



Tangiers: The Important Exchange Gathering Kept its Promises

More than 110 representatives of the water and sanitation sector from 20 countries took part in the meetings of AfWA organized at the Hotel Ramada in Tangiers in collaboration with the Moroccan Potable Water and Sanitation Association (AMEPA) and the National Potable Water Office (ONEP). The Tangiers meetings gathered the sessions of the Scientific and Technical Council, (STC), the Executive Board (EB), the General Assembly and the Water Utility Partnership (WUP).

The opening ceremony was chaired by Mr. Mohamed ELYAZGHI, Minister of Land Planning, Water and the Environment and Ali

FASSI-FIHRI, President of AMEPA and Managing Director of ONEP. As an introduction and along with these meetings, an important exhibition gathering the various public and private operators in the water and sanitation sector, Moroccan and foreign study, engineering, works equipment and service companies was held in the framework of the AfWA exhibition called «AfWA's Day». Metering and Control of the Production and Distribution of Water: What Approach for African Water Utilities?» was the main theme of the Open Door Day, which mobilized the operators and led to the establishment of useful contacts.

STC: Functioning of the Council and International Cooperation

The sessions of the Specialized Committees of the STC focused, among other things, on the operation of the STC, the Bye-laws, the various projects under way, the review of the 2007 detailed program and the launching of the 2008 program of activities. Under international cooperation, the pro-

jects with the European Union, the World Bank Institute, the ADB, the International Water Office, the Municipal Development Partnership, the World Water Council and CENTA (Center for New Water Technologies of Seville, Spain) of Andalusia were thoroughly discussed.

Executive Board: 2007 First Statutory Meeting

On February 15, the Executive Board of the African Water Association comprising 14 Members represented by Senegal, Tunisia, Morocco, Gabon, Côte

d'Ivoire, Ghana, South Africa, Cameroon, DRC, Togo, Benin, Burkina Faso and two officers of Affiliated Members held its first statutory meeting for 2007.

General Assembly: Conferences by Kordje Bedoumra and Fadel N'Daw Much Attended

Two conferences marked the opening of the General Assembly. They were delivered by distinguished experts. The first was "The African Water Facility and the Conditions to Meet for its Financing" by Mr. Bedoumra Kordje, Director of the Water and Sanitation Department of the ADB

and Director of the African Water Facility.

The theme of the second conference was "Potable Water and Sanitation Program for the Millennium (PEPAM of Senegal)." It was delivered by Mr. Mohamed Fadel NDaw, coordinator of PEPAM.

Mamadou DIA, Confirmed President of AfWA



The General Assembly held on February 16, 2007 in Tangiers adopted the composition of the Executive Board approved before by the Executive Board. Thus, Mr. Mamadou DIA, Managing Director of the Sénégalaise des Eaux (SDE), who was the AfWA Interim President, was confirmed as President of the Association.

The GS Attended the Water Week of the World Bank from February 27 to March 2, 2007 in WASHINGTON.

That meeting is dedicated to the training of the high level executives of the World Bank assigned to Water and Sanitation. That meeting brought together 250 staff members of the Bank from all the continents and 450 participants from outside the Bank. More than forty technical sessions on various themes, one as interesting as the other, defining the orientations of the Bank were held during the four days. The GS took advantage of his presence to meet with the WBI, WSP, USAID, BPD Building Partnerships for Development. The presence of the ADB represented by Mr. BEDOUMRA Kordje provided the opportunity for another meeting gathering the ADB, AfWA, WUP, and WSP on the performance indicators project along with the Water Week.

The GS at the ADEA in LYON Agency for the Development of African Companies

The organizer of the 6th Rhône Alpes FORUM in Lyon in October 2006 with the participation of AfWA, ADEA will organize in October 2007 the 7th Afric-Partners FORUM, which aims to be the first European FORUM gather-

ing all the European operators involved in the water and energy sector in Africa. ADEA, upon the recommendation of the European Union, called on the African Water Association as a partner in the organization of this important event. The GS went to Lyon in

February to attend a preparatory meeting of the organizing committee. For the GS, this is an opportunity not only to get AfWA Members in contact with various European operators interested in Africa, but also to use that platform to promote the

2008 COTONOU AfWA CONGRESS, whose theme is: Partnership and Good Governance to Meet the Objectives of the Millennium Development Goals in the Water and Sanitation Sector in Africa.