FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The West African Power Pool (WAPP) was created by Decision A/DEC.5/12/99 during the 22nd Summit of the Authority of ECOWAS Heads of State and Government in order to address the issue of power supply deficiency within West Africa.

The 29th Summit of the Authority of ECOWAS Heads of State and Government held in Niamey in January 2006, adopted the Articles of Agreement establishing the new WAPP Organisation by Decision A/DEC.18/01/06. The organisation began actual operations in July 2006.

Engr Olusola Akinniranye Board Chairman (Appointed in November 2012) Mr. Kweku A. Awotwi Member Amidou Traoré Member Member Mr. Appolinaire Ki Siengui Member William Hutton-Mensah Member Gnande Djeteli Member Mr. Amadou Diallo Member Mr. Djibril Salifou Member

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board has the pleasure in submitting their report and the audited financial statements of WAPP for the year ended 31 December 2012.

Statement of the Executive Board's responsibilities

The Executive Board is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Organisation and of the surplus or deficit for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the Executive Board has selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently, made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent and followed International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS).

The Executive Board is responsible for ensuring that the Organisation keeps proper books of account and accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Organisation. The Executive Board is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Organisation and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Principal activity

The main activity of the Organisation is to pool electricity resources of member institutions for a more stable and reliable electricity supply to their citizens at affordable costs over the medium to long-term.

Results

The Statement of Financial Performance on page 5 shows a net surplus for the year of **UA 155,514** (2011: UA 836,629) which has been transferred to accumulated fund.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

Secretary General:

AMADOU DIACLO

Board Chairman: ENG. OLUSOLA O. A KINNIRANYE

5 NOVEMBER 2013

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REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF WAPP

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of WAPP set out on pages 5 to 20. These financial statements comprise the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2012, the statement of financial performance, the cash flow statement and the statement of changes in net assets for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Executive Board's responsibility for the financial statements

The Executive Board is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards and for such internal control as the Executive Board determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an independent opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing. Those Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the Executive Board, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF WAPP (continued)

Opinion

In our opinion the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of WAPP as at 31 December 2012 and of its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards.

Signed by: Michael Asiedu-Antwi (ICAG/P/1138)

Ricervale Moule Coopers

For and on behalf of:

PricewaterhouseCoopers (ICAG/F/028)

Chartered Accountants

Accra, Ghana

5 November 2013



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE (All amounts are expressed in UA)

		Year ended 31 December		
	Note	2012	2011	
Operating revenue				
Contributions from Members	2	3,020,976	3,069,042	
Grants from donors	3	<u> </u>	232,695	
Total operating revenue		3,020,976	3,301,737	
Decrease in impairment charge	4	504,299	1,089,978	
Total revenue		3,525,275	4,391,715	
Operating expenses				
Personnel expenses	5	1,254,367	1,181,533	
General expenses	6	624,455	505,229	
Administrative expenses	7	786,147	824,309	
Executive Board and Committee Meetings	8	<u>367,266</u>	<u>_565,529</u>	
Operating expenses before depreciation and amortisation		3,032,235	3,076,600	
Add: depreciation and amortisation charge	_			
for the period	9 and 10	190,047	183,897	
Less: capital grants	19	31,227	31,227	
Total expenses		3,191,055	3,229,270	
Financial income	11	17,582	16,316	
Financial expense	12	(196,288)	(342.132)	
Net financial expense		(178,706)	(325,816)	
Surplus for the year transferred to accumulated fund		<u>155,514</u>	836,629	

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

(All amounts are expressed in UA)

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	Note	2012	2011
Non-current assets			
Property, plant and equipment	9	499,746	472,733
Intangible assets	10	125,067	195,113
		624,813	667,846
Current assets			
Cash and bank balances	13	1,340,729	1,145,957
Receivables from exchange transactions	14	633,679	749,076
Recoverables for non-exchange transactions	15	143,723	248,841
Prepayments	16	22,522	29,330
		2,140,653	2,173,204
Total assets		<u>2,765,466</u>	2,841,050
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable	17	267,607	_434,176
Non current liabilities			
Separation provision	18	66,199	99,501
Capital grants	19	21,862	_53,089
		88,061	152,590
Total liabilities		355,668	<u>586,766</u>
Net assets		2,409,798	2,254,284
Represented by:			
Accumulated Fund		2,409,798	2,254,284

The financial statements on pages 5 to 20 were approved by the Executive Board on 5 NOVEMBER 2013 and signed on their behalf by:

Secretary General:

Name and Signature

Board Chairman:

ENG. OLUSOLA O. AKINNIRANYE

Name and Signature

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT (All amounts are expressed in UA)

	Year ended 31 December			
	Note	2012	2011	
Cash flows from operating activities Cash generated from operations	20	341 <u>.786</u>	690,814	
Cash flows used in investing activities				
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	9	(147,014)	(289,655)	
Additions to intangible assets	10	_	(68,568)	
Net cash used in investing activities		(147,014)	(358,223)	
Cash flows from financing activities		-	<u> </u>	
Increase in cash and cash equivalents		<u>194,772</u>	3 <u>32,591</u>	
Movement in cash and cash equivalents				
Balance at beginning of year		1,145,957	813,366	
Increase in the year		<u> 194,772</u>	<u>_332,591</u>	
Balance at end of year	13	<u>1,340,729</u>	1,145,957	

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

(All amounts are expressed in UA)

Accumulated fund

2011

 Balance at 1 January
 1,417,655

 Surplus for the year
 836,629

Balance at 31 December 2,254,284

2012

Balance at 31 December 2,409,798

NOTES

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below;

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS).

In the absence of an International Public Sector Accounting Standard that specifically applies to a transaction, other event or condition, management uses its judgement in developing and applying an accounting policy that results in information that is relevant to the decision-making needs of users that the financial statements:

- (i) represent faithfully the financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the entity;
- (ii) reflect the economic substance of transactions, other events and conditions and not merely the legal form;
- (iii) are neutral, i.e., free from bias;
- (iv) are prudent; and
- (v) are complete in all material respects.

Standards, amendments and interpretations to existing standards that are not yet effective and have not been early adopted by the organisation

In 2011, the International Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (IPSASB) finalised IPSAS 32, Service Concession Arrangements: Grantor. IPSAS 32 is effective for annual financial statements covering periods beginning on or after January 1, 2014.

There are no other IPSAS interpretations that are not yet effective that would be expected to have a material impact on the organisation.

NOTES (continued)

1. Accounting policies (continued)

(b) Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment (PPE) are stated at acquisition cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line basis at rates estimated to write off the cost of each item over the estimated term of its useful life. A full year's depreciation is charged in the year of acquisition. No depreciation is charged in the year of disposal. The annual rates used for this purpose are as follows:

Computers	25%
Equipment	14.20%
Furniture and Fixtures:	
Residence	33.33%
Office	25%
Vehicles	20%
Building	2.86%

Impairment

The carrying values of PPE are reviewed for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that they may not be recoverable. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Any provision for impairment is charged against the Statement of Financial Performance in the year in which the impairment is identified.

(c) Intangible assets

Intangible assets mainly comprise of patented and non-patented technology, know-how and software. These are capitalized and amortised on the straight line basis in the statement of financial performance over the expected useful lives, or the period of legal rights.

(d) Revenue recognition

Assessed contributions from member utilities are recognised when they are approved by the Executive Board. Unpaid contributions during the period are recognised as receivables after netting off any provisions.

Other revenues, including costs reimbursed by third parties, are recognised when they are earned, either contractually, or in the absence of a contract, upon receipt.

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NOTES (continued)

Accounting policies (continued)

(e) Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Cost includes all direct expenditure incurred in bringing the inventories to their current state under normal operating conditions.

(f) Accounts Receivable/Recoverable

Accounts recoverable represent receivables from exchange transactions and recoverables from non-exchange transactions. Receivables are stated at their nominal value as reduced by appropriate allowances for estimated irrecoverable amounts or losses. Allowance for loss is established based on a review of outstanding amounts at the reporting date.

(g) Financial Instruments

WAPP uses only non-derivative financial instruments as part of its normal operations. These financial instruments include bank accounts, certificates of deposit, accounts receivable and accounts payable.

All financial instruments are recognised in the statement of financial position at their fair values.

(h) Foreign currency translation

(i) Functional and presentation currency

Most transactions were made in FCFA which is the functional currency of WAPP. The financial statements are presented in Unit of Account (UA) which is the presentation currency of ECOWAS institutions.

(ii) Transactions and balances

Transactions during the period are translated into the presentation currency, Unit of Account (UA) at the average quarterly rates from ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID). Monetary assets and liabilities at the reporting date are translated into UA at the rates of exchange ruling at that date. The resulting gains or losses realised or incurred are recognised in the statement of financial performance.

(i) Grants

Grants are amortised over their useful lives and netted-off the depreciation charge for the year. Where assets received are below the depreciation threshold of WAPP, the monetary values of the items are recognised as income in the year the grant is received. Cash donations are recognised as income in the statement of financial performance when received.

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NOTES (continued)

1. Accounting policies (continued)

(j) Staff Retirement Benefits

WAPP's contribution to staff (except the Secretary General) retirement benefit schemes are recognised in the statement of financial performance as the obligation falls due. The scheme consists of a monthly contribution of 17% of employees' basic salary as pension fund by the employer.

WAPP sets aside 25% of the Secretary General's annual salary to cater for his separation payment at the end of his service period. This is recognised in the statements of financial performance annually.

(k) Provision

Provision for liabilities and charges are recognised when WAPP has a present legal or constructive obligation as a result of a past event, and it is probable that WAPP will be required to settle the obligation. Provisions are measured at managements' best estimate of the expenditure required to settle the obligation at the date of the Statement of Financial Position.

NOTES (continued)

(All amounts in the notes are expressed in UA)

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2011

2. Contributions from Members

3,020,976

3,069,042

3. Grants from donors

This represents financial assistance received from donors in cash to support WAPP Secretariat.

	2012	2011
World Bank	-	54,494
USAID		<u>178,201</u>
	general with transfer and the	<u> 232,69</u> 5

4. Decrease in impairment charge

This represents provisions for outstanding member contributions recovered during the year.

5. Personnel expenses

Staff salaries	708,280	661,346
Salary for contractors and temporary staff	177,738	167,028
Initial travel and accommodation	682	2,566
Refund of school fees	150,036	124,355
Other expenses*	86,373	73,914
Pension fund contributions	86,820	78,235
Separation provision for SG	17,418	17,418
Medical expenses	14,051	10,428
Training Costs	12,969	<u>46.243</u>
	<u>1,254,367</u>	<u>1.181.533</u>

^{*}Other expenses represent other staff costs such as domestic and home leave allowances.

6. General expenses

Administration expenses	33,073	23,427
Repairs and maintenance	16,550	62,461
Utility expenses	11,278	12,418
Rent	16,640	15,965
Transportation	161,127	166,959
Audit fees and expenses	30,413	29,873
Legal fees	5,697	6,517
Consultancy services	343,894	170,652
Software licenses	5,783	<u> 16,957</u>
	<u>624,455</u>	505,229

(All amounts in the notes are expressed in UA)

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					2012	2011
7•	Administrative expense	s				
	5 11 1 31 h					_
	Public relations, publicity a				18,382	19,518
	Postages and communicati	ons			86,686	72,348
	Official missions				512,927	482,326
	Conference materials				9,065	10,408
	Linguistic services				49,591	83,278
	Entertainment/ reception	retreats			106,243	145,106
	Recruitment				-	634
	Project facilitation				3,253	10,691
					<u> 786,147</u>	<u>824,309</u>
8.	Executive Board and Co	ommittee Meeting	s			
	Executive Board Meetings				115,069	107,719
	Engineering and Operating	Committee			105,990	138,358
	Strategic Planning and Env				112,544	279,731
	Finance, Human Resources	s and Governance Co	mmittee		<u>_33,663</u>	_39.721
					367,266	565, <u>5</u> 29
9.	Property, plant and equ	ipment				
	2012	Computers	Equipment,	Motor	Buildings	
	- V - M	computers	furniture &	Vehicles	irumumingo	
	C .		fixtures			Total
	Cost					
	As at 1st January					
		138,297	62,718	341,654	335,161	877,830
	Additions	138,297 17,285	62,718	341,654 <u>129,729</u>	335,161	877,830 147,014
			62,718 62,718		335,161	
	Additions	17,285		129,729		147,014
	Additions At 31st December Accumulated	17,285	62,718	129,729 471,383		147,014 1,024,844
	Additions At 31st December Accumulated Depreciation	17.285 155.582		129,729		147,014
	Additions At 31st December Accumulated Depreciation As at 1st January	17,285 155,582 108,712	62,718 41,898	129,729 471,383 244,911	335,161 9,576	147,014 1,024,844 405,097
	Additions At 31st December Accumulated Depreciation As at 1st January Charge for the year	17,285 155,582 108,712 25,818	62,718 41,898 10,196	129,729 471,383 244,911 74,411	9,576 9,576	147,014 1,024,844 405,097 120,001
	Additions At 31st December Accumulated Depreciation As at 1st January Charge for the year At 31st December	17,285 155,582 108,712 25,818	62,718 41,898 10,196	129,729 471,383 244,911 74,411	9,576 9,576	147,014 1,024,844 405,097 120,001

9. Property, plant and equipment (continued)

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2011	Computers	Equip., furniture & fixtures	Motor Vehicles	Building	Work-in- progress	Total
Cost						
As at 1 st January	134,645	51,179	294,814	_	107,537	588,175
Transfers	-	-	_	107,537	(107,537)	-
Additions	<u> 3,652</u>	11,539	<u>46,840</u>	227,624		289,655
At 31st December	<u> 138,297</u>	<u>62,718</u>	341 <u>,654</u>	335,161		<u>877,830</u>
Accumulated Depreciation						
As at 1st January	78,541	31,702	181,003		-	291,246
Charge for the year	_30,171	10,196	63,908	<u>9,576</u>		<u>113.851</u>
At 31st December	108,712	41,898	<u>244,911</u>	9,576	_	405,097
	100,712	41,090	**********	9.57.0		405,097
Net Book Value At 31 st December	29,585	20,820	96,743	<u>325,585</u>	<u></u>	472,733
Intangible assets						
Cost						
					2012	2011
As at 1st January				325	,612	257,044
Additions				• • • •	<u></u>	68,568
At 31st December				325	<u>,612</u>	325,612
Accumulated Amort	tisation					
As at 1st January				130,	499	60,453
Charge for the year				<u>70,</u>	046	<u> 70.046</u>
At 31 st December				200	545	130,499
Net Book Value				1 <u>2</u> 5.	067	. 195,113

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	(All amounts in the notes are expressed in UA)		
		2012	2011
11.	Financial Income		
	Bank interest	17,582	<u> 16,316</u>
12.	Financial expense		
	Bank charges	3,837	3,491
	Exchange differences	192,451	338,641
		<u> 196,288</u>	342,132
13.	Cash and bank balances		
	Cash at Bank	1,340,729	1,135,980
	Cash on hand	м	9,977
		1.349,729	1.145.957
14.	Receivables from exchange transactions		
	Members' contribution receivable	1,898,904	2,524,722
	Provision for doubtful debts	(1,279,586)	(1,783,885)
		619,318	740,837
	Staff advances	<u>14,361</u>	<u>8.239</u>
		<u>633,679</u>	<u>749,076</u>

15. Recoverables for non exchange transactions

These are expenses incurred on various donor funded projects which are yet to be refunded to WAPP.

	2012	2011
ECOWAS Guinea Bissau Project	17,633	5,257
ECOWAS Guinea Conakry Project	29,893	13,775
World Bank Projects	11,887	36,961
USAID Capacity Support to WAPP Members Programme	56,661	192,848
North Core	10,729	-
Other projects	<u> 16,920</u>	<u> </u>
	143,723	248,841

NOTES (continued)

(All amounts in the notes are expressed in UA)

16. Prepayments

	2012	2011
Insurance	9,414	5,047
Rent (SG's residence and guest house)	1,244	13,018
Telecommunications (deposit)	1,961	1,962
Internet	_9,903	9,303
	22.522	29,330

17. Accounts payable

	2012	2011
Auditor's remuneration	29,537	29,000
Other payables	<u>238,070</u>	<u>405,176</u>
	<u> 267,607</u>	<u>434,176</u>

18. Separation provision

	2012	2011
Balance at 1 January	99,501	78,114
Charge and interest on account for the year	21,374	21,387
	120,875	99,501
Payment to the Secretary General	(5 <u>4,676)</u>	_
Balance as at 31 December	66,199	99,501

This represents funds set aside annually by WAPP to cater for the Secretary General's separation payment at the end of his service period. The Executive Board approved an amount of UA54,676 which was paid to him after the end of his second term in office.

19. Capital Grants

Grant Source French Embassy-Generators	Opening balance as at 01.01.2012	Additions	Amortisation for the year	Closing balance as at 31.12.2012
and Fire equipment	6,595	-	4,397	2,198
USAID (two vehicles) USAID (security systems)	11,434 12,190	-	5,717 12,190	5,717
KOICA (one vehicle)	7,789	-	3,895	3,894
KEPCO (one vehicle)	<u> 15,081</u>		_5,028	10.053
	53,089	-	31,227	21,862

(i) The French Embassy provided a grant of UA 64,522 in 2006, representing 90% of the cost of a standby generator for the WAPP Secretariat as well as cabling for LAN and phone systems, fire fighting equipment and a PABX system.

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- (ii) USAID provided grants in the form of two vehicles and security systems for WAPP's office building amounting to UA 28,585 and UA 48,764 respectively in 2009.
- (iii) Korean International Co-operation Agency (KOICA) donated a Toyota Prado valued at UA 19,474 to WAPP in 2009.
- (iv) Korean Electric Power Corporation (KEPCO) donated a Nissan Patrol valued at UA 25,135 to WAPP in 2010.

The grants are being amortised over the useful life of the related assets. The amortisation is credited to the depreciation charge for the year.

20.	Cash generated from operations	Note	2012	2011
	Net surplus for the year Adjustments for non-cash items:		155,514	836,629
	Depreciation and amortisation of intangible assets	8 & 9	190,047	183,897
	Amortisation of capital grant	18	(31,227)	(31,227)
	Changes in working capital:			
	Decrease/ (increase) in receivables from exchange transactions		115,397	(420,749)
	Decrease/(increase) in recoverables from non-exchange transaction	ns	105,118	(248,841)
	Decrease/(increase) in prepayments		6,808	(19,154)
	(Decrease)/ increase in accounts payable		(166,569)	368,872
	(Decrease)/ increase in separation provision		(33,302)	<u>21,387</u>
	Cash generated from operations		341.786	690.814

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21. Related party transactions

West African Power Pool (WAPP) is governed by the Executive Board whose members are entitled to payment of honoraria and other travel related expenses when participating in WAPP meetings or any other WAPP business. The following were members of the Executive Board during the year:

Engr Olusola Akinniranye Board Chairman (Appointed in November 2012)

Mr. Kweku A. Awotwi Member
Amidou Traoré Member Member
Mr. Appolinaire Ki Siengui Member
William Hutton-Mensah Member
Gnande Djeteli Member
Mr. Amadou Diallo Member
Mr. Djibril Salifou Member

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Mr. Saloum Cissé
Member (Resigned in May 2013)
Mr. Seydina Kane
Member (Resigned in September 2012)
Alpha Sékou Djiteye
Member (Resigned in February 2013)

Except Mr. Amadou Diallo who is remunerated by the organisation, no other board member received any remuneration or loans other than the above entitlements during the year under review. For the year under review, the Secretary General's total emolument was UA 114,469 (2011: UA 118,014). The Secretary General was paid 50% of his separation provision as at 30 June 2012 of UA 54,676. The payment was approved by the Chairman of the Executive Board.

22. Financial instruments

All financial instruments to which WAPP is a party are recognised in the financial statements.

(a) Credit risk

In the normal course of business, WAPP incurs credit risk from accounts receivable and transactions with banking institutions. WAPP manages its exposure to credit risk by:

- Holding bank balances and short-term deposits (demand deposits) with reputable banking institutions registered in Republic of Benin; and
- Maintaining credit control procedures over accounts receivable.

The maximum exposure as at 31 December 2012 was equal to the total amount of bank balances, short-term deposits, and receivables disclosed in the statement of financial position.

WAPP does not require any collateral or security to support financial instruments and other receivables it holds due to the low risk associated with the realisation of these instruments.

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(All amounts in the notes are expressed in UA)

(b) Foreign currency exchange rate risk

WAPP operates separate bank accounts in CFA and US\$ currencies. WAPP incurs currency risk as a result of the conversion of foreign currency balances held in these bank accounts to UA at period end. The currency risk associated with this balance is considered minimal and therefore WAPP does not hedge its foreign currency exposure.

Foreign currency transactions are translated to UA at average quarterly rates from ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID).

(c) Fair values

As at 31 December 2012, the carrying amounts of all financial instruments approximated their fair values (2011: carrying amounts approximate the fair values).

23. Capital commitments

There were no capital commitments at 31 December 2012 (2011: nil).

24. Contingent liability

There were no contingent liabilities at 31 December 2012 (2011: nil).

Presentation of Budget Information in Financial Statements

Basis of reparation

The budget information has been prepared on a cash basis since it is the policy of WAPP to apply the cash basis of accounting for its budgets during the fiscal year. The financial statements however, are prepared on accrual basis of accounting. The accrual basis of accounting is one under which transactions, other events and conditions are recognised when they occur (and not only when cash or its equivalent is received or paid). Therefore, the concept recognises revenue when earned and expenses when incurred.

Key assumptions include:

- Funding available throughout the periods
- Member utilities will pay their contributions regularly

Budget Approval

The West African Power Pool is a specialised institution of ECOWAS headquartered in the Republic of Benin.

WAPP's highest decision making body is the General Assembly which provides the overall strategic direction of the institution and adoption of Executive Board's reports.

The functioning of WAPP is entrusted to the Executive Board whose functions include: "Examination and recommendation to the General Assembly, the entry, exit and re-entry of Members to the Pool, authorisation of major contracts, Approval or revision of the operating and capital budgets and any additional expenditure and approval of audit reports. The Executive Board reviews, approves or disapproves actions of the various Organisational Committees of WAPP.

The approval of the Budget by the Executive Board and its adoption at the General Assembly empowers the Secretariat (through the Secretary General), subject to any special conditions to:

- Commit and authorise expenditure and to make all payments to be borne by the Organisation, for the purposes assigned and within the limits of the appropriations and the commitment authority, as the case may be; and
- Provide the Executive Board with monthly budget and variance for review and approval.

Comparison of budget and actual on expense categories level

Introduction

WAPP's financial statements are prepared on accrual basis whilst the budget is on cash basis. The Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Performance, Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Statement of Cash Flow Statements are prepared on a full accrual basis. The financial statements and the budget are therefore prepared using different basis.

To enable users and funders derive the needed benefit and make this presentation useful, management has decided to present the comparison by expenditure categories. This form of presentation as indicated is to ensure management achieves the reporting requirement of IPSAS 24 and also meet the needs of stakeholders within the Pool for effective decision making.

The approved budget for the expense categories outlined below covers the fiscal period 1 January to 31 December 2012.

Budget for the year under review

The budget and actual analysis provides the expenditure categories incurred by WAPP. The approved budget drives the business of the Secretariat.

	Annual Budget (cash basis)	Actual Expenditure (cash basis)	Variance	Variance
	UA	UA	UA	%
Salaries and Other Personnel Expenses (1)	1,414,319	1,254,367	159,952	11%
General Expenses (2)	336,441.00	624,455	(288,014.00)	(86%)
Administration Expenses (3)	584,569.00	786,147	(201,578.00)	(34%)
Executive Board and Committee Meetings	593,319	367,266	226,053	38%
Capital (4)	184,655	147,014	37,641	20%
	3,113,303	3,179,249	(65,946)	2%

Explanations of Significant deviations

- 1. Salaries and Other Personnel Expenses Some staff budgeted for could not be recruited during the year due to outstanding contribution by members.
- 2. General Expenses Actual expenditure exceeded budget due to the increase in consultancy fees and expenses incurred on the payments to the debt collector to help recover outstanding contributions from Members. The debt collector helped to recover some of the outstanding contribution from Member Utilities.
- 3. Administrative Expenses This was mainly due to expenses on linguistic services and reception/entertainment expenses on meetings, trainings and workshops.

- 4. Executive Board and Committee Meetings This was mainly due to fewer meetings being held than budgeted for.
- 5. Capital Assets such as digitization equipment and docking stations and laptops included in the current budget were procured in 2013.

Reconciliation of Actual Amounts in the Budget and Actual Amounts in the Financial Statements

Description	Operating	Financing	Investing	Total (UA)
Actual amount on comparable basis as presented in the budget and actual	-	-	_	3,179,249
financial statements				
*Basis difference	_		-	11,806
Actual amount in the statement of financial performance on an accrual basis	-	-	-	3,191,055

^{*} Basis difference was arrived at as a result of the different basis used in the budget and the financial statements. The budget uses cash basis whilst the financial statements is prepared on accrual basis of accounting.

In budget, revenue is required to cover all committed expenditures. In the financial statement, revenue and expenses only includes amounts corresponding to amounts accruing for the period. The difference is treated as accrued revenue or expenses in the financial statement. Also, a provision is made for outstanding membership contributions and included in the statement of financial position and statement of financial performance. No such provision is made in the budget.

In budget, capital expenditures are recorded as current year expenses. This cost is capitalised and depreciated over the useful lives in the financial statements. These capital expenditures and associated depreciation are recorded net on the asset side of the Statement of Financial Position. Depreciation expense is recorded in the Statement of Financial Performance.