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SODECI PROVIDES THE AFRICAN WATER ASSOCIATION WITH NEW PREMISES



It is done now! The Executive Office of the African Water Association (AfWA) is now located within the building accommodating the Integrated Operations Management Center of SODECI located in [Riviera Palmeraie](#), in the commune of Cocody. The staff of the Executive Office occupies the second floor of this three-floor architectural jewel, built on a surface of 8,000 m² with a used surface of 4,000 m² [Read more](#)

AfWA SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COUNCIL MEETINGS IN ACCRA ON JULY 2017: COUNT DOWN IS LAUNCHED!



From July 17th to 21st, 2017, the African Water Association (AfWA), in collaboration with Ghana Water Company Limited, is organizing its traditional Scientific and Technical Council and Exhibition in Accra, GHANA. The topic of this 77th STC Meeting, which is to take place in less than 3 weeks, is “Improving the Performance of the Water and Sanitation sector in Africa.” The venue selected for these meetings is [La Palm Beach Resort Hotel](#) in Accra.

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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GATES FOUNDATION HAVE WORK VISIT TO AfWA EXECUTIVE OFFICE



Two (02) representatives of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Dennis MWANZA and Erin MCCUSKER, were in Abidjan from June 26-28, 2017 to participate in an exchange workshop with the Management and Finance staff of the African Water Association (AfWA). The meeting was also attended by the

two Presidents of the AfWA Scientific and Technical Council, and the President of the Specialized Committee “Sanitation and Environment” of the STC. [Read more](#)

A REVIEW OF THE FIRST SIX MONTHS ACTIVITIES OF AfWA



After six months devoted to intense activities during this first semester 2017, the African Water Association (AfWA) organized on June 15th and 16th, a mid-year activities review workshop. The meeting was organized to assess progress and share lessons learned, and then to discuss the difficulties AfWA departments met while carrying out their tasks. The objective at the end of this process was to make the necessary adjustments to the 2017 annual work plan (PTA), review and re-plan the remaining activities for the second half of 2017.

THE AFRICAN WATER ASSOCIATION MARKETS THE BAMAKO 2018 DESTINATION DURING THE INDUTEC FAIR IN JOBURG



From May 17th to 19th 2017, the African Water Association (AfWA) took part in the INDUTECH/WATERTEC exhibition organized in Johannesburg, South Africa by the British consortium DMGS.

Every two years, this event gathers many manufacturers of latest equipment used in the Water, Sanitation, Hygiene and Mining sectors, with participants from the whole world. [Read more](#)

PROGRAMS

SEWER-LESS SANITARY SYSTEMS: THE ISO PC 305 STANDARD AS A SUBJECT OF A REGIONAL FORUM



South Africa through the SABS (the South-African Standards Office) hosted in mid-June 2017, an international meeting on the development of the ISO PC 305 standards relating to technologies and sustainable sewer-less systems.

The Executive Director of the African Water Association (AfWA), Mr. Sylvain USHER, and the RASOP-Africa program Coordinator, Mr. Mbaye MBEGUERE, were present during this meeting. AfWA, which was already involved with the preliminary work on May 17-18, 2017 in Dakar, Senegal for the development of the ISO PC 305 standard, once again actively took part in the discussions and highlighted the RASOP-Africa Program, intended to strengthen African operators in autonomous sanitation and fecal sludge management programs through peer-to-peer partnerships for the benefit of five African capital cities. The RASOP-Africa Program is funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. [Read more](#)

**WOP FUNDING STRATEGY: THE EUROPEAN UNION
MOBILIZES 40 MILLION EUROS**



Early in June 2017, the European Union (EU) summoned professionals of the WASH sector from Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP) regions for a strategic exchange meeting in Brussels, its headquarters.

The objective of this meeting was to discuss and collect participants' proposals for improved targeting of the WOP funding strategy in the ACP regions.

This approach follows the mixed results obtained after EU funds were granted to students and teachers to conduct research on water and sanitation issues [Read](#)

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TWO (2) AFWA STAFF MEMBERS ARE TRAINED ON THE USAID PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES



On June 13-14, 2017, the Finance and Strategies Director Mr. Olivier GNANKPA and the Procurement Officer of the African Water Association Ms. DALI Roger Lea participated in a capacity building training regarding the procurement procedures of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

This two-day training session was organized in Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso by the USAID WA- WASH program. [Read more](#)

AfWA MOVES TOWARDS PLANNING WITH MS PROJECT



After a period of formal training on January 16-21, 2017, AfWA staff, with the support of the CICF firm, had multiple post training follow-up sessions to master the use of Microsoft Project software. On June 20, 2017, a working session took place at the new AfWA head office in Riviera Palmeraie between the staff and CICF trainers. The objective of this meeting was to measure the level of mastery of the software through practical cases and then make corrective solutions. [Read more](#)

ANNOUNCEMENT

>> **ACCRA STC JULY 2017, 17-21**

The registration are open. Please follow the link to register now:

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