

SECOND MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE WEST AFRICA INSTITUTE

(Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, 9-10 March 2009)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

MONDAY 9 MARCH 2009

09h30 - 10h30 Opening Ceremonies

Chair

Mr. Amadou KONE, Minister of African Integration, Côte d'Ivoire

- Welcome by Mr. Amadou KONE
Minister of African Integration, Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
- Opening Speech by Mr. José BRITO
Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Cape-Verde
- Introduction by Mr. Pierre SANE
Assistant Director General, Sector of Social and Human
Sciences of UNESCO
- Address by the President (or Prime Minister) of the Côte d'Ivoire

10h30 - 11h00 *Coffee Break*

11h00 - 13h00 *Chair: ECOWAS*

Presentation of the Steering Committee members

Presentation of the West African Institute (WAI) Project Document -
(UNESCO)

- Discussion

13h00 - 15h00 *Lunch*

15h00 - 18h00 *Chair: ECOWAS*

The Progress in the establishment of the WAI by Mr. Corsino
TOLENTINO, -Director a.i.

- Actions by the Government of Cape-Verde

16h30 - 17h00 *Coffee Break*

- Consultation with initiating partners: UNESCO, ECOWAS, ECOBANK, IDRC, UEMOA and others
- Internal workings of the WAI (legal framework, statutes, agreement with headquarters, budget, contributions for the 2009-2010 work plans).

TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2009

09h00 - 11h00 *Chair: ECOBANK*

Legal Framework and partnership agreements:

- Creation of the WAI, Supplementary Act (ECOWAS)
- Partnership agreement between the Government of Cape-Verde and UNESCO, presented by Mr. Carlos-Edmilson MARQUES VIEIRA, Project coordinator for the ECOWAS Ambassadors representative to UNESCO and member of the steering committee
- Other partnership agreements, by the representatives of UEMOA, ECOBANK, CRIS-UNU and IDRC
- Recommendations by the legal experts, after the meeting in Praia, Cape Verde, 23-25 February 2009

11h00 - 11h30 *Coffee break*

11h30 - 13h00 *Chair: UEMOA*

Mobilization of endowment funds, by Mr. Arnold EKPE, CEO of ECOBANK

Acceleration of the working process of the WAI

Recruitment of an implementation team, who will work on the strategic aspects, both legal and financial, as well as the setting up of a fund that will allow for immediate recruitment, through the contributions of the initiators (ECOBANK)

13h00 - 15h00 *Lunch*

15h00 - 17h00 *Chair: UNESCO*

Presentation of the results of the MOST National Seminars on regional integration in West Africa and the state of preparation of the Synthesis Seminar. Presentation by Boubacar BARRY

- Update on the Publications of the National Seminars
- Synthesis Seminar
 - Synthesis Essay
 - Dates and place
 - Participants

17h00 – 17h30 *Coffee break*

17h30 – 18h30 ***Chair:*** Mr. José BRITO, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Cape-Verde

Work plan 2009/2010, by Corsino TOLENTINO

Next Steps

Decision of the 2nd Steering Committee meeting

18h30 – 19h00 Closure