA Rep. Signing the "Record Of Discussions" on the Feasibility Study & Basic Design to Establish the WAPP ICC

Missions

A mission from the WAPP Secretariat led by the WAPP Secretary General, Engr. Amadou Diallo, undertook a visit to Empresa Publica de Electricidade e Agua de Guinea-Bissau (EAGB) [Electricity and Water Company of Guinea-Bissau], a country facing an acute power crisis. The visit permitted the WAPP to identify and propose essential material and equipment that could be provided to EAGB to aid address the crisis.

The assistance provided by WAPP was subsequently formally handed over to EAGB and energy officials in Guinea Bissau on May 3rd 2008, at a ceremony in Guinea Bissau chaired by H.E., the President of ECOWAS, Dr. Mohamed Ibn

Chambas, and the WAPP Chairperson Engr. (Dr.) J.O. Makoju.

Other missions conducted included visits to Société de Gestion du Patrimoine du Secteur de l'Electricité (SOGEP), Société d'Opération Ivoirienne d'Electricité (SOPIE), Electricité de Guinée (EdG) and Société Nationale d'Electricité du Burkina (SONABEL), and these visits enabled WAPP discuss relevant issues with its member utilities.

The WAPP participated in several meetings including meetings organised by the ECOWAS Commission, World Bank, African Development Bank and UPDEA.

WAPP Organisational Committees

WAPP Secretariat organised a meeting of the Strategic Planning and Environment Committee in Cotonou from March 19th to 20th, 2008, and another meeting for the Engineering and Operating Committee in Ouagadougou from February 04th to 06th, 2008. The former reviewed and adopted the Terms Of Reference (TOR) for implementing a Feasibility Study on the planned Maria Gleta 400 MW Power Generation plant. The latter reviewed and adopted the TOR of the Experts' Advisory Panel responsible for among others, monitoring implementation of the WAPP Operations Manuel, developing procedures for the infrastructure gap analysis, and formulating data collection requirements on the interconnected system.

The Capacity Building Programme

Supported by NEXANT Inc., the WAPP Secretariat completed the data collection for assessing the training needs of the WAPP within the framework of the Capacity Building Programme (CBP).

The CBP is a Human Resource Development Programme for WAPP stakeholders designed to ensure the proper functioning of the organisation.

Study Tour



A Group of ECOWAS MPs Visiting Sakete 330kV/161kV Substation

In collaboration with CEB and VRA, the WAPP Secretariat organised a study tour for the Infrastructure Commission of the ECOWAS Parliament from the April 14th to 18th, 2008. The study tour enabled the ECOWAS Parliamentarians better appreciate the efforts being made by Member States to resolve the energy crisis in the region.

Adoption of Eight Resolutions Concludes Meeting



From left to right: WAPP Vice Chairperson Mr. Salif Kaboré; WAPP Chairperson Dr. (Engr.) J.O. Makoju; WAPP Secretary General, Engr. Amadou Diallo

The WAPP Executive Board (EB), at the conclusion of its in-depth deliberations, adopted eight (8) resolutions. Through Resolution # 1 WAPP/32/RES.29/04/08, the EB appointed the Members of the Engineering and Operating Committee (EOC), the Strategic Planning and Environment Committee (SPEC), and the Finance and Human Resources Committee (FHRC) of WAPP for the period 2007 – 2008. With Resolution # 2 WAPP/33/RES.29/04/08, the Board adopted the Evaluation Report of the FHRC relating to procurement of services of an External Auditor for WAPP.

Resolution # 3 WAPP/34/RES.29/04/08 and Resolution # 4 WAPP/35/RES.29/04/08 approved respectively the applications of CENPOWER Generation Company Limited of Ghana and Office National de l'Electricité du Maroc of Morocco for membership into WAPP. Both applications are going to be presented at the 3rd Session of the General Assembly of WAPP for final adoption.

Through Resolution # 5 WAPP/36/RES.29/04/08, the EB required Members Utilities to provide timely and accurate information on their systems and operations to facilitate the development of the WAPP, in particular, the WAPP Information and Coordination Centre.

The EB, through Resolution # 6 WAPP/37/RES.29/04/08, urged that Members take all steps necessary to prudently implement WAPP Projects under their purview without delays that could jeopardize the timely realization of the projects especially in relation to securing financing and accelerating procurement. Another requirement within the scope of the same resolution is the submission of periodic quarterly reports to the WAPP Secretariat indicating among others, the status of implementation of the WAPP Projects under their purview.

Through Resolution # 7 WAPP/38/RES.29/04/08, the EB resolved that the Secretary General of WAPP constitute an ad hoc Taskforce to review the method of assessing WAPP Member contributions. The report of the Taskforce would be presented to the 7th EB Meeting for consideration, adoption and subsequent submission to the 3rd Session of the General Assembly of WAPP for consideration and adoption. With the final Resolution # 8 WAPP/39/RES.29/04/08, the EB resolved that the WAPP organize in 2008, a forum to allow Members of WAPP and stakeholders to dialogue and exchange on relevant Best Practices in the power supply sector, particularly within the West Africa region.

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