



LILONGWE STC: ToRs OF SPECIALIZED COMMITTEE N°3 MEETING

1. Background

The African Water Association (AfWA) is a continental platform of knowledge management regarding the water, hygiene and sanitation sector, which gathers drinking water production and distribution companies, sanitation service management companies, as well as water sector regulating organizations and sanitation sector related policies in the African countries for knowledge sharing and best practices.

For its operation and the achievement of its objectives, AfWA is composed of bodies that are permanent functional structures, which composition, attributions and operation are set by the Statutes and By-Laws of the organization. The Scientific and Technical Council (STC) is one of these bodies which objective is to study the Managerial, Legal, Financial, Scientific and Technical issues relating to the Water and Sanitation Sector which the stakeholders can be faced with. In that regard, it organizes studies, technical sessions, carries out capacity building programs and seminars in order to propose adequate solutions to the various sector related challenges. In its functioning, AfWA STC is organized into three Specialized Committees (SC) that can include one or several work groups (Task force). These committees are as follows:

Specialized Committee N°1: Administration and Management,

Specialized Committee N°2: Technical Management,

Specialized Committee N°3: Sanitation and Environment and,

Strategic Committee.

Every year, AfWA organizes two to three STC sessions in partnership with one of the member utilities. For the year 2016, the first AfWA STC session was held from July 25th to 27th 2016 in Luanda, in Angola. The second AfWA STC session has been planned in Lilongwe, Malawi, from November 21st to 25th 2016. These Terms of References will permit to direct the activities of the various committees and work groups.

2. Objectives

- The objective of this SC3 work is on the one hand, to evaluate the statement of progress of this committee's projects in progress, and dynamize again the committee through the identification of new projects on the other hand.
- In a specific way, the question will be:
- To bring up to date and implement the activities of RASOP project in progress and to come; discussion will be also focus on the initiative relating to Toilets for All whose objective is the promotion of public toilets and new modes of management of these toilets through a collaboration with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and the Popular Republic of China;
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- To define a program for the implementation of at least two Master Class during 2017 among the proposals made in Luanda; it will be a question of proposing inter alia, a realistic program to perform these trainings with the identification of the sites, a proposal for dates, etc.,
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- To propose new projects and programs for a better consideration of the sanitation issue within AfWA.

3. Expected participants and experts

Participants in the meeting are SC3 members. Besides, representatives of the women and young professionals' respective networks will be invited to this meeting.

Representatives of the affiliated members, the STC bureau and the Executive Office could also take part in this meeting.

4. Summary of the work of Luanda

- Work of the SC3 in Luanda permitted:
- To present the statement of progress of the RASOP project and its prospects for the months to come,
- To define a training program so as to capacity build sanitation sector related members through the implementation of Master Class conceived as an attracting tool of knowledge sharing and animation of AfWA network, and also like a dynamic connection between the affiliated members and corporate members; during this various training topics and possible places to host these master classes were proposed. Thus, 7 topics were selected for the organization of master class.
- To initiate the thinking on the project "Toilets for all" whose objective is the promotion of public toilets and new modes of management of these toilets. The question was also to propose the structuring of the African delegation which should attend the next Toilets Fair organized by BMGF in China;
- To set up a task force dedicated to the "fight against pollution of the water resources in Africa" in order
- to keep the thought and to document the problems,
- to make proposals to AfWA for a decision making..

5. Expected results

- The statement of progress of RASOP project is presented as well as the prospects. New directions for the reinforcement of RASOP project will be discussed for tender to the Gates Foundation in the form of concept notes.
- The terms of reference for the effective organization of two master classes for the year 2017 are elaborate. These master classes will come from the proposals of Luanda;
- New proposals are made for the reinforcement of the place of sanitation within AfWA activities. At this level, the question is to identify new sanitation related projects to be submitted to the donors.
- Terms of reference of the Task Force dedicated to the fight against Pollution are elaborate.

6. Methodology

Presentations/Powerpoint/group Discussions and Reporting

7. Development



Tuesday, November 22, 2016

- Introduction by the SC President
- Presentations
 - RASOP-Africa project
 - Water resources purification and preservation project in Africa
- Discussions - Master Class

Wednesday, November 23rd, 2016

Work in groups

- Task Force RASOP project
 - To define the prospects
 - To identify new directions for reinforcement
- Water resources purification and preservation Task Force in Africa
 - Drafting of ToRs
- Drafting of Master class related ToRs
- Identification of new proposals for the reinforcement of the place of sanitation within AfWA activities

Thursday, November 24th, 2016

- Drafting of the SC report
- Presentation of the summary of work

Abbreviations :

AfWA : African Water Association

STC : Scientific and Technical Council

SC : Specialized Committee

RASOP-Africa : Renforcement des Capacités des Opérateurs Africains en Assainissement à travers un Partenariat entre pairs/African Sanitation Operators Capacity Building through Peer Partnerships

Task Force : Groupe de travail