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3rd Meetings 2015

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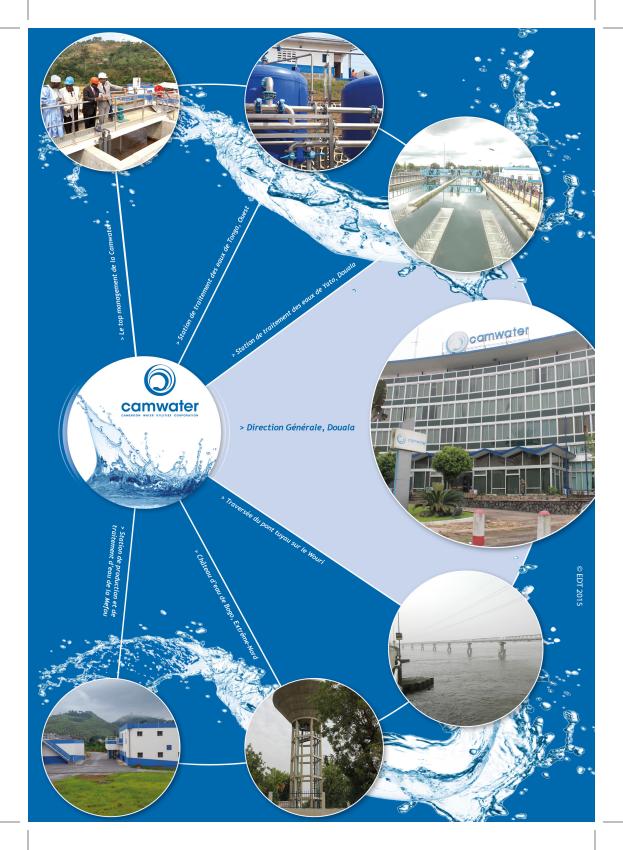
Executive Board of the African Water Association





«Water quality and infrastructures management for a better access to water and sanitation services»

27 - 31 July 2015





ocated in the central part of Africa, Cameroon is a country with more than 23 million inhabitants over a surface of 475.442 km2. The country, which is located between Nigeria in the west, Chad in the north, the Central African Republic in the east, Gabon, Guinea Equatorial and the Republic of Congo in the south and the gulf of Guinea in the south-west, is a true crossroads of African art and culture, with more than two hundred ethnic groups that represent the richness of the artistic and cultural assets of the country. Pygmies, Bantus, Sudanese, Arab-Berber, and many others include this extraordinary mosaic of populations, which single element brings its traditions, its art, and its music as well.

The city of Douala, the economic capital city of Cameroon, was selected to host the second meetings of the year 2015 of the African Water Association. More than 200 delegates from 27 countries took part in these meetings with the following theme:

«Water quality and infrastructure management for a better access to water and sanitation services.»

The meetings started with the work of the Scientific and Technical Council, which was opened by the Cameroonian Minister for Water and Energy, Doctor ATANGANA KOUNA, followed on Friday, July 31, by the Executive Board meeting.





THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COUNCIL

MAIN STAKEHOLDERS



Dr BASILE ATANGANA KOUNA, is a graduate in law, political sciences and public administration. Managing Director of CAMWATER from 2006 to 2011. Since December 9th, 2011, he has been Minister for Water and Energy of Cameroon.



Mr BRAHIM RAMDANE, As a State Engineer with Electromechanical option and the holder of a Master's degree in management of cities and territories, Brahim RAMDANE joined the CAMEROUNAISE DES EAUX (CDE) in 2008, as Sales Manager. In January 2011 his appointment as Managing Director of the CAMEROUNAISE DES EAUX (CDE).



Mr JEAN-WILLAM SOLLO, As a General Engineer of National Forestry Commission, a graduate from Ecole Nationale du Génie Rural des Eaux et Forêts (National School of Agricultural Engineering of the National Forestry Commission) of Nancy in France, has been running CAMWATER since March 2012.



Mr Olivier GOSSO, Production Manager at SODECI (Côte d'Ivoire Water Supply Utility). he is in charge of the water production of the city of Abidjan. Very active in the activities of the African Water Association, he chaired the Specialized Committee n°2 devoted to drinking water technical management within the Scientific and Technical Council (STC). He was elected President of

the STC after the Congress held in February 2014.



OPENING CEREMONY

he opening ceremony, chaired by the Minister for Water and Energy, Doctor Basile ATANGANA KOUNA, was an opportunity for the various speakers to welcome south-south partnership and the support of development partners so as to improve the access to water and sanitation services.



Minister Basile ATANGANA KOUNA (in the center) chaired the opening ceremony of the STC

Three speeches were made during this ceremony. Firstly, the one by CDE Managing Director, Doctor RAMDANE BRAHIM, who, on behalf of both CDE and CAMWATER, welcomed the participants before presenting the situation of the sector in Cameroon. Then, the STC President, Mr. GOSSO Olivier, highlighted the key items of the work, and Minister Basile ATANGANA KOUNA welcomed the holding of this work on the earth of Cameroon before opening the work officially.



View of the room during the Opening ceremony



Handing over of Bamako summary to SOMAGEP Deputy MD



CDE Managing Director, BRAHIM RAMDANE after his speech



AfWA's DAYS

AfWA's Days are exchanging and sharing opportunities between water and sanitation professionals. They include two large components, namely: conferences and presentations, and the exhibition as well.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

There were initially three major presentations during these meetings held in Douala.



Mr NTOUMBA FREDDY, iwater and sanitation engineer, head of CAMWATER Central, Southern and Eastern development, presented the cartography of hydraulics in Cameroon.



Mr USHER sylvain, AfWA Executive Director made an exposé on the results of AfWA/Development agencies cooperation



Doctor KENFACK Siméon, AfWA Programs Director, presented the state of the programs and projects led by AfWA

Further to these presentations, four conferences were made respectively by :

Fiona GRIFFITH from ISLE Utilities (the United Kingdom) on «acceleration of adoption of suitable technologies»

Michel MUNIER, manager of sub-saharan African & Indian Ocean Area – PAM, on «management of major transfers»

Olivier BIARD, Export Project Manager, LACROIX SOFREL, on «teleprocessing solutions for water supply networks»

Dr Robert HANJAHANJA, Water Utility Operations, SUWASA, on «lessons learned from SUWASA program».

THE EXHIBITION



14 stands were set up for this occasion, so as to accommodate exhibitors from various Cameroonian, African and international companies, namely: CDE, CAMWATER, AAE, SOCATUC, GENERAL ELECTRIC, PAM SAINT GOBAIN, SOTICI, LDC, GEOFOR, ITRON, MTN, OLAF, BAYLAN, ORANGE, AJPAF







Exhibition of innovating products



Visit of CDE stand by the officials



CAMWATER presents its achievements



MAJOR EVENTS

I/ The high level panel

For this first panel organized ever since during an STC meeting, three personalities shared their know-how in various fields with the participants.

Mamadou DIA, ERANOVE Group Water and Sanitation Director and AQUAFED Executive President, focused his intervention on the modes of utilities management.

Doctor Rose KAGGWA, Ugandan National Water and Sewerage Corporation Director, presented the experience of National Water as regards non-revenue water management.

Bamba ABOUBAKAR, Deputy Managing Director of Office National de l'Assainissement et du Drainage (ONAD Côte d'Ivoire) (Côte d'Ivoire National Board for Sanitation and Drainage), shared the experience of his company as regards sanitation.



From left to right, Rose KAGGWA, Mamadou DIA and Bamba ABOUBAKAR

II/ Women celebrated

Professional women working in the water and sanitation sector in Africa decided to set up a network in order to promote gender issue, and to carry out targeted actions in favor of the communities.

They formalized this will during a workshop in prelude to the launching of the Water and Sanitation Professional Women Network in Africa envisaged during the Congress scheduled in Nairobi, in 2016.



About forty women from 13 countries were present

III/ Very active young professionals

Cameroon young professionals were very busy all through these meetings. In fact, they animated a stand during the exhibition, organized the ceremony of dedication and served as facilitators regarding the whole of the activities carried out.

They also had several working sessions with the program coordinator within AfWA, Mr. Valentin Yao KOUADIO.



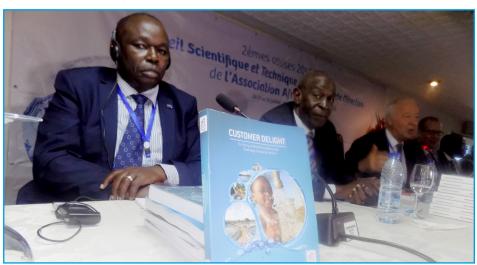
CDE and CAMWATER young professionals with the program coordinator

IV/ Dedication ceremony

Four works were presented during the dedication ceremony, namely:

L'Afrique et l'eau (Africa and Water) by AfWA, presented by Sylvain Usher Histoire extraordinaire d'une transformation, presented by Lamine Kouaté Amélioration catalytique solaire de la dégradation des polluants d'eau biorécalcitrants, by Siméon Kenfack

Customer delight, by Philip Gichuki



Session table



THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

During a meeting held on Friday, July 31, 2015, the Executive Board made an assessment of the activities carried out, analyzed the accounts of the Association and mentioned the preparations of the 2016 Congress scheduled in Nairobi, in Kenya.



Group photo at the end of the meeting



THE OFFICIAL RECEPTION

After 5 days of intense work, participants were entertained at Le BOJ Restaurant for an official reception sponsored by CDE & CAMWATER.



Participants could appreciate the rich and varied Cameroonian gastronomy

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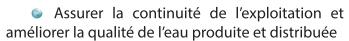


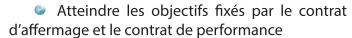
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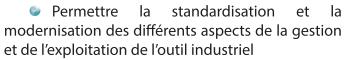
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