



## The AFRICA GROUNDWATER NETWORK

# WORKPLAN 2016

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## **AGW-NET WORKPLAN 2016**

### **Overview**

Due to unforeseen financial difficulties, AGWNET was not able to conduct the planned activities except one training course. However, the network has successfully implemented visibility activity at the World water Congress and increased its membership.

It is important to indicate that this workplan has been developed based on thorough discussion during the steering Committee meeting which was held in Johannesburg.

The workplan for 2016 is divided into sections as follows:

- Network Management
- Network Development
- Short Courses
- Training Materials
- Partnerships
- AGW-Net website
- Fund Raising
- Visibility Actions
- Budget for 2016

### **Network Management**

Starting from January 2015, Dr. Moustapha Diene will take over the managerial position based on the nomination and approval by the Steering Committee members during its annual meeting.

### **Network Development**

*Membership.* Network membership has continued to grow rapidly in the last 8 years to 361 in 2015. In 2016, the network plans to attract at least 39 new members.

### Short Courses

Capacity building through short courses is an activity of the AGWNET. The current priority is on capacity development in integration of Groundwater in River Basin Organizations, which has attracted the attention of decision makers. The first of such a training was organized for ORASECOM where Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and South Africa belong and was held between 23-17 Sept, 2013 at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Even though RBOs show interest to host such trainings based on the newly developed training manual, in 2015 it was not possible to hold at least one due to lack of matching fund from CAPNET. Appropriate effort will be put to at least hold a couple of trainings with RBOs.

The following short courses have been identified for implementation in 2016.

1. **Abidjan (Cote d'Ivoire)** Integration of Groundwater into Africa Basin organizations. Host: Moustapha Diene. French language course.
2. **ORASECOM (Namibia), ZAMCOM (Zambia) or LIMCOM (Mozambique):** Integration of Groundwater into Africa Basin organizations. Host: Tamiru Abiye, Daniel Nkhuwa, English language course  
Commission)
3. **Nigeria:** Cost effective borehole drilling. Host: Martin Eduvie. English language course
4. **Multiple Regions:** Enhanced Monitoring and Evaluation for Groundwater. Organizer: Mohamed Elrawady, AGW-Net steering committee member, Host CEDARE, English Language Course.

### **Case study**

1. Groundwater pollution management in urban areas (4 cities)

2. Coastal saline water intrusion (2 cities)
3. Groundwater and irrigation

## Training Materials

Dissemination of the RBO training manual will be undertaken in 2015. INBO/ANBO has advertised the new RBO training manual in their website.

## Partnerships

- a) BGR. In 2015 AGWNET has successfully launched the RBO groundwater training manual where BGR supported a flight ticket to Dr. Richard Owen to participate in the World Water Congress. BGR has also covered printing cost for English and French version of the manual. It is our hope that BGR and AGWNET will continue to implement some trainings and disseminate the training manual in 2016.
- b) IWMI (International Water Management Institute): in 2015 the collaboration between IWMI and AGWNET was effective through planning, coordination and implementation of the preparation of the RBO training manual. It is our hope to continue working together in 2016.
- c) IAH (International Association of Hydrogeologists) /Burdon Groundwater Network (BGN): In 2013 and 2015 collaboration between AGWNET and IAH/BGN resulted in holding of joint training courses in groundwater management. This collaboration will continue in 2016 so that members of AGW-Net can benefit from the services of IAH/BGN such as the books scheme and also to enable 2 courses to be jointly held.
- d) Partnership with IGRAC will be strengthened to conduct more case studies in 2016.
- e) Partnership with CAPNET will continue with more joint activities in groundwater related trainings and case studies.

## Web Site and E-Newsletters

The AGW-Net website was successfully utilized to disseminate information to members and mobilize members to participate in the long term groundwater level data in Africa (lead University College London) and Africa Groundwater Atlas (BGS). The contacts in the website have been utilized to disseminate relevant information. We will continue to develop information dissemination in 2016. The development of a web page where members can upload abstracts or short descriptions of their current work is also being considered.

### Fund Raising

As per the recommendation of the Fund raising task team, 7% of cost recovery will be made in all network activities.

### Visibility Actions

Appropriate events will be searched in order to represent the network in 2016.

## The 2016 Budget

The budget for 2016 contains some readjustment in order to effectively use the allocated funds from CAPNET.

### **A) AGW-Net Budget 2016 for core activities**

<b>Network Development &amp; Management Activities</b>				
Activity	Time	Unit cost	Total	Source of Funds
Network administration	Continuous	\$444.52pm	\$5334.24	CapNet core grant
Web site and e-newsletter production and management, telephone, email communications	Continuous	\$150 pm	\$1800.00	CapNet core grant
Admin Assistant	Continuous	\$70.15pm	\$841.80	CapNet core grant
MELP	Annual	\$2500	\$2500.00	
Steering Committee Meeting	Annual	\$10000.00	\$10000.00	CapNet core grant
Host Fee	Annual	5%	\$1023.80	CapNet core grant
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$21500.0</b>	<b>CapNet core grant</b>