



# **NIGER BASIN AUTHORITY**

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**NBA'S AXIS FOR ACTIONS MEANT TO  
PROMOTE THE WATER CONVENTION**

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## 1 – WHY IS NBA SUPPORTING ADHERENCE OF ALL ITS MEMBER COUNTRIES TO THE WATER CONVENTION?

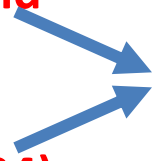
- **GOAL OF NBA:** To promote cooperation among Member Countries and ensure Niger Basin's integrated development in all areas of energy, hydraulics, agriculture, livestock, fishing and fish farming, forestry and forest exploitation, transportation and communication, and industry.
- **VISION:** “The Niger Basin, a common space for sustainable development through an integrated management of water resources and associated ecosystems, for improving the livelihoods and prosperity of populations by 2025.”

### **The principle of transboundary cooperation is:**

- Already inserted in the **Shared Vision** adopted by NBA Member Countries' Heads of State and since May 2005.
- Enshrined in NBA's **Water Charter** ratified by NBA's nine (9) Member Countries:
  - Chapters II: General Principles;
  - Chapters III: General Obligations;
  - Chapters IV: Uses and use relationships (of water)

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**Through:**

- **A Strategic Plan (2016-2024) and**
  - **An Operational Plan (2016-2024)**
- Adopted by Heads of State**
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**Member Countries agreed:**

- To use the water resource of the Niger Basin for **Developing socio-economic infrastructure;**
- **To preserve /protect the basin's natural resources** (water, soil, vegetation, fauna, etc.);
- **To develop common decision-making tools/instruments**

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As a result, NBA's daily actions are based on the principle of transboundary cooperation, as desired by its Founding Fathers. As regards governance, those actions for cooperation are managed through:

- **A legal framework** (a convention, the NBA Paris' Declaration, the Water Charter and its annexes);
- **An institutional framework** (NFSs, the NBA/ES, the Technical Committee of Experts, the Council of Ministers and the Summit of Heads of State);
- Water management institutions (Chap. 5 of the Water Charter);
- **Participation of the public to decision-making** (Chap. VII of the Water Charter) - NCUS/RCU
- **Decision-support tools for water management**
  - A hydrological network of 115 stations;
  - 9 national databases and one regional database;

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- Models to optimize water resources allocation and management and to assess hydraulic impacts of planned development works.

For any project withdrawing water from Niger River, an **information or declaration** is issued, if the project is likely to produce **negative transboundary impacts**,

If the impact is significant, an environmental and social impact assessment is required under NBA's contracting authority. A quality insurance guide for ESIA reports was produced by NBA/ES for the purpose.

Finally, discussions ongoing at NBA **as regards large infrastructures** with current authorities:

- Republic of **Guinea** for the Fomi dam;
- Republic of **Mali** for the Taoussa dam;
- Republic of **Niger** for the Kandadji dam.

.....are in line with the conclusions of the 8th Water Conference on:

- **Urging countries** to realize common infrastructures or common interest infrastructures;
- **Urging donors to finance** common infrastructures or common interest infrastructures.

## **2 – HOW DO NBA INTEND TO PROMOTE THE WATER CONVENTION AT THE LEVEL OF ITS MEMBER COUNTRIES?**

- 1. NBA actively took part in the activities for celebrating the ratification of the Water Convention organized by Chad.**
- 2. NBA organized a sensitization day on the Water Convention in Niamey for:**
  - Ambassadors and Consuls of NBA Member Countries residing in Niger;
  - Representatives of the NBA MPs' Network in Niger;
  - Representatives of the Ministry of Cooperation in Niger;
  - Executives of the Executive Secretariat.
- 3. NBA plans, with the participation of the Convention's Secretariat, to reproduce this sensitization to political decision-makers in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire). Targeted participants will include:**
  - NBA Member Countries' Ambassadors residing in Côte d'Ivoire;
  - Representatives of the NBA MPs' Network from the 9 Member Countries;
  - Representatives of the Ministry of Cooperation of Cote d'Ivoire;
  - Advisers and heads of institutions in charge of Water;
  - Coordinators of NBA Member Countries' National Focal Structures.

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### 4. Accompany NBA Member Countries in their national approaches for ratifying the Convention

- To support countries in speeding up the process during national consultations and in holding the various national workshops;
- To help countries to align their national laws on the management of national resources with the Water Charter and the Water Convention;
- To work for promoting infrastructure with shared costs and benefits;
- To make use the international legal, institutional and regulatory framework provided by the Water Convention for improving NBA' daily interventions with Member Countries.

**Thus, NBA intends to contribute to world peace thanks to its water diplomacy in the Niger Basin.**

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