



## Press release

### Training on the acquisition and management of data for water management in the Sahel Region

The UNESCO Multisectoral Regional Office in Dakar will organize a training workshop with the National Commission of Burkina Faso on the acquisition and management of water data. This activity will be held in Ougadougou, Burkina Faso, from 8 May to 12 May 2017. 25 persons from Burkina Faso and Mali will participate in this five-day training course.

This training workshop is expected to help in the sustainable management of water resources in the Sahel region by strengthening the decision making capabilities of water resources managers who will now be able to use evidence from reliable and quality data obtained from research and survey.

Countries in the Sahel Region face challenges in the sustainable and peaceful management of the water resources in their countries as a result of the expanding demographics, rapid urbanization, economic pressures and climate change. A way to meet some of these challenges is by having good and reliable data on water resources. Good and reliable data will be useful for planning, for the operation and maintenance of multi-purpose water management systems, for forecasts and warnings on floods to protect lives and property, for the determination and monitoring of environmental or ecological flows, for the management of transboundary water to manage conflicts and water rights, for education and research and for the protection of the quality of water and the regulation of pollutants among others.

The objective of this five-day training workshop is therefore to build the capacities of water managers and technicians, involved in data management and planning in Water Ministries, in Burkina Faso and Mali, in various methods of water data acquisition, control data processing and archiving.

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