



First Forum of the Monitoring for Environment and Security in Africa (MESA)

The formal opening ceremony took place on August 31, 2015 in Nairobi (Kenya), chaired by Pof. Jude Wakhungu, Director of Cabinet of the Ministry of Environment, Water and Natural Resources from the Republic of Kenya, Her Excellency Madam Rhoda Peace Tumusiime, Commissioner in charge of Rural Economy and Agriculture at African Union Commission, Mr. Jean Claude de L'Estrac, General Secretary of Indian Ocean Commission and chair person of the MESA Steering Committee, Mr. Maliim Mahboub, Executive Secretary of IGAD and Madam Anna BURYLO, Chief of the African Union Cooperation

The forum gathered over 200 participants from the 48 MESA countries and Guests from the Northern Institutions

The AGRHYMET Regional Centre/CILSS delegation was conducted by Pr BOUAFOU Kouamé Guy Marcel, Director General of AGRHYMET Regional Centre and Dr Bakary Djaby, Technical Assistant of MESA, Mr. Issa Garba, Pastoralist Expert and Papa Oumar DIEYE, Responsable of Communication

The main objective of this first Forum is to rationalize MESA products and services for a better decision-making in the field of Environment. The five-day Forum is composed of a number of events especially : a High level Round table on Environment Governance, technical sessions and exhibitions on MESA services and products.

From August 31 to September 1, 2015, CILSS delegation conducted the following activities :

August 31, 2015

- Participation at the formal opening ceremony .
- Meeting of the Director General with partners : Dr Guleid A. Artan, Director of IGAD, Elvis Paul N. TANGEM, Coordinator of the Great Green wall at African Union Commission , Nabil Ben KHETRA, Chief of the Environment Department of the OSS, M Ontina PATRICE, Acting DG of Marine Marchant in Gabon.
- Participations at the different presentations on the MESA services
- Animation of a MESA /ECOWAS stand .

September 1, 2015

Presentation of Mister Issa GARBA on MESA services in West Africa . The following items were developed during the presentation :

- Implementation of the MESA program
- Presentation of the MESA services ;
- Products from the MESA services ;
- Validation action of the MESA products
- Users;
- MESA National Networks ;
- Collaboration and training actions ;
- Examples of success.

The presentation of Issa was bright and generated reactions from participants who asked for additional information on the following items : the operation and maintenance of MESA stations, Locust invasion forecast, monitoring of surface water bodies and the collaboration with CILSS and ECOWAS national Institutions. All those concerns found appropriate responses through the interventions of the Director General and Issa Garba.

Participation at the launching ceremony of the ACMAD / MESA project

The ceremony was chaired by Mrs. OLUSHOLA Olayide, Civil Servant in charge of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Management and Water Resources from the African Union Commission in presence of Mister Alhassane Adama DIALLO, Prof BOUAFOU Kouamé Guy Marcel, respectively Director General of ACMAD and AGRHYMET Regional Centre

The opening address was followed by a number of presentations related to the activities and services of MESA ACMAD project. During the discussions, the Director General of AGRHYMET Regional Centre emphasised the exemplary partnership between his Institution and ACMAD. He took advantage of the ceremony to renew his willingness to consolidate that partnership for the benefit of African populations



Prof Bouafou Kouamé Guy Marcel, DG of ARC (in the middle)



From left to right : Prof BOUAFOU Kouamé Guy Marcel, DG of ARC , Mr. Ontina PATRICE, Acting DG of the Marchant Marine in Gabon, P. DIEYE ARC, M. Norbert SIDIBE, MESA Focal Person/ Burkina Faso and MVE AKWE Pierre, Chief of meteorological service in Gabon



From left to right : Dr B. DJABY, MESA Technical Assistant , Prof Bouafou Kouamé, DG of ARC, Dr Guleid A. Artan, Director of IGAD, Issa GARBA, MESA pastoralist Expert



Dr Bakary DJABY, MESA /ECOWAS Technical Assistant(at the left side) and M..Adama DIALLO, DG ACMAD (at the right side)



Prof BOUAFOU Kouamé, DG of ARC (right) with Elvis Paul N. TANGEM, Coordonnator of lthe Great Green Wall at African Union Commission and Nabil Ben KHETRA, Chief of the OSS Environment Department



M. Issa GARBA, Expert pastoraliste MESA and M. KALED GIZAN de SADEC / MESA (à droite)



Presentation of Mr. Issa GARBA on MESA/ COWAS services



Overview of the room during the presentation of ISSA



Prof BOUAFOU Kouamé Guy Marcel, DG of ARC (in the middle) during the launching ceremony of the ACMAD/ MESA



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From right to left : Prof BOUAFOU Kouamé Guy Marcel, DG of ARC, MVE AKWE Pierre, Chief of the Meteorological Service in Gabon, M. Samuel MEDU, ECOWAS representative, Issa GARBA, expert pastoralist MESA, M. Norbert SIDIBE, MESA Focal person/ BURKINA FASO, Dr B. DJABY, MESA Technical Assistant , Mrs. Mariane Diop KANE, ANACIM SENEGAL, Dr Mamadou NIANE, MESA /ACOWAS MARINE Technical Assistant