



## **Minutes of the Ordinary General Assembly of October 18th and 19th 2009.**

In October 18th and 19th 2009, the West African Association for the Development of the Artisanal Fisheries (WADAF), Association established by the Ivorian law n° 60.315 of September 1960, held its Ordinary General Assembly in Dakar, Senegal at Hotel "L'Océan" meeting room.

Were present :

1. Mr. Lucien DEHY, Chairman of WADAF

Legal entities

2. GAMFIDA, Gambia, represented by Al Hadj Chernou Omar Joof,
3. ADEPEG, Guinea, represented by Mrs. M'Balia Sangaré,
4. CNPS, Senegal, represented by Mr. Dao Gaye,
5. UR Santa Yalla, represented by Mrs. Aminata Mané,
6. UNIPAG, Guinea, represented by Mr. Issiaga Daffé,
7. TESCOG, Ghana, represented by Mr. David Eli,
8. UNAGIEMS, Senegal, represented by Mr. Mamadou Diop Thioune,
9. UNICOPEMA, Togo, represented by Mr. Paul Atsu AMOUYE,
10. UNIPPA, Benin, represented by Mr. Yao Amoussou,
11. SEUTY NDIARE, Senegal, represented by Mrs. Samb Seynabou,
12. TEDAK, Nigeria, represented by Mr. Ahmed Mohamed,
13. ONG Mauritania 2000, represented by Mrs. Nedwa Moktar Nech,
14. FNP, Mauritania, represented by Mr. Sid'Ahmed Ould Abeid.

Natural persons

15. Professor Cheikh Saad Bouh Kamara, Mauritania,
16. Mr. Pierre Herry, France,
17. Mr. René Segbenou, Benin,
18. Mrs. Lucie Tétégan, Benin,
19. Dr Demba Yeum Kane, Senegal,
20. Mr. Joseph Ndenn, Gambia, represented by Elhadj Chernou Omar Joof.

Have attended the Ordinary General Meeting:

21. Charles Bakundakwita, WADAF Executive Secretary
22. Mrs. Danièle Le Sauce, representative of the Catholic Committee against Hunger and for Development (CCFD),
23. Mr. Bruno Corréard, Coordinator of the Responsible Fisheries Alliance (FRA) and representative of Charles Leopold Mayer Foundation for Human Progress (FPH).

## 1. Opening of the General Assembly

The Ordinary General Assembly is opened by WADAF President. After welcoming the participants, Mr. Lucien DEHY invites them to examine and verify if the quorum on the one hand and if the powers respond to WADAF statutory and by-laws disposals on the other. With the 23 legal entities and natural persons members of WADAF invited to this GA, 19 were present and one is represented. We have the quorum.

## 2. Extraordinary General Assembly.

WADAF President proposes the participants to start first the Extraordinary General Assembly to modify the article 13 of the statutes related to the election of WADAF President and the article 2 of WADAF by-laws related to the annual contributions of WADAF members as it was proposed during the Board of Directors of October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 2009.

### 2.1. Modification carried out to the article 13 of WADAF Statutes.

Thanks to the increasing number of POs of the artisanal fisheries members of WADAF and their large majority in the association, considering their desire to accede to all functions assigned to the Board of Directors, including the presidency, the General meeting modify the article 13 of WADAF statutes as follow:

Article 13 : (text to be modified):

The President is elected by the General Assembly. He is re-eligible. Are eligible to the Chairmanship, the natural persons members of the association.

Article 13: (text to be modified):

***The President is elected by the General Assembly for a three years term. He cannot have more than two terms successively. Are eligible to the Chairmanship the natural persons as well as the legal entities members of the association.***

***In case a legal entity is elected Chairman of WADAF, it is the person who represents the elected organisation during the election who ensures the WADAF Chairmanship. If, for any reason, this person is no longer able to represent his organisation, he loses right his function of WADAF Chairman. He cannot be replaced by his successor at all in his organisation.***

***If WADAF President is a legal entity, the Vice-President must be a natural person and vice versa.***

### 2.2. Modifications carried out to the article 2 of WADAF By-Laws.

After the difficulties the POs confirm give their contribution at 50 000 CFA per year, the General Assembly modify the article 2 of WADAF by-laws as follow:

### Former article of WADAF By-Laws:

Each WADAF member shall pay an annual contribution, which shall be fixed as follow:

CFAF 50 000 per annum for legal entities, payable in the course of the year;  
CFAF 10 000 per annum for natural persons, payable in the course of the year.

### The new article 2 of WADAF by-laws:

**Each WADAF member shall pay an annual contribution, which shall be fixed as follow:**

**CFAF 20 000 per annum for legal entities, payable in the course of the year;  
CFAF 10 000 per annum for natural persons, payable in the course of the year.**

### **3. Composition of the Board of the Ordinary General Assembly.**

After the modifications carried out to the statutes and WADAF by-laws above mentioned, the Extraordinary General meeting ends, and then follows the Ordinary General Meeting which composes its board as follow:

- Chairman: Professor Cheikh Saad Bouh Kamara.
- Secretary: El Hadji Cherno Joof Omar.
- Teller : Ahmed Mohamed
- Member : Lucie Tétégan
- Member : René Segbenou.

### **4. Agenda of the Ordinary General Assembly.**

After discussions, the schedule of the ordinary general meeting is adopted as follow:

1. Presentation of the 2006-2009 moral report
2. Presentation of the 2006-2009 activities report
3. Presentation of the 2008 financial report
4. Quietus of management to the Board of Directors.
5. Project of WADAF 2010-2012 orientation and action plan
6. Formulation of the resolutions of the General Assembly.
7. Renewal of the Board of Directors.
8. Miscellaneous

### **5. Presentation of the 2006-2009 moral report**

WADAF President Mr. Lucien DEHY presents the moral report covering the period 2006-2009. He reminds the main events that marked WADAF vision from his early creation till now. He insists on the constant wondering of WADAF to strengthen the POs of the artisanal fisheries at all levels, namely in a technical, institutional and political level. He congratulates himself from the obtained results in these fields.

The Chairman underlines the significative progress made by WADAF during the period 2006-2009 as the signature of collaboration agreement with the Sub Regional Fisheries Commission (CSRP), the WWF Wamer, and the financial supports received from various partners like FIBA, CTA and the PRCM. He mentions the faithful and constant support from FPH and CCFD. He shows then the important actions made year after year during the considered year. The Chairman gets back to the activities report to complete his moral report.

The Chairman shows the liveliness of the association through the adherence of new POs members (legal persons) and registered during the considered period and the numerous applications from natural persons. Considering these latter, the BD thinks it right to register for the cooption but those from the persons non members of POs.

The Chairman makes a presentation of the obtained results during the period and draws the perspectives for the continuation of the activities. He concludes by thanking all the partners, the associated, the BD members and the Executive Secretary staff for the efforts made and ask them to push hard in this way.

The Chairman of the GA Board proposes to continue the audition of the activities and financial reports to allow the participants to have a global view of what had been done before asking questions on the whole reports.

## **6. Presentation of the activities report.**

The WADAF Executive Secretary, Mr Charles BAKUNDAKWITA, presents the activities report covering the period 2006-2009. The activities lead, are at the same time presented with the 4 orientations of WADAF 2006-2009 orientation and action plan, to know:

- The POs capacity building in all levels ;
- The re-qualification of the PO's body within WADAF
- The insurance of a better visibility of philosophy, of objectives and of strategy of WADAF intervention ;
- The reinforcement of WADAF human, material and financial resources.

After the presentation of the activities, the Executive Secretary shows the obtained results linked to the orientations above mentioned. Among the other obtained results, we have:

- ; the cooption of leaders from the Permanent Regional Forum to participate to the piloting committee of SRFC/FAD project « support to the development of fisheries »
- the adherence of 17 POs of the artisanal fisheries to WADAF
- the election of three POs as members of WADAF BD
- the acquired capacities by the POs to participate to the negotiate fishing agreements ;
- the capacities of proposals acquired by the POs
- the improvement of WADAF Website
- the regular publication of WADAF News bulletin ;
- the high-performance equipment of WADAF executive secretary
- ; the enlarging of the panel of activities and of WADAF technical and financial partners
- the adherence of 17 POs of the artisanal fisheries of WADAF
- the election of three POs as members of WADAF BD
- etc.

Like the moral report, we first proceed to the audition of the financial report before asking questions.

## **7. Presentation of the financial report**

Mister Pierre HERRY, WADAF General Treasurer let the General Assembly know that WADAF accounts were regularly auditioned and there is no problem in the receipt and cash withdrawal. He presents the reports of audit and reads the extracts attesting good management.

He presents it by giving details of the financial report of the year 2008. He reminds that in WADAF orientation, it was specific that the association should act on the regional fisheries programmes for every year. This was done with the financing of FIBA and of PRCM. What really increased WADAF financial resources and the mix of activities. Despite this, he insists on the weakness of WADAF balance budget which must push us to be permanently watchful.

In conclusion, the general Treasurer suggests that the efforts are made to widen the range of our technical and financial partners as well at the sub-regional level as in North. He recommends to look after our relations with our traditional partners (the FPH and the CCFD) and to add others like FRG, Inter-réseaux, FDA, etc.

### **8. Quietus of management to the Board of Directors.**

After having listened the moral report, the activities report, and the financial report, the general assembly asks questions to understand and gives suggestions, suppressions and/or adds. The general assembly recommends the improvement of the reports presented regarding the formulated remarks. The general assembly congratulates the board of directors and the WADAF executive secretary for these presentations and the achieved work and gives quietus of good management to the board of directors in accordance to the resolution n°3 here after.

### **9. WADAF 2010-2012 action and orientation plan.**

Mister Pierre Herry, WADAF General Treasurer, presents the project of WADAF 2010-2012 orientation and action plan enriched by its five priorities of actions formulated by the Permanent Regional Forum of the professional actors of the artisanal fisheries in West Africa during the meeting with WADAF Board of Directors, the eve of the General Assembly (October 17th 2009). This plan which places the professional organisations in the centre of its actions in articulated around four orientations:

1. To update the working relations with the organisations of the artisanal fisheries (PO);
2. To reinforce the POs in all levels
3. To support the POs in their participation in the definition and the implementation of projects and fisheries policies ;
4. To reinforce WADAF human and institutional resources.

He then shows the relevance between this plan and the five priorities of the Permanent Regional Forum:

<b>Priorities of the Permanent Regional Forum</b>	<b>Corresponding orientation of POA.</b>
The sensitization to the dangers of the HIV/AIDS within the communities	To reinforce the POs in all levels
The capacity buildings of the POs in several levels (governance and namely organisation)	To reinforce the POs in all levels
Specific trainings for women (transformation and commercialisation of fish)	To reinforce the POs in all levels
The reinforcement of the communication and exchanges between countries.	Support the POs in their participation to the definition and the implementation of the projects and the fisheries policy.
Training in aquaculture as alternative Fisheries activity.	To reinforce the POs in all level.

After audition, the GA poses questions to understand and proposes modifications and/or adds of this project of plan. The GA recommends the Board of Directors and WADAF

Executive Secretary to finalize this plan in declining specific objects, expected results and actions to be lead. The GA recommends that finalisation of this orientation plan take into account the three ways of collaboration with the RFA (Alliance for Responsible Fisheries):

- The work of international ecolabel of responsible fisheries for the artisanal fisheries ;
- The food fields of sea resources, the commercial flux South-North and South-South
- The reinforcement of the cooperation with Slowfood and the African participation to Slowfish 2011.

The GA recommends moreover that after the finalisation of the orientation and action plan, the Executive Secretary should orient the projects in order to mobilise the necessary resources to its execution. The GA congratulates the Board of Directors and the Executive Secretary for their anticipation in the forecasting and the management of WADAF activities. It adopts the orientation and the action plan except the preceding remarks. The food fields of sea resources, the commercial flux South-North but also South-South.

### 10. Formulation of the General Assembly recommendations

The Board of the GA proposes the Assembly seven resolutions. After reading one by one, the GA often discusses, amends, and/or adds. The finalized resolution is then voted.

#### 10.1. Resolution Nr 1: Approval of the moral report.

After having listened and debated the moral report presented by the WADAF Chairman, the General Assembly congratulates the Board of Directors and adopts the so called report. This one allowed to appreciate the dynamics and the influence of the Association during the period 2006-2009.

For	Against	Abstentions
20	0	0

#### 10.2. Résolution Nr 2 : Approbation du rapport d'activités.

Having listened and debated the activities report carried out by WADAF Executive Secretary, the General Assembly:

- appreciates the diversity and the quality of the activity lead during the period 2006-2009,
- congratulates the Board of Directors and WADAF Executive Secretary and agrees on the presented report.

For	Against	Abstentions
20	0	0

#### 10.3. Resolution Nr 3: Quietus to the Board of Directors.

After having listened the financial report of the Board of Directors, the report of affecting the results by the Board of Directors and in accordance to the report of the accountant.

The General Assembly

- approves the accounts of the years 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008.
- approves the affectation of the results of the postponed years
- Gives the quietus to the members of the Board of the Directors for their management.

For	Against	Abstentions
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#### 10.4. Resolution Nr 4: Renewal of the accountant term.

After having listened the report of the accountant,

The General Assembly

- , thanks the firm AMCS for the accomplished work particularly for the recommendations of improvement of the good management of WADAF accounts.
- confides him un new term as WADAF auditor for the three coming years 2009,2010 and 2011.

For	Against	Abstentions
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#### 10.5. Resolution Nr 5: Strengthening of the relations between WADAF and the PRF of the fishermen craftsmen of West Africa.

Having listened the reading of the information marking the meeting between WADAF Administrators and the representatives of the Permanent Regional Forum (PRF) of the professional actors of the artisanal fisheries in West Africa, the General Assembly recommends the concerned actors to have an eye on:

- the respect of roles of each body in the leading of the activities,
- the mutual reinforcement of the two bodies
- WADAF supports at the Permanent Regional Forum (PRF) on the one hand, in order to lead to a discussed and shared expression on the major problems the organisations of the artisanal fisheries are thinking about in West Africa.

For	Against	Abstentions
20	0	0

#### 10.6. Resolution Nr 6 : Approval of WADAF orientation and action plan

Having listened and discussed the 2010-2012 orientation and action plan, the General Assembly:

- congratulates the BD and the ES for the reflection work they achieved
- asks the BD and the ES to improve the document of the orientation and action plan according the logic frame, in including the specific objectives, the expected results, the indicators and the partners, and to publish it for WADAF members.

However, the GA recommends that at the same time the work of the ecolabellisation is being done, to watch out as well to the improvement of the circulation of the sea resources in West Africa.

For	Against	Abstentions
20	0	0

## 10.7. Resolution Nr 7 : The obligation of good behaviour of WADAF members

Considering the unfortunate behaviour of some of our members,

The General Assembly recommends in such circumstances the obligation good behaviour in order to preserve the good image of our association..

For	Against	Abstentions
17	0	3

## 11. Renewal of WADAF Board of Directors

The Chairman of the Board of the General Assembly analyses the procedure, the conditions and the criterions of electing the Board members. He starts by verifying the right to vote for the participants. After discussion, two representatives of POs were prevented from voting, because they did not give their contributions but intervene so that the elected is quickly done. 19 participants and one represented member can vote. In all there were 20 voters.

### 11.1. The election of WADAF Chairman

The Chairman of the Board invites the Assembly to present the candidates fore the function of WADAF Chairman. Two candidates were presented for this function. Mister Lucien DEHY, from Benin, a natural person, WADAF President in his last term and Sid'Ahmed Ould ABEID, from Mauritania, Representative of FNP-Mauritania, Speaker of the PRF, moral person.

The vote is organised as follow:

Candidates	Votes 1st part	Votes 2 <sup>nd</sup> part	Vote 3rd part
Lucien DEHY	10	10	10
Sid'Ahmed Ould ABEID	10	10	10

After three votes placed equal, the Chairman of the Board asks the General Assembly to propose a third candidate. Proposed by a member and accepted by the General Assembly, Mrs. Lucie TETEGAN, from Benin, natural person, accepts to present his candidacy for WADAF Chairmanship. After this candidacy, Mr. Lucien DEHY withdraws his candidacy.

The fourth part of the vote is done with two candidates. Mrs. Lucie TETEGAN and Mr. Sid'Ahmed Ould ABEID.

Candidates	Votes
Mme Lucie TETEGAN	11
M. Sid'Ahmed Ould ABEID	9

Mrs. Lucie TETEGAN is elected WADAF Chairwoman for a three years term from October 19th 2009.

### 11.2. Election of other members of WADAF Board of Directors.

The Chairwoman asks the General Assembly to present the candidacy for the six other places of the Board of Directors. She reminds that to be elected the candidates should obtain

11 votes (10+1). A valid ballot paper must have six names sharp. The election is organised as follow:

Candidates	Votes
Mme NEDWA Nech	13
M. Dao GAYE	9
Mme Aminata MANE	15
M. Ahmed MOHAMED	15
Mme M'Balia SANGARE	8
M. Pierre HERRY	20
M. Mamadou Diop THIOUNE	5
M. David ELI	14
M. René SEGBENOU	15
M. Paul AMOUYE	6

Are then elected members of WADAF Board for three years from October 19th 2009:

- TESCOOD, Ghana, represented by M. David ELI
- UR Santa Yalla, Senegal, represented by Mrs. Aminata MANE
- NGO Mauritania 2000, represented by Mrs. NEDWA Nech.
- TEDAK, Nigeria, represented by Mr. Ahmed MOHAMED
- Mr. Pierre HERRY, France
- Mr. René SEGBENOU, Benin

### 11.3. Composition of the Board of WADAF Board of Directors.

In accordance with the by-laws, the members newly elected WADAF Board gathered to compose their Board. The Board of BD represented by the General Assembly is composed as follow:

Function	Occupant	Nationality	Representative
Chairwoman	Mme Lucie TETEGAN (pp)	Beninese	-
Vice Chairman	TESCOD (pm)	Ghanaean	Mr. David ELI
General Secretary	NGO Mauritanie 2000 (le)	Mauritanian	Mrs NEDWA Nech
General Treasurer	Mr. Pierre HERRY (pp)	French	-
Deputy Treasurer	M. René SEGBENOU (pp)	Beninese	-
Member	UR Santa Yalla (le)	Senegalese	Mrs Aminata MANE
Member	TEDAK (le)	Nigerian	Mr Ahmed MOHAMED

### 12. Miscellaneous

The election of WADAF new members of the Board of Directors, having taken much time, and since time is ticking, there were no miscellaneous.

### 13. End of the General Assembly.

Professor Cheikh Saad Bouh Kamara, Chairman of the board of the General Assembly, close the works of the GA by thanking the Chairman and the members of the former Board, the newly elected Chairwoman and the new members of the BD, the participants, the representatives of CCFHD and FHP, the interpreters, and the staff of hotel l'Océan for what they did.

As for the new Chairwoman, she takes the floor to thank those who proposed her to the function of WADAF Chairmanship, as well as the Assembly for their reliance. Mrs. Lucie TETEGAN wished everybody's involvement in the common work so as WADAF goes succeeding. She insisted on the behaviour of each member for the preservation of the Association.

After her intervention, Professor Cheikh Saad Bouh Kamara wished everybody a pleasant go back and closed the General Assembly at 18:30 pm, on October 19th 2009.

After all this, this present minute is established and signed by the Chairman of the Board of the reporter of the General Assembly to assert their right.

Made in Dakar in October 19th 2009.

Chairman of the board of the General  
Assembly.

Le reporter of the General Assembly,

Professor Cheikh Saad Bouh KAMARA.-

Charles BAKUNDAKWITA.-

## Appendix 1: Acronyms and abbreviations.

WADAF	: West African Association for the Development of the Artisanal Fisheries
AFD	: French Development Agency
AMCS	: Firm of Auditors & Management Consulting Services
ANAPA	: National Association of the shipowners of the Artisanal Fisheries in (Guinea Bissau).
AO	: West Africa
CA	: Board of Directors
CCFD	: Catholic Committee against Hunger and for Development
CEASM	: French Association for the Development of Marine Activities
CEDEAO	: Economic West African States
CILSS	: International committee of Fight against the Dryness in the Sahel.
CNPS	: Confederations of Fisheries in Senegal
CONIPAS	: National Inter Professional Council of the Artisanal Fisheries in Senegal.
CSRP	: Sub Regional Fisheries Commission.
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CTA	: Technical Center for the Agricultural and Rural Cooperation.
F CFA	: Unit of Currency in the Countries in African Western Union Economic and Monetary
FAO	: United Nation Funds for Agriculture.
FIBA	: International Foundation of Arguin Bank (Mauritania).
FNP	: National Federation of Fisheries Organisations (Mauritania)
FPH	: Charles Mayer Foundation for Human Progress.
FRP	: Permanent Regional Forum of the actors of the Artisanal Fisheries in West Africa.
GAMFIDA	: Gambia Artisanal Fisheries Development Association (OP) – Gambia.
ONG	: Organisation Non Gouvernementale. Non-Governmental Organisations
OP	: Professional Organisation.
POA	: Orientation and Action Plan
PPAO	: Programme for Valuation of Post Catch Products in West Africa.
PRCM	: Protection of Coastal and Marine Resources in West Africa.
SLAFU	: Sierra Leone Artisanal Fisheries Union.
WWF	: World Wild Found West Africa Marine Eco Region.
WAMER	