

West Africa Workshop 27. – 28. June 2013

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A number of challenges, including climate change and population growth, threaten the fair and sustainable availability of water and fisheries in West Africa.

The Institute of Hydrobiology and Aquatic Ecosystem Management (IHG) and the Centre for Development Research (CDR), University of Natural Resources and Life Science (BOKU) and the Institut Français de Vienne have joined to arrange a seminar to review scientific research on how to make reservoir fisheries sustainable in Burkina Faso – results of the APPEAR (<http://www.appear.at/>) project SUSFISH (Sustainable Management of Water and Fish Resources in Burkina Faso) will be discussed also (<http://susfish.boku.ac.at/>).

This seminar will run on the 27th and 28th of June 2013 at the Institut Français de Vienne, Währinger Straße 30, 1090 Vienna and will also introduce sustainability science research currently being pursued by French scientists in Burkina Faso and other Francophone nations of West Africa.

The workshop is aimed at showing the potential for sustainable solutions that can emerge when a diversity of perspectives from social and natural sciences, from academia, government and informed lay community are integrated in the pursuit of policy reform.

Thursday 27. June 2013

Afternoon: 13:00 – 17:00 Sustainable Water Management

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Opening: *Counselor of French Embassy Dr. Guillaume ROUSSON, Head of the Institut français*

20 Min. presentations & discussion

- 1) Dr. J.L. STEFFAN | Dr. A.H. MELCHER: Introduction
- 2) Dr. P. CECCHI (IRD): Why and for whom to develop fisheries in Burkina Faso?
- 3) Dr. R. OUEDRAOGO | Ing. H. ZERBO (Ministries BF): Fisheries management in West Africa.
- 4) BSc Sebastian STRANZL | BSc Daniel TRAUNER | BSc Thomas KOBLINGER: Fish and benthic invertebrate assemblages in the Upper Nakambe catchment.
- 5) Prof. A. NIANOGO | Dr. M. SAVADOGO (IUCN): Conservation and Ecosystem services.
- 6) Dr. Dr. L. SAVADOGO (Univ. Bobo Dioulasso): Fisheries, health and food security in BF.
- 7) Prof. P. TOE (Univ. Bobo Dioulasso): Fisheries and society in Burkina Faso: Towards a "retraditionalization" of local practices?

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Evening: 19:00 Public Event

Film and Presentation at the Institut Français, Vienne (in French)

Film (15 min. produced by IUCN and ECOWAS):

« Les grands Barrages en Afrique de l'Ouest »

Presentation: *Dr. A. OUEDA, University of Ouagadougou*

« Eau et biodiversité au Burkina Faso - Etat de la recherche »

Friday 28. June 2013

Morning: 09:00 – 12:00 Higher Education, Perspectives and Partnership

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20 Min. presentations & discussion

- 1) DI E. STINNIG (OEAD): Appear - From a new idea to successful partnerships.
- 2) Dr. A. OUEDA (Univ. Ouagadougou): Higher Education in Burkina Faso: Through mutations, to support sustainable development.
- 3) Ing. C. KABORE (Ministries Burkina Faso): Gender in fisheries- and water management.
- 4) Mag. Birgit HABERMANN (CDR BOKU): Rural transformation - ideas and concepts for improved outcomes.
- 5) Dr. J. SENDZIMIR (IIASA): Adaptive science to integrate natural and social factors.
- 6) Dr. K. KRIEGER (BMLUF): ERA ARD Network - Promoting collaboration in European agricultural research for the world's poor.

Midday: 12:00 – 13:00 Conclusions and Good Bye Aperitif

*Farewell: French Ambassador in Vienna Dr. Stephane GOMPERTZ
and Prof. Stefan SCHMUTZ (Head of the BOKU IHG)*



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