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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ABV/VBA	Volta Basin Authority
AF	Adaptation Fund
WEF	Global Environment Facility
GCF	Green Climate Fund
GWP-AO	Global Water Partnership in West Africa
WMO	World Meteorological Organization
VFDM Project	Integrating Flood and Drought Management and Early Warning for Climate Change Adaptation in the Volta Basin
SfN	Nature-Based Solution
DFS	National Focal Structure
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature

Introduction

As part of the implementation of the activities of the Project entitled "Integration of Flood and Drought Management and Early Warning for Climate Change Adaptation in the Volta Basin (VFDM)", the Consortium comprising the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), a specialized agency of the United Nations, the Volta Basin Authority (VBA) and the Global Water Partnership in West Africa (GWP-WA), in collaboration with IUCN organized and held six (6) national capacity building workshops for Volta Basin stakeholders on Nature-based Solutions for the development of bankable projects and the mobilization of funding for their implementation in national portions and across the Volta Basin.

At the end of these various national workshops, 27 project ideas were identified and recommendations were formulated for the development of concept notes in support of national projects and/or a regional program to be implemented in the Volta Basin to deal with national and cross-border problems of degradation of natural resources and associated ecosystems, strengthen the adaptation and resilience capacities of communities, fight against climate change, improve livelihoods and working conditions, sustainable economic and social development.

Thus, a process of analysis, reorganization and proposal of logical frameworks for five (5) national projects and one (1) regional program made it possible to develop draft concept notes to support their elaboration, maturation and implementation.

The main objective of organizing and holding the regional workshop in Lomé, Togo was to enable country stakeholders and financial partners to propose amendments to these draft logical frameworks and concept notes of these national projects and the regional program.

This report describes the proceedings and the results of this regional workshop.

1. The opening of the workshop

The following speeches marked the opening ceremony of the workshop.

1.1 Speeches and keynote

111. Message from the Director General of Water of Togo, Coordinator of the National Focal Structure of the VBA

The Director General of Water (focal point of VBA Togo) welcomed the attendees. He was delighted with the holding of this workshop which testifies to the interest of the stakeholders in the meteorological phenomena which negatively influence the living conditions of the populations in the Volta basin.

112. Message from the representative of the World Meteorological Organization

The representative of the World Meteorological Organization also welcomed the participants. He emphasised the availability of his organization to work for the success of the projects. At the end of his speech, he wished a good working session to all the countries present in Lomé.

113. Message from the Executive Director of the Volta Basin Authority (DE/ABV)

He expressed his deep appreciation and gratitude to the authorities in charge of water in Togo for accepting to chair the joint opening ceremony of the regional workshop for (i) synthesis of the results of the trainings on Nature-based Solutions” (NbS) and definition of a development plan and submission to funding windows of concept notes for national projects and/or a regional program for climate extremes management, taking into account the NBS

approach , (ii) Training of country actors on the MyDewetra-VOLTALARM forecasting system.

He recalled the different stages that contributed to the development of the documents submitted to this workshop. He made reference tonational workshops, which made it possible to improve their knowledge of the NbS design and analysis framework. Two hundred and fourteen (214) participants, including 51 women were trained to identify twenty-seven (27) ideas for national projects following the NbS evaluation criteria and improved participants' knowledge of funds and funding opportunities for bankable NbS projects as well as the procedures for their mobilization.

He encouraged the participants to contribute towards the improvement of the documents and wished all a good stay.

114. Opening speech of the workshop by the representative of the Minister of Water and Mines

After the thanking and the reminding all on the objectives of the workshop, the representative of the Minister urged the participants to to make valuable contributions to the enrich document being developed. He stated that the presence of the various expertise should lead to the achievement of the expected results. Before taking the group picture, the Secretary General requested each participant to introduce themselves.

115. Media sessions and family photos

The participants took a group picture at the end of personal introductions. This was followed by interviews with some of the authorities.

After the opening ceremony, a presidium was set up for the workshop.

2.2. Establishment of the presidium

A presidium to facilitate the workshop was set up. It is composed of:

Last name and first names	Responsibilities	Country	Structures
BANLA Tchao	President	Togo	DE/MERF Togo
Pr KOUAME Koffi Fernand	Vice-President	Ivory Coast	DGRE/MINEF Ivory Coast
TRAORE Daouda	Vice-President	Mali	DNH Mali

- **Also a rapporteur team has also been set up**

Last name and first names	Responsibilities	Country	Structures
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2. Presentations and discussions

2.1. Presentation, adoption of the ToRs and the workshop agenda

The objective of the regional workshop was to evaluate and amend the concept note of the regional program drawn up from the projects resulting from the national workshops on nature-based solutions.

To do this, it involved (i) reviewing country project ideas and presenting the results of their reorganization into logical and results frameworks; (ii) conduct group work to review and validate the regional program concept note and its logical framework; (iii) exchange on the list of climate-sensitive financing windows and opportunities (iv) develop and adopt an action plan for the finalization and/or submission of the concept note to the identified windows.

The ToR, and the agenda for the two days workshop was presented and accepted by the participants.

2.2. Presentation of the results of the organization of country project ideas into regional project ideas (Methodology-Approach)

This presentation was made by Mr. NIAMPA Boukary of the ABV. He presented the process undertaken to hold the national workshops in the 6-member countries of the VBA. These workshops made it possible to develop project ideas (e.g. 3 projects for Togo and 7 projects for Mali). Subsequently, these project ideas were used to formulate the regional program.

2.3. Presentation of funding models and windows

This presentation was made by Mr. SOMDA Jacques from the IUCN, and he emphasised on the financial approaches under the NbS. He shared the 7

societal challenges to be met within the framework of the Nature-based approach (NBS) and the 8 criteria that can guide project developers.

For the funding windows, three (03) models were presented to us, namely the GEF, GCF and IUCN.

2.4. Presentation of the concept note of the regional program and its logical framework

Mr. MILLOGO Dibi, DEA of the ABV presented the concept note to highlights the strategic relevance of the program, general objective of the project, implementation strategy, executing entity and lessons learned were discussed in this presentation: He ended the presentation with the program's regional logical framework.

2.5. Flood and drought disaster risk profile for the Volta basin: multi-risk, multi-hazard

The overview of the Disaster Risk Profile for the Volta Basin was presented by Ms. Anna MAPELLI. She stated that the development of the risk profile was based on a probabilistic scientific approach in order to provide clear and detailed information on climate risks.

She presented the concepts of climate change and socio-economic projections before continuing with the consequences of these hazards through indicators. A few key figures were presented to show the average number of people affected and the economic losses (residential sector, services and transport systems) caused by one or the other of the two risks concerned.

2.6. Constitution of group work

Four groups were set up:

- **Group 1:** Country NFS
- **Group 2:** Ghana.

- **Group 3:** Representative of the Funds.
- **Group 4:** Representative of the Funds.

The groups were tasked to review the concept note and the logical framework of the proposed projects. The first day ended with group work. Each group presented the review of their concept note and logical framework. The summary of group work will be appended to this report.

2.7. Definition of an action plan for the finalization/consolidation and/or submission of the concept note

The participants in plenary session defined an action plan

ACTION PLAN FOR THE MOBILIZATION OF FINANCING FROM SHORT-TERM AND MEDIUM-TERM FUNDS

ID	STOCK	RESPONSIBLE ACTORS	SUPPORTING ACTORS	METHOD, MEANS, WORK FRAMEWORK/CO LLABORATION	CHRONOGR APH	IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY	
						Roles of actors	Means of implementation
1	Complete the generic concept note	VBA, IUCN	GWP-WA, WMO	Working session	July 29	The ABV will organize a technical session as soon as possible	
2	Send generic concept note to Focal Points	ABV	GWP-WA, WMO, IUCN	E-mail	August 1	Once the NC has been entered at the ABV level	Identify and use savings in VFDM activities
3	Organize a mission to explore with GEF/GCF country FPs access to co-financing at the national level	ABV	DFS	Videoconference / Email	August 31	Inform by official letter, schedule and carry out the two-day mission in the six (6) countries	Identify and use savings in VFDM activities
4	Write letters to entities requesting audiences – Make correspondence, including the report of the regional workshop (July 4-5)	ABV	DFS	Correspondence / Dating	September 15	The VBA will send the letters on time	
5	Conduct exchanges - defined in point 3 - with GEF operational focal points	ABV	National VBA focal points	Sub-regional tour of the ABV	August – December	Inform by official letter, schedule and carry out the two-day mission in the six (6) countries	Identify and use savings in VFDM activities

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						Roles of actors	Means of implementation
6	Organize a restitution session with the VDFM working groups to share the results of the regional workshop (July 4-5)	DFS	VBA	Face-to-face session	August 31	The SFNs will ensure that feedback sessions are held in each country and will report to the VBA	
7	Develop the final concept note to be submitted according to the GEF outline	IUCN	VBA, GWP-AO, OMM, SFN	Working session	3 minus after reaching point 5	The VBA will send an information letter to IUCN officials on the choice of the Structure as the implementation entity selected at the end of the exchanges. It will follow up to ensure IUCN's availability to support the process. A letter of reciprocal commitment will be drawn up and signed	
8	Develop the final concept note to be submitted according to the GCF outline	IUCN	VBA, GWP-AO, OMM, SFN	Working session	To start at the end of point 7		
9	Ensure a review process and integration of comments from all countries (follow-up and modifications)	IUCN	VBA, GWP-AO, OMM, SFN	Working session	During the course of points 7 – 8	The VBA will organize the meeting, an information letter setting the date and the agenda will be sent to the other partners as soon as possible.	

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						Roles of actors	Means of implementation
10	Make use of existing national working groups	IUCN, VBA	VBA, GWP-AO, OMM, SFN	Working session	During the course of points 7 – 8	The VBA will request by written letter the contribution of the working groups to the process of finalizing the concept notes and mobilizing resources	
11	Engage all VBA FPs and other	VBA, IUCN	VBA, GWP-AO, OMM, SFN	Working session	During the course of points 7 – 8	The VBA will request by written letter the contribution of the working groups to the process of finalizing the concept notes and mobilizing resources	
12	Organize a virtual validation workshop with the countries – based on the process mentioned in the previous point	VBA	GWP-WA, WMO, SFN, IUCN	Virtual session	To define	The VBA will propose terms of reference and an agenda for the organization and holding of the session with the key partners identified	Create and share a Zoom link

2.8. Group work and feedback

At the end of this session, the logical frameworks of the countries were amended with estimated budgets for the activities.

CONCLUSION

At the end of this workshop, the following recommendations were made:

1. For countries :

- Complete the cost of the project and duration by July 15, 2022 and share it with the actors (Country)
- Focal points are to ensure that the programs align with donor requirements and support advocacy.

2. To the ABV and its partners:

- Conduct advocacy for co-financing (GEF, GCF or any other potential donor) (ABV, IUCN, GWPAO, Country)
- Improve the concept note by referring to the Flood and Drought Disaster Risk Profile for the Volta Basin: multi-risk, multi-hazard, gender approach etc.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1: Terms of reference

Concept note of the regional workshop on:

“Synthesis of trainings on nature-based solutions and definition of an action plan for the development and submission of concept notes for national projects and / a regional program for the resilience of ecosystems and communities in the face of climatic extremes in the Volta Basin »

1. Background and rationale

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO), a specialized agency of the United Nations, the Basin Authority of the Volta (ABV) and the Global Water Partnership in West Africa (GWP-AO) are implementing the project titled [“Integrating Flood and Drought Management and Early Warning for Climate Change Adaptation in the Volta Basin\(VFDM\) »](#). The project activities, started in June 2019, are continuing and will be closed in June 2023. The VFDM project is financed by the Fondsadaptation. The implementation of the VFDM project involves the active participation of National Agencies (in charge of meteorology, hydrology, water resources management, civil protection, etc.) and WMO Partners, such as CIMA Research Foundation, Italian Department of Civil Protection, UNITAR/UNOSAT, IUCN and CERFE.

As part of the implementation of the Project activities, the Consortium, in collaboration with IUCN organized and held six (6) national capacity building workshops for stakeholders in the Volta Basin on nature-based solutions for the development of bankable projects and the mobilization of funding for their implementation in the national portions and at the scale of the Volta basin.

At the end of these national workshops, (i) two hundred and fourteen (214) participants, including 51 women, were trained on "Nature-based Solutions", improved their knowledge of the NBS design and analysis framework (the IUCN Global Standard composed of 8 criteria and 28 indicators); (ii) Twenty-seven (27) national project ideas following the NbS evaluation criteria were identified; (iii) participants' knowledge of funds and funding opportunities for bankable SfN projects as well as the procedures for their mobilization have been improved.

At the end of these various national workshops, the participants recommended, among other things, the development of concept notes to support the formulation of national projects and/or a regional program in order to deal with national and transboundary problems of degradation of natural resources and ecosystems. associates, strengthen the adaptive and resilient capacities of communities, combat climate change, improve livelihoods and the conditions for sustainable economic and social development in the Volta Basin.

Subsequently, a technical assessment meeting was organized by the VBA with the effective participation of GWP-WA, IUCN and the Green Climate Fund. This review meeting made it possible to review the various project ideas, the recommendations of the countries and to define a roadmap for the preparation and organization of the regional workshop for the synthesis of the results of the training of national actors on Nature-based Solutions and the definition of an action plan for the development of concept notes of national projects and/or a regional program to be implemented in the different national portions and at the basin level. the Volta.

To do this, a work of reorganization and structuring of the ideas of the national projects was done by the VBA in order to support the work of development of the related concept notes as well as that of a regional program.

Also, the Consortium, in partnership with the IUCN, is planning to hold a regional workshop to summarize the results of the training sessions on "Nature-based Solutions" and to define an action plan for the development of concept notes for national projects and/or a regional program to be submitted for funding.

It is with this in mind that these terms of reference have been developed to specify the context, objectives, expected results and methodology for holding this regional workshop.

2. Workshop objectives

The purpose of the regional workshop is to analyze and amend the concept note of the regional program drawn up from the projects resulting from the national workshops on nature-based solutions.

To do this, it will involve (i) reviewing country project ideas and presenting the results of their reorganization into logical and results frameworks; (ii) conduct group work to review and validate the regional program concept note and its logical framework; (iii) exchange on the list of climate-sensitive financing windows and opportunities (iv) develop and adopt an action plan for the finalization and/or submission of the concept note to the identified windows.

3. Expected results

- Ideas for national projects and the results of their reorganization are presented and discussed;
- the drafts of the results frameworks of the six (6) national projects resulting from the analysis of project ideas from the national workshops on nature-based solutions are shared and submitted for completion and consolidation;

- group work for the amendment of the draft results frameworks and the validation of the concept note of the regional program are organized;
- the provisional list of Funding Windows for their addition and validation is shared and completed;
- an action plan for the finalization and submission of concept notes to the identified windows is developed and adopted.

4. Methodological approach

The methodology for conducting the regional workshop will be articulated around the following points:

- Plenary presentations;
- Presentation of materials or frameworks for group work;
- The conduct of group work;
- Compilation and finalization of results;
- The development of an action plan for the development of concept notes.

5. Date, place and agenda of the workshop

The synthesis workshop will take place from July 04 to 05, 2022 in Lomé, Togo.

6. Participants in the first theme

The participants in the first theme are composed as follows (see list in appendix):

Provisional workshop agenda

DAY	CONTENTS	RESPONSIBLE ACTORS
Day 1: July 04, 2022		
08h00-9h00	Welcoming participants	steering committee
9h00-10h00	Joint opening ceremony of the workshops from 04 to 05 and from 06 to 08 July 2022: -Welcome from the SFN ABV Togo Coordinator; - WMO speech; - Speech GWP-WA; -ABV speech; - Opening speech by the Minister of Water and Village Hydraulics or his representative -Family photos and Interviews	Master of Ceremonies SFN Togo/ ABV
10h00-10h30	Coffee break	steering committee
10h30-11h00	1. Setting up the meeting desk 2. round table 3. Presentation and validation of the agenda	ABV DFS Presidium Attendees

11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Reminder of the ToRs of the workshop	ABV
Regional Sequence		
11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Presentation of the results of the organization of country project ideas into regional project ideas (Methodology-Approach)	VBA, IUCN
11:30-11:45 a.m.	Presentation of funding models and windows	IUCN
11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Presentation of the concept note of the regional program and its logical framework	ABV
12:30-1:00 p.m.	Clarifying Questions-Answers	Attendees
1:00 p.m.-1:15 p.m.	Constitution of working groups and presentation of expected results (ToRs)	ABV
1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m.	Lunch break	steering committee
2:15-4:15 p.m.	Group work amendments to the regional program concept note	Participants/Partner
4:15-5:00 p.m.	Restitution of group work	
5:00 p.m.-	Coffee break and end of work Day 1	
Day 2: July 05, 2022		
8h30-9h00	Reminder of Day 1	Attendees
9h00-10h30	Next Group work amendments to the logical framework of the regional program	Attendees/Partners
10.30am-11.15am	Restitution of the results of the work on the logical framework of the regional program	Attendees/Partners
11:15-11:30 a.m.	Coffee break	steering committee
11.30am-12.15pm	Definition of an action plan for the finalization/consolidation and/or submission of the concept note	VBA, IUCN Attendees/Partners
National Sequence		
12:15-12:30 p.m.	Constitution of working groups and presentation of expected results (ToRs)	VBA, IUCN
12:30-1:30 p.m.	Group work amendments to the logical framework by country	Participants by country
1:30-2:30 p.m.	Lunch break	steering committee
2:30-3:15 p.m.	Next Group work amendments to the logical framework by country	Participants by country
3:15-4:00 p.m.	Restitution of group work	Participants by country
4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m.	Synthesis of the workshop	Reporters
4:45-5:00 p.m.	Closing of the workshop	Chair of the workshop
End of the workshop		

APPENDIX 2: LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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