EIGHTH SESSION OF THE
WAPP GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Final Report
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I. INTRODUCTION


2. The purpose of the meeting was, among others, to consider and adopt the report of the 7th Session of the General Assembly, the Activity Report of the Secretary General and the Recommendations of both the 22nd Ordinary Session and 4th Extraordinary Session of the Executive Board.

3. The opening ceremony was presided over by the Minister in charge of Petroleum and Energy of the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire, Mr. Adama Toungara.

II. PARTICIPANTS

4. The Managing Directors and/or the authorised representatives of the following WAPP Member Utilities took part in this session:
   - Société Béninoise d’Energie Electrique (SBEE), Benin
   - Société Nationale d’Electricité du Burkina (SONABEL), Burkina Faso
   - Société des Energies de Côte-d’Ivoire (CI-ENERGIES), Côte-d’Ivoire
   - Compagnie Ivoirienne d’Electricité (CIE), Côte-d’Ivoire
   - Société Nigérienne d’Electricité (NIGELEC), Niger
   - National Water and Electricity Company Limited (NAWEC), Gambia
   - Volta River Authority (VRA), Ghana
   - Energie du Mali-SA (EDM-SA), Mali
   - Société Nationale d’Electricité du Sénégal (SENELEC), Senegal
   - Communauté Électrique du Bénin (CEB), Benin
   - Compagnie Energie Electrique de Togo (CEET), Togo
   - Ghana Grid Company (GRIDCo), Ghana
   - Electricity Company of Ghana (ECG), Ghana
   - CENIT Energy Limited, Ghana.

5. The Multilateral Corporation ZTE participated in the meeting.

6. The list of participants is attached as Annex A to this report.

7. The General Assembly, after ascertaining that the meeting had a valid quorum, declared that the number of participants was consistent with the provisions of WAPP Articles of Agreement and that, consequently, the General Assembly could legitimately meet and deliberate.

III. OPENING CEREMONY

8. The opening ceremony was marked by the speeches and remarks delivered by:
   i. Mr. Amidou Traoré, Managing Director of Société des Energies de Côte d’Ivoire (CI-ENERGIES);
ii. Engr. Amadou Diallo, WAPP Secretary General;
iii. Engr. Olusola Akinniranye, WAPP Executive Board Chairman;
iv. Mr. Adama Toungara, Minister in charge of Petroleum and Energy of the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire.

9. In his opening speech, the Minister in charge of Petroleum and Energy of the Republic of Côte d’Ivoire welcomed the participants to the 8th Session of the General Assembly. He reiterated WAPP’s dual primary missions which consist in developing cross-border power exchanges and setting up a power market in the sub-region. The Minister enumerated the various interconnection projects in which Côte d’Ivoire was involved and notably the CLSG Interconnection Project whose implementation is guaranteed thanks to the Treaty signed between the four project beneficiary countries. He further underscored the efforts deployed by the Ivorian Government to boost the capacity of its power generation park which its envisaged to increase from 1521 MW to 4000 MW installed capacity by the end of 2020, through the ABATTA/SONGONTE thermal generation projects, including the hydropower generation projects involving SOUBRE and 3 other sites downstream from SOUBRE. Finally, he commended the WAPP Secretariat for the work accomplished so far and encouraged it to keep up the pace till the establishment of the ECOWAS Regional Electricity Market.

IV. OUTCOME OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

10. The Eighth Session of the WAPP General Assembly was presided over by its Chairman, Engr. Olusola Akinniranye.

11. The meeting agenda was adopted as follows:

   a. Consideration and adoption of the Report of the 7th Session of the WAPP General Assembly;
   b. Consideration and adoption of the WAPP 2012 Financial Statements;
   c. Consideration and adoption of the WAPP Revised Financial Regulations;
   d. Consideration and adoption of the Activity Report of the WAPP Secretary General for the period covering November 2012 to November 2013;
   e. Appointment of three (3) new rotating members to the WAPP Executive Board;
   f. Consideration and adoption of the Recommendations of both the 4th Extraordinary Session and 22nd Ordinary Session of the Executive Board;
   g. Consideration and adoption of the General Assembly Decisions;
   h. Any Other Business;

   **Item A: Consideration and adoption of the Report of the 7th Session of the WAPP General Assembly**

12. After due consideration and amendments, the Report of the 7th Session of the WAPP General Assembly, held in Abuja on 2nd November 2012, was unanimously adopted.

   **Item B: Consideration and adoption of the WAPP 2012 Financial Statements**

13. After having been briefly introduced, the representative of the external auditor PricewaterhouseCoopers presented the report on the 2012 Financial Statements.

**Item C: Consideration and adoption of the WAPP Revised Financial Regulations**

15. The Chairman of the Finance Committee (FC), Mr. Edwin M. GBEKOR, presented the WAPP Revised Financial Regulations.

16. In his presentation, he explained that the revision of these Regulations was mainly spurred by the evolution of standards and the need to adapt same to the existing document, to notably reflect best practices that prevail in similar International Organizations. He also listed the various components of the said Regulations.

17. The General Assembly noted that this fundamental document was reviewed and updated for purposes of good governance. It commended the Finance Committee (FC) and adopted the WAPP Revised Financial Regulations.

**Item D: Consideration and adoption of the Activity Report of the WAPP Secretary General**

18. The Secretary General presented his Activity Report covering the period November 2012 to November 2013. During his presentation, the Secretary General thanked the General Assembly for its constant support to the Institution. He also recalled the support of WAPP Technical and Financial Partners. He then gave an update of the activities carried out and the results achieved in terms of mobilisation of investment resources, coordination and monitoring of the implementation of priority projects, preparation of the regional electricity market, cooperation with the member utilities, regional and international Organisations, as well as the administrative and financial management of the General Secretariat.

19. The General Assembly noted with some satisfaction the progress achieved and the capacities developed by the Institution mainly as regards the mobilization of resources for the funding of the preparation and realization of interconnection and power generation projects.

20. The General Assembly noted with some satisfaction the recruitment of the ICC key staff.

21. The General Assembly commended the WAPP Secretariat for its support to certain member utilities such as EDG, EDM-SA, NPA and NAWEC.

22. The General Assembly took note of the activities undertaken by the WAPP Secretariat in the framework of its cooperation with other Institutions that share the same areas of interest.

23. The General Assembly noted with some satisfaction the results achieved in the preparation of the Institution’s management instruments, namely the development and adoption of the Charter of Internal Audit, the Risk Management Plan, the Disaster Recovery Plan, the review of the Financial Regulations as well as the Accounting and Finance Manual.

24. The General Assembly welcomed the results contained in the report of the external Auditor indicating that the Financial Statements of the WAPP Secretariat reflected a true and fair view of the financial position of the institution and that its financial performance and its
cashflow during the audit period were consistent with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS).

25. The General Assembly congratulated the Secretary General for the quality results obtained and encouraged him to keep up the efforts as to maintain the progress achieved so far. Finally, the General Assembly unanimously adopted the Activity Report of the Secretary General.

*Item E: Appointment of three (3) new rotating members to the WAPP Executive Board*

26. The Secretary General explained the procedure and basis for the appointment of new rotating members to the WAPP Executive Board.

27. He also brought to the attention of the Assembly that during its 6th General Assembly held in Lomé in October 2011, CEET, EDM-SA and ECG were elected by Decision WAPP/41/DEC.28/10/11 to the rotating positions of the Executive Board by the WAPP members for a non-renewable two-year term expiring at the WAPP General Assembly scheduled for 2013.

28. The General Assembly duly noted that pursuant to Article 5.3 of the WAPP Headquarters Agreement and given the expiration of the mandates of EDM-SA, CEET and ECG, the WAPP Secretariat dispatched letters to the Société Nigérienne d’Electricité (NIGELEC), National Power Utility (NPA) and Ghana Grid Company Limited (GRIDCo) in September, 2013, inviting them to sit at the Executive Board for the period covering December, 2013 to November, 2015. The solicited utilities expressly accepted the proposal.

29. The General Assembly after due consideration, endorsed the Executive Board’s appointment of NIGELEC, NPA and GRIDCo as rotating members of the WAPP Executive Board from December 2013 to November 2015.

*Item F: Consideration and adoption of the Recommendations of both the 4th Extraordinary Session and 22nd Ordinary Session of the Executive Board*

30. The WAPP Secretary General presented for consideration and adoption by the General Assembly, the following Recommendations of both the 4th Extraordinary Session and 22nd Ordinary Session of the Executive Board:

- **Recommendation N°1** to the WAPP General Assembly relating to the adoption of the Revised Financial Regulations.

- **Recommendation N°2** to the WAPP General Assembly relating to the adoption of the Activity Report of the WAPP Secretary General.

- **Recommendation N°3** to the WAPP General Assembly relating to the appointment of three rotating members to the Executive Board for the period December 2013 to November 2015.


31. The Recommendations were examined and unanimously adopted by the General Assembly.
Item G: Any Other matters

32. The General Assembly evoked the issue relating to the venue of its 9th session scheduled for 2014.

33. The General Assembly took note of SONABEL’s willingness to host the 9th Session in Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso) in 2014. SONABEL is expected to confirm its commitment in the forthcoming months. The General Assembly thanked and commended SONABEL for such commitment.

Item H: Consideration and adoption of the General Assembly Decisions

34. At the close of the Session, the General Assembly took the following Decisions, which are attached as Annex B to this report:

⇒ Decision WAPP/51/DEC.10/12/13 adopting the WAPP Revised Financial Regulations;

⇒ Decision WAPP/52/DEC.10/12/13 adopting the Activity Report of the WAPP Secretary General;

⇒ Decision WAPP/53/DEC.10/12/13 appointing three rotating members to the Executive Board for the period December 2013 to November 2015;


35. The General Assembly commended the WAPP Secretary General for the progress recorded during the period under review.

36. The General Assembly also expressed its appreciations to the Managing Director and staff of the Société des Energies de Côte d’Ivoire (CI-ENERGIES) for their effective participation in the proceedings of the various Committees and for the logistic support towards the organisation of the meetings.

Adopted in Niamey this day of May 22nd, 2015

The Chairman,
Engr. Olusola. O. AKINNIRANYE
VOTE OF THANKS

THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE WEST AFRICAN POWER POOL HELD IN ABIDJAN, ON 10 DECEMBRE 2013, EXPRESSES ITS SINCERE GRATITUDE TO THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF CÔTE D’IVOIRE, AND IN PARTICULAR TO HIS EXCELLENCY ALLASSANE OUATTARA, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CÔTE D’IVOIRE FOR THE WARM HOSPITALITY EXTENDED TO THE PARTICIPANTS DURING THEIR STAY.
ANNEX A

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS
# 8th Session of WAPP General Assembly

**Abidjan, 10 December 2013**

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ANNEX B

DECISIONS
The General Assembly

CONSIDERING the Decision A/DEC.5/12/99 of the twenty-second summit of the Authority of the Heads of States and Governments of ECOWAS held in Lomé on December 10, 1999 relating to the establishment of the West African Power Pool (WAPP);

CONSIDERING the Decision A/DEC. 18/01/06 of the twenty-ninth summit of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS held in Niamey on January 12, 2006, relating to the adoption of Articles of Agreement for the establishment and functioning of the WAPP;

CONSIDERING the Decision A/DEC. 20/01/06 of the twenty-ninth summit of the Authority of Heads of State and Government in Niamey on January 12, 2006, relating to the establishment of the WAPP Secretariat as a specialized institution of ECOWAS.

RECALLING the Headquarters Agreement signed between the Republic of Benin and the West African Power Pool Secretariat;

CONSIDERING the stipulations in the Articles of Agreement relating to the organisation and functions of the West African Power Pool dated September, 2006 in particular Articles 1, 4,5, 6,7,11,12 and 26 ;

CONSIDERING the stipulations in the Financial Regulation dated September 2006 in particular Articles 1 and 2;
NOTING the Final Report of the fifth meeting of the Finance Committee (FC) held in Cotonou from January 28th to 30th, 2013.

CONSIDERING the Resolution WAPP/137/RES.12/03/13 of the fourth extraordinary meeting of the Executive Board of WAPP held in Cotonou on March 12th, 2013, adopting the updated WAPP Financial Regulations.

DECIDE:

Article 1: The updated WAPP Financial Regulations is adopted.

Article 2: The present Decision comes into effect upon its signature.

Article 3: The Secretary General shall take all necessary measures to ensure the implementation of this Decision.

Done in Abidjan on this day of December 10th, 2013,

[Signature]

Chairperson

Engr. Olusola O. AKINNIRANYE
CONSIDERING the Decision A/DEC. 5/12/99 of the twenty-second summit of the Authority of the Heads of States and Governments of ECOWAS held in Lomé on December 10, 1999 relating to the establishment of the West African Power Pool (WAPP);

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CONSIDERING the Decision A/DEC. 20/01/06 of the twenty-ninth summit of the Authority of Heads of State and Government in Niamey on January 12, 2006, relating to the establishment of the WAPP Secretariat as a specialized institution of ECOWAS.

RECALLING the Headquarters Agreement signed between the Republic of Benin and the West African Power Pool Secretariat;

CONSIDERING the stipulations in the Articles of Agreement relating to the organisation and functions of the West African Power Pool dated July 6th, 2006 in particular Articles 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 14 and 26;

CONSIDERING the Resolution WAPP/117/RES.04/10/12 of the eighteenth Meeting of the Executive Board of WAPP held in Cotonou on October 4th, 2012, adopting the 2013 Work Program and associated Budget for the WAPP;
CONSIDERING the Resolution WAPP/151/RES.09/12/13 of the twenty-second Meeting of the Executive Board of WAPP held in Abidjan on December 1st, 2013 adopting the activity report of the Secretary General.

DECIDE:

Article 1: The Activity Report of the Secretary General for the period November 2012 to November 2013 is adopted.

Article 2: The present Decision comes into effect upon its signature.

Article 3: The Secretary General shall take all necessary measures to ensure the implementation of this Decision.

Done in Abidjan this day of December 10th 2013,

Engr. Olusola O. AKINNIRANYE
Chairperson
WEST AFRICAN POWER POOL

SYSTEME D'ÉCHANGES D'ÉNERGIE ÉLECTRIQUE OUEST AFRICAIN

General Secretariat / Secrétariat Général

EIGHTH SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
THE WEST AFRICAN POWER POOL ORGANISATION

DECISION WAPP/53/DEC.10/12/13 RELATING TO DESIGNATION OF THE
THREE ROTATING MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE
WEST AFRICAN POWER POOL FOR THE PERIOD
DECEMBER 2013 - NOVEMBER 2015.

The General Assembly

CONSIDERING the Decision A/DEC.5/12/99 of the twenty-second summit of the Authority
of the Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS held in Lomé on December 10th, 1999,
relating to the establishment of the West African Power Pool (WAPP);

CONSIDERING the Decision A/DEC. 18/01/06 of the twenty-ninth summit of the Authority
of Heads of State and Government in Niamey on January 12th, 2006, relating to the adoption
of Articles of Agreement for the establishment and functioning of the WAPP;

CONSIDERING the Decision A/DEC. 20/01/06 of the twenty-ninth summit of the Authority
of Heads of State and Government in Niamey on January 12th, 2006, relating to the
establishment of the WAPP General Secretariat as a specialized institution of ECOWAS;

RECALLING the Headquarters Agreement signed between the Republic of Benin and the
WAPP;

CONSIDERING the stipulations in the Articles of Agreement relating to the organisation
and functions of the WAPP dated July 6th, 2006, in particular Articles 1, 4, 5 and 26;

CONSIDERING the Decision WAPP/01/DEC.06/07/06 of the first session of the WAPP
General Assembly held in Cotonou on July 6th, 2006, relating to the composition of the
WAPP Executive Board;

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CONSIDERING the Decision WAPP/26/DEC.29/10/09 of the fourth session of the WAPP General Assembly held in Accra on October 29th, 2009, adopting the WAPP Articles of Agreement to increase number of WAPP Executive Board and have permanent membership;

CONSIDERING the Decision WAPP/41/DEC.28/10/11 of the sixth session of the General Assembly held in Lomé on October 28th, 2011, relating to the designation of the three rotating members of the Executive Board of the WAPP for the period October 2011-October 2013;

CONSIDERING the Resolution WAPP/154/RES.9/12/13 of the twenty-second Meeting of the Executive Board of WAPP held in Abidjan on December 9th, 2013, relating to designation of the three rotating members of the Executive Board of the WAPP for the period December 2013-November 2015.

DECIDE:

Article 1: The three (3) rotating members of the Executive Board for the period December 2013 to November 2015 shall be:

1) La Société Nigérienne d’Electricité (NIGELEC): Alhassane HALID
2) Ghana Grid Company Limited (GRILDCo): William AMUNA
3) National Power Authority (NPA): Ahmed Zubairu KALOKO

Article 2: The present Decision comes into effect upon its signature.

Article 3: The Secretary General shall take all necessary measures to ensure the implementation of this Resolution.

Done in Abidjan on this day of December 10th, 2013,

Chairperson
Engr. Olusola O. AKINNIRANYE
The General Assembly

CONSIDERING the Decision A/DEC.5/12/99 of the twenty-second summit of the Authority of the Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS held in Lomé on December 10th, 1999, relating to the establishment of the West African Power Pool (WAPP);

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RECALLING the Headquarters Agreement signed between the Republic of Benin and the WAPP;

CONSIDERING the stipulations in the Articles of Agreement relating to the organisation and functions of the WAPP dated July 6th, 2006, in particular Articles 1, 5, 6, 7,11,12,14,15 and 26;

CONSIDERING the stipulations in the Financial Regulation of the WAPP dated September 2006, in particular Articles 1, 3 and 4;
CONSIDERING the Resolution WAPP/09/RES.27/04/07 of the third meeting of the Executive Board of WAPP in Cotonou on April 27\textsuperscript{th}, 2007, adopting the Terms of Reference for the engagement of an External Auditor;

CONSIDERING the Resolution WAPP/42/RES.30/10/08 of the Seventh Meeting of the Executive Board of WAPP in Cotonou on October 30\textsuperscript{th}, 2008, relating to the appointment of PriceWaterhouseCoopers as External Auditor for the WAPP;

CONSIDERING the report of PriceWaterhouseCoopers on the Financial Statements of the WAPP for the period January 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2012 to 31 December 2012;

NOTING the Final Report of the ninth meeting of the Finance Committee (FC) held in Cotonou on October 10\textsuperscript{th}, 2013.

DECIDE:

Article 1: The report of the External Auditor, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, on the Financial Statements of the WAPP for the year 2012 is adopted.

Article 2: The present Decision comes into effect upon its signature.

Article 3: The Secretary General shall take all necessary measures to ensure the implementation of this Resolution.

Done in Abidjan on this day of December 10\textsuperscript{th}, 2013,

Chairperson
Engr. Olusola O. AKINNIRANYE