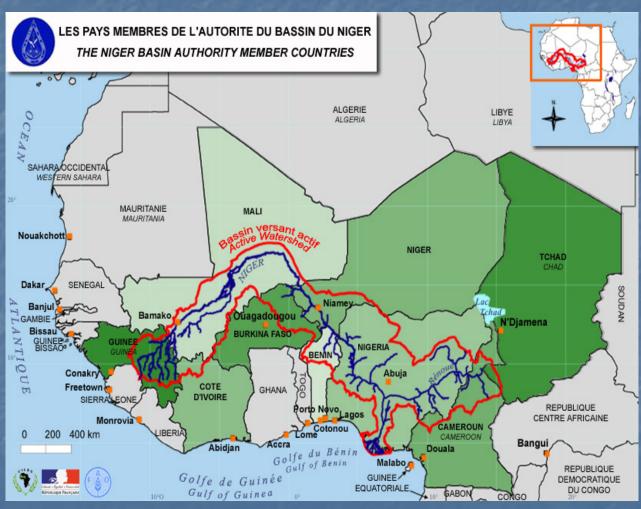
# BASIN MANAGEMENT AND TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION : EXPERIENCE OF THE NIGER BASIN



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## Niger Basin Authority (NBA):

- > One River: 4 200 km
- > One Basin: 1 500 000 sq.km;
- Population: More than 110 million
- Sountries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Chad
- A comprehensive <u>Vision</u> of the basin development, <u>negotiated</u> and <u>accepted</u> by all the member States.

### Shared Vision: What objectives?

- 1)- To develop, on a participatory and consensual basis, a strategic framework of integrated development to be implemented throughout the basin: A Sustainable Development Action Plan (SDAP) by the year 2025;
- 2)- To reinforce the existing legal framework which is favourable to dialogue and consultation for cooperative action among the NBA member States;
- 3)- To develop, in a sustainable and equitable manner, the water resources so as to promote prosperity, security and peace among the populations of the Niger Basin;

#### **OUTCOMES OF THE SHARED VISION**

- ➤ Paris Declaration (April 2004) signed by the Heads of State and Government defining the Principles of Management and good Governance for a sustainable development of the Niger Basin;
- ➤ Framework of cooperation among the Partners to support the NBA and to harmonize their interventions in the Basin;
- > Three priority action areas adopted:
- (i) Development of socio-economic infrastructure;
- (ii) Preservation of the basin Ecosystems; (iii) Capacity building and involvement of actors;

#### **OUTCOMES OF THE SHARED VISION (cont'd)**

- ➤ Sustainable Development Action Plan (SDAP) of the basin coupled with a 2008-2027 Investment Programme amounting to 5.6 Billion Euros i.e. US \$ 8.3 Billion. A (2008-2012) PFYP of US \$ 2 047 Million out of which 1 377.9 Million mobilized during the Round Table Meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2008;
- ➤ Water Charter of the basin the annexes of which are being developed (CE, MO, MGTO, PCB)
- Regional and national Co-ordinations of the Civil Society of the Niger Basin;

#### WHAT LESSONS TO DRAW?

- A <u>sustainable cooperation</u> should be based on solidarity and reciprocity for a sustainable, equitable and coordinated use of the water resource of a shared river basin;
- The cooperation should be supported by Instruments and mechanisms of guidelines determining the obligations and rights of the parties, especially:

  Set up Convention, Political declaration,

  Water charter, Common investment programme,

  Management bodies involving relevant actors, etc.
- ➤ A trustworthy relationship among the parties is necessary through transparency and sharing of relevant information;

#### WHAT LESSONS TO DRAW? Cont'd

- > the hydrographic basin remains the appropriate space for a sustainable water resource management. Institutions like Autority, Commissions, Organisation, etc., are necessary for organising consultation and dialogue among States and for the co-ordination of development actions. These institutions need sufficient capacity and autonomy in order to fulfill their missions;
- ➤ A good knowledge of water resources and water needs (WN) is necessary for a better planning of the development of river basins;

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