

# ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



## THE WEST AFRICAN SCIENCE SERVICE CENTRE ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND ADAPTED LAND USE (WASCAL) (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

For the year ended 31 December 2020



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# WEST AFRICAN SCIENCE SERVICE CENTER ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND ADAPTED LAND USE (WASCAL) CORPORATE INFORMATION

## GOVERNING BOARD

Prof. Mouhamadou Hassirou  
Dr. (Mrs.) Akosiwa Quashie  
Dr. Francis Boateng Agyenim  
Dr. Karsten Hess (BMBF)  
Hon. Dr. Fatou Faye  
Prof. Vafi Doumbia  
Dr. Flora Chadare  
Prof. Nicolas Barro  
Prof. Chinedum Uzoma Nwajiuba  
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Mr. Sy Traore

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Dr. Moussa Djire  
Prof. Joao Duarte  
Prof. Adeniyi Osuntogun  
Dr. Arona Diedhiou  
Mr. Peter Dery  
Prof. Yacouba Zerbo  
Prof. Dr. Ren Haak (BMBF)  
Prof. Dr. Brice Sinsin  
Dr. Momodou Njie  
Dr. Narcisse Komenan  
Prof. Aminata Ndiaye  
Dr. Johnson Boanuh

- (Chairman)
- (1st Vice Chairwoman)
- (2nd Vice Chairman, Appointed February 2021)
- (Member, Appointed March 2021)
- (Member, Appointed February 2021)
- (Member, Appointed February 2021)
- (Member, Appointed February 2021)
- (Member, Appointed February 2021)
- (Member, Appointed February 2021)
- (Member, Appointed February 2021)
- (Member, Appointed February 2021)
- Ex Officio Non-voting Member representing ECOWAS, Appointed February 2021)
- (Executive Director)
- (Member)
- (Member)
- (Expert)
- (Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Committee)
- (Chairman, Resigned February 2021)
- (2nd Vice Chairman, Resigned February 2021)
- (Member, Resigned February 2021)
- (Member, Resigned February 2021)
- (Member, Resigned February 2021)
- (Member, Resigned February 2021)
- (Member, Resigned February 2021)
- Ex Officio Non-voting Member representing ECOWAS, Resigned February 2021)

## REGISTERED OFFICE

WASCAL Headquarters  
CSIR Office Complex  
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## AUDITOR

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Accra

## BANKERS

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Ecobank Burkina Faso  
Stanbic Bank Ghana Limited

## PREPARED

BY Daniel Ofori  
WASCAL Senior Finance Manager  
CSIR Office Complex  
Accra

# REPORT OF THE GOVERNING BOARD TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST AFRICAN SCIENCE SERVICE CENTER ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND ADAPTED LAND USE (WASCAL)

The Governing Board present their report and the financial statements of the entity for the year ended 31 December 2020

## GOVERNING BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The Governing Board is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view of West African Science Service Center on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL), comprising the statement of financial position at 31 December 2020, the statements of comprehensive income and accumulated fund, and cash flows for the year then ended and the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs) and in the manner required by the Companies Act 2019, (Act 992). In addition, the Governing Board is responsible for the preparation of the report of the Governing Board.

The Governing Board is also responsible for such internal control as the Governing Board determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and for maintaining adequate accounting records and an effective system of risk management.

The Governing Board has made an assessment of the entity's ability to continue as a going concern and has no reason to believe that the entity will not be a going concern in the year ahead.

The auditor is responsible for reporting on whether the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.

## PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The West African Science Service Center on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL) is a large-scale research-focused Climate Service Center mandated to help tackle the challenges of climate change in West Africa.

The overall aim of WASCAL is to identify resilient and adaptive land use systems and develop measures to conserve or restore functional ecosystems that support sustainable human development, while preserving the natural resource base for future generations. WASCAL brings together scientists from the fields of climate, hydrology, biodiversity, land use, economics, and social sciences. It serves as a hub to connect regional partners and facilitates research and computational infrastructure to support climate change research within West Africa.

***As per the mandate given by the West Africa Council of Ministers in February 2012, WASCAL shall assist the West African States and the International Community to achieve operational cooperation in the pursuit of the following objectives:***

- Assessment of climate change and climate variability and its impact on society and the socioecological systems in the area of the West-African Member States;
- Analysis of options to mitigate or cope with climate change, in particular through adaptation in land use;
- Improvement in early warning systems to minimize losses of lives and livelihoods;
- Consistent collection of essential data to assess climate change and improve climate change impact models;
- Exploration, introduction and extension of rational land use systems adapted to the conditions prevailing in the Member States;
- Promotion and implementation of policies and measures to effectively deal with climate change;
- Strengthening of human capacity related to climate change, its economic impact, land use adaptation, and the conservation of water and biotic resources; and
- Development of models of best practice.

## REPORT OF THE GOVERNING BOARD TO THE MEMBERS OF WEST AFRICAN SCIENCE SERVICE CENTER ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND ADAPTED LAND USE (WASCAL) - (CONT'D)

### INCORPORATION

West African Science Service Center on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL) was registered with the Register of Companies of Ghana on 8 April 2014 and issued with a certificate to commence business on 9 April 2014 by the Registrar of Companies.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial results of WASCAL for the year ended 31 December 2020 are set out in the financial statements, highlights of which are as follows:

	EUR
Surplus	240,498
Total Assets	7,503,191
Total Liabilities	6,032,902
Accumulated Fund	1,470,289
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The Governing Board considers the state of the entity's affairs to be satisfactory.

### PARTICULARS OF ENTRIES IN THE INTERESTS REGISTER DURING THE FINANCIAL YEAR

No Director had any interest in contracts and proposed contracts with the entity during the year under review, hence there were no entries recorded in the Interests Register as required by 194(6), 195(1)(a) and 196 of the Companies Act 2019, (Act 992).

### CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The nature of WASCAL's operations year on year constitutes Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as it involves providing scholarship to selected students to carry out their Masters and Doctorate studies in selected universities in the member countries of the organization.

WASCAL also conduct research activities and organizes workshops aimed at making relevant contributions towards climate change across the West African sub-region.

### AUDITORS AND FEES

The audit fee for the year is EUR 9,688.

**REPORT OF THE GOVERNING BOARD TO THE MEMBERS OF  
WEST AFRICAN SCIENCE SERVICE CENTER ON CLIMATE CHANGE  
AND ADAPTED LAND USE (WASCAL) - (CONT'D)**

**APPROVAL OF THE REPORT OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

The report of the Governing Board of the West African Science Service Center on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use were approved by the Governing Board on .....  
2021, and signed on their behalf by:



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**DR. MOUMINI SAVADOGO**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (WASCAL)**



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**PROF. MOUHAMADOU HASSIROU**  
**BOARD CHAIRMAN**

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**To the Members of the West African Science Service Center on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL)**

## **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

### ***Opinion***

We have audited the financial statements of the West African Science Service Center on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL) which comprise the statement of financial position at 31 December 2020, the statements of comprehensive income and accumulated fund, and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes, as set out on pages 9 to 25.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the West African Science Service Center on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL) at 31 December 2020, and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs) and in the manner required by the Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992).

### ***Basis for Opinion***

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of WASCAL in accordance with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' International Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (including International Independence Standards) (IESBA Code), together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Ghana, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### ***Other Information***

The Governing Board is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Report of the Governing Board as required by the Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992) but does not include the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**To the Members of the West African Science Service Center on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL)**

## **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

### *Responsibilities of the Governing Board for the Financial Statements*

The Governing Board is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities and in the manner required by the Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992), and for such internal control as the Governing Board determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Governing Board is responsible for assessing the entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Governing Board either intend to liquidate the entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Governing Board is responsible for overseeing the entity's financial reporting process.

### *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Governing Board.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the West African Science Service Center on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL)

## Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Governing Boards' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Governing Board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

## Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

*Compliance with the requirements of Section 137 of the Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992)*

We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of our audit.

In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept, so far as appears from our examination of those books.

The statements of financial position and comprehensive income and accumulated fund are in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

We are independent of WASCAL under audit pursuant to Section 143 of the Companies Act, 2019 (Act 992).

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is

**Nathaniel D. Harlley**  
**(ICAG/P/1056).**

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**For and on behalf of:**

**KPMG: ICAG/F/2021/038**

**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

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**WEST AFRICAN SCIENCE SERVICE CENTER ON CLIMATE CHANGE  
AND ADAPTED LAND USE (WASCAL)  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 31 DECEMBER, 2020**

	Note	2020 EUR	2019 EUR
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	12	3,854,161	1,677,479
Accounts receivable	13	2,660,952	2,441,464
Project receivables	18	-	4,402
		<u>6,515,113</u>	<u>4,123,345</u>
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Property and equipment	10	988,078	935,367
<b>Total assets</b>		<u>7,503,191</u>	<u>5,058,712</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Accounts payable	15	34,122	122,191
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Deferred member country contribution income	14	2,501,262	2,359,696
Long-term employee benefit obligation	16	73,721	113,668
Deferred project income	17	3,423,797	1,233,366
		<u>5,998,780</u>	<u>3,706,730</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<u>6,032,902</u>	<u>3,828,921</u>
<b>EQUITY</b>			
Accumulated fund		1,470,289	1,229,791
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>		<u>7,503,191</u>	<u>5,058,712</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Governing Board on 31 December 2021.

  
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**DR. MOUMINI SAVADOGO**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (WASCAL)

  
.....  
**PROF. MOUHAMADOU HASSIROU**  
BOARD CHAIRMAN

The notes on pages 12 to 25 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**WEST AFRICAN SCIENCE SERVICE CENTER ON CLIMATE CHANGE  
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STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME AND ACCUMULATED FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	2020 EUR	2019 EUR
<b>Income</b>	3	4,425,015	3,547,619
Other income	4	73,542	118,822
Project income	5	1,536,413	1,522,267
Deferred member country contribution released to income	6	368,416	768,417
<b>Total income</b>		<b>6,403,386</b>	<b>5,957,125</b>
<b>Salaries and Banefits</b>	7	(1,462,093)	(1,481,535)
Depreciation	10	(48,708)	(62,722)
General and administrative expenses	8	(885,204)	(1,195,830)
Graduate studies programme operations	9	(2,443,828)	(1,748,539)
Project expenses	11	(1,323,055)	(1,408,953)
Total expenses		<b>(6,162,888)</b>	<b>(5,897,579)</b>
Surplus for the year		240,498	59,546
Accumulated fund at start of year		1,229,791	1,170,245
Accumulated fund at end of year		<b>1,470,289</b>	<b>1,229,791</b>

*The notes on pages 12 to 25 form an integral part of these financial statements.*

**WEST AFRICAN SCIENCE SERVICE CENTER ON CLIMATE CHANGE  
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Note	2020 EUR	2019 EUR
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Surplus for the year		240,498	59,546
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation	10	48,708	62,722
		-----	-----
		289,206	122,268
<b>Changes in:</b>			
Accounts receivable	13	(219,488)	(615,080)
Project receivable	18	4,402	(2,443)
Deferred member country contribution income	14	141,566	41,570
Long-term employee benefit obligation	16	(39,947)	(2,002)
Deferred project income	17	2,190,431	217,606
Accounts payable	15	(88,069)	101,833
		-----	-----
Net cash from/(used in) operating activities		<b>2,278,101</b>	<b>(136,248)</b>
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<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of property and equipment	10	(101,419)	(1,437)
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Net cash used in investing activities		(101,419)	(1,437)
		-----	-----
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		2,176,682	(137,685)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January		1,677,479	1,815,164
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Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December	12	<b>3,854,161</b>	<b>1,677,479</b>
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*The notes on pages 12 to 25 form an integral part of these financial statements.*

**WEST AFRICAN SCIENCE SERVICE CENTER ON CLIMATE CHANGE  
AND ADAPTED LAND USE (WASCAL)  
NOTES FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

## **1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

WASCAL is a registered non-governmental organization domiciled in Ghana. The address of its registered office and principal place of business can be found on page 2 of the financial statements.

The West African Science Service Center on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL) is a large-scale research-focused Climate Service Center mandated to help tackle the challenges of climate change in West Africa.

The principal activity of WASCAL is to identify resilient and adaptive land use systems and develop measures to conserve or restore functional ecosystems that support sustainable human development, while preserving the natural resource base for future generations. WASCAL brings together scientists from the fields of climate, hydrology, biodiversity, land use, economics, and social sciences. It serves as a hub to connect regional partners and facilitates research and computational infrastructure to support climate change research within West Africa.

These financial statements are of an individual entity.

## **2. BASIS OF PREPARATION AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **(a) *Statement of compliance***

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium-sized Entities (IFRS for SMEs) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board. The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below.

### **(b) *Basis of Measurement***

These financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

### **(c) *Functional and presentational currency***

The financial statements are presented in Euro (EUR), which is the entity's functional and presentation currency.

### **(d) *Use of Estimates and Judgement***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS for SMEs requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results may differ from these estimates. Estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimates are revised and in any future periods affected.

### **(e) *Foreign Currency***

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional currency, Euro, using an appropriate average exchange rate prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the statement of comprehensive income.

Non-monetary assets and liabilities are translated at historical exchange rate, if held at historical cost.

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**(f) Financial Instruments**

Financial instruments comprise accounts receivable which are usually prepaid expenses, cash and cash equivalents and accounts payable.

WASCAL initially recognises financial assets and liabilities at the transaction price. Subsequent to initial recognition, debt instruments (accounts payable and receivable) are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method. Debt instruments that are classified as current assets and current liabilities are measured at the undiscounted amount of cash expected to be paid or received.

At the end of each reporting period, the entity assesses whether there is objective evidence of impairment of any financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost. If there is objective evidence of impairment, the entity recognises an impairment loss in profit or loss immediately.

The entity derecognises a financial asset when the contractual rights to the cashflows from the asset expire, or it transfers the rights to receive the contractual cashflows in a transaction in which substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial assets are transferred.

The entity derecognises a financial liability when the contractual obligations are discharged, cancelled or expire.

**(g) Property and Equipment**

Items of property and equipment are initially recognized at cost. Subsequent to initial recognition, items of property and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any impairment losses.

Cost includes expenditure that is directly attributable to the acquisition of the asset. The costs of the day-to-day servicing of property and equipment are recognized in the statement of profit or loss as incurred.

The cost of replacing part of an item of property and equipment is recognized in the carrying amount of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the part will flow to the entity and its cost can be measured reliably.

Depreciation is recognized in the profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of each item of property and equipment. The following useful lives are used for the depreciation of property and equipment:

Land and building	over the shorter of lease period and 50 years.
Equipment and machinery	5 years
Furniture and fittings	5 years
Motor Vehicles	5 years
Motorbikes	3 years

If there is an indication that there has been a significant change in depreciation rate, useful life or residual value of an asset, the depreciation of that asset is revised prospectively to reflect the new expectations. Property and equipment are derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected to flow to the entity from either their use or disposal.

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**(h) Impairment of Assets**

At each reporting date, property and equipment are reviewed to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If there is an indication of possible impairment, the recoverable amount of any affected asset (or group of related assets) is estimated and compared with its carrying amount. If estimated recoverable amount is lower, the carrying amount is reduced to its estimated recoverable amount, and an impairment loss is recognized immediately in profit or loss.

If an impairment loss subsequently reverses, the carrying amount of the asset (or group of related assets) is increased to the revised estimate, but not in excess of the amount that would have been determined had no impairment loss been recognized for the asset (group of related assets) in prior years. A reversal of an impairment loss is recognized immediately in profit or loss.

**(i) Income**

Receipts represent grants, which are remittances from the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) to WASCAL, through partner organizations; University of Würzburg and Project Management Agency at the German Aerospace Center (PTL-DR), as well as income released from deferred member country contributions.

WASCAL also receives funds from other donors, to carry out specific project activities as per the donor requirements. Where funds received were not used in a period, the unused amount is deferred.

**(j) Taxation**

Per Article II (Subsection 9) of the signed host country agreement between the Government of the Republic of Ghana and WASCAL, WASCAL and its staff, its assets, income and other property shall enjoy tax, duty and other related exemptions and privileges in accordance with Article 4 of the General Convention.

**(k) Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and bank balances and these are recognized at amortised cost in the statement of financial position.

**(l) Leases**

A lease is an agreement whereby the lessor conveys to the lessee in return for a payment or series of payments the right to use an asset for an agreed period of time. A lease is classified as a finance lease if it transfers substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

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**(m) Employee Benefits**

**(i) Short term employee benefits**

Short term employee benefits are expensed as the related service is provided. A liability is recognized for the amount expected to be paid if the entity has a present legal or constructive obligation to pay this amount as a result of past service provided by the employee and the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Short term employee benefits include items such as wages, salaries and social security contributions.

**(ii) Defined contribution plans**

Defined contribution plans are post-employment benefit plans under which an entity pays fixed contributions into a separate entity (a fund) and will have no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employee benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

**Social Security and National Insurance Trust**

Under the national pension scheme, the entity contributes 13% of employees' basic salary to the Social Security and National Insurance Trust (SSNIT) for employee pensions. Obligations for contributions under the Social Security and National Insurance Trust are expensed in profit or loss as the related service is provided.

**Provident Fund**

WASCAL has a provident fund scheme for staff under which the entity contributes 5% of staff basic salary into a separate entity. Contributions to the defined contribution pension plans are recognized as an expense in profit or loss in the periods during which services are rendered by employees and WASCAL's obligations under the plan is limited to the relevant contributions.

**Gratuity**

The Organization has a policy that awards benefits to staff who have served the entity and are leaving either on retirement, resignation or termination of appointment. The benefit is to Staff members, both international and national, who have served the organization for three (3) years or more and shall be entitled to 10% of last annual salary. The basic salary shall be the salary at the time of separation. The plan is not funded.

**3. INCOME**

Income

	<b>2020 EUR</b>	<b>2019 EUR</b>
	4,425,015	3,547,619
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	<b>4,425,015</b>	<b>3,547,619</b>
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Income relates to income from BMBF earned during the period, disbursed through the University of Wurzburg and PT-DLR.

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**4. OTHER INCOME**

	<b>2020 EUR</b>	<b>2019 EUR</b>
Income from Guest House	6,612	1,964
Overheads Recovered	47,739	103,045
VAT refund Received	19,191	13,813
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	<b>73,542</b>	<b>118,822</b>
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**5. PROJECT INCOME**

	<b>2020 EUR</b>	<b>2019 EUR</b>
Agricora Apte 21	-	7,728
Agricora Generia	-	2,937
Afrialliance	-	21,048
Pauwes	46,250	115,932
Wabes	43,981	110,389
Seacrifog	-	21,452
Renewable Energy	732,775	211,726
World Bank	108,763	490,707
Start International	9,463	45,771
Green Builders	5,439	29,396
Upscalers	196,847	51,175
Cireg	90,271	309,525
Other project income	302,624	104,481
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	<b>1,536,413</b>	<b>1,522,267</b>
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This relates to income received from various other donors and partners to carry out short-term project activities such as workshops and short-term research activities.

**6. DEFERRED MEMBER COUNTRY CONTRIBUTION INCOME  
RELEASED TO INCOME**

	<b>2020 EUR</b>	<b>2019 EUR</b>
Deferred member country contribution released to income	368,416	768,417
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	<b>368,416</b>	<b>768,417</b>
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As per Article 6 (1a) of the WASCAL Cooperation agreement, the West African member states are to provide annual contributions which shall serve as reserves for WASCAL. The member country contribution income relates to deferred member country contributions, used to finance operational activities.

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**7. SALARIES AND BENEFITS**

	<b>2020 EUR</b>	<b>2019 EUR</b>
Management staff	91,117	114,331
Administrative staff	588,875	376,670
Observation network staff	432,184	516,186
Competence center staff	141,477	152,445
Research station staff	66,511	88,125
Capacity building staff cost	78,438	22,342
International Health Insurance	55,673	135,166
Payment of severance	252	60,438
Employment benefits expense	7,566	15,832
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	<b>1,462,093</b>	<b>1,481,535</b>
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**8. GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES**

	<b>2020 EUR</b>	<b>2019 EUR</b>
Rent	66,049	82,812
Consumables	167,494	185,283
Office supply and communications	29,025	46,723
Workshops and meetings	181,757	294,290
Travel costs	81,322	160,401
Internet/Telephone/Computers	110,647	135,805
Bank charges	25,245	18,334
Competence Center Research Support	135,750	80,259
Consultancy fees	45,461	38,452
Legal and professional fees	9,730	116,536
VAT Expenses	12,189	4,399
Exchange loss	10,569	13,006
Withholding Tax	278	7,811
Audit fees	9,688	11,719
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	<b>885,204</b>	<b>1,195,830</b>
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**9. GRADUATE STUDIES PROGRAMME OPERATIONS**

WASCAL runs a graduate school programme in 12 select universities in the various member countries. This represents the funds transferred to the various graduate school centers within the period, from the head office

	<b>2020 EUR</b>	<b>2019 EUR</b>
Student stipends	508,621	280,985
Student research	439,856	232,862
Student tuition	65,504	45,380
Lecturers and honorarium	157,658	99,458
Staff cost	352,373	443,542
Operations costs	469,256	121,955
Travel and insurance	25,478	-
Investment	131,408	137,314
Advisory board meetings	5,062	7,570
Graduation	3,168	6,832
Student scientific visits	163,605	47,529
Language course	121,839	325,112
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	<b>2,443,828</b>	<b>1,748,539</b>
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**10. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

**2020**

**Cost**

At 1 January 2020	1,006,842	951,178	181,098	481,331	2,620,449
Additions	-	54,722	5,535	41,162	101,419
At 31 December 2020	1,006,842	1,005,900	186,633	522,493	2,721,868

**Accumulated Depreciation**

At 1 January 2020	126,427	900,502	176,822	481,331	1,685,082
Charge for the year	20,137	24,836	1,677	2,058	48,708
At 31 December 2020	146,564	925,338	178,499	483,389	1,733,790

**Carrying Amount**

At 31 December 2020	860,278	80,562	8,134	39,104	988,078
At 31 December 2019	880,415	50,676	4,276	-	935,367

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**11. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT- (CONT'D)**

	Land & Building EUR	Machinery EUR	Equipment & Furniture & Fittings EUR	Motor Vehicles EUR	Total Cost EUR
January 2019	1,006,842	951,178	179,661	481,331	2,619,012
December 2019	-	-	1,437	-	1,437
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December 2019	1,006,842	951,178	181,098	481,331	2,620,449
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<b>Accumulated Depreciation</b>					
January 2019	106,239	858,705	176,085	481,331	1,622,360
for the year	20,188	41,797	737	-	62,722
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December 2019	126,427	900,502	176,822	481,331	1,685,082
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<b>Carrying Amount</b>					
December 2019	880,415	50,676	4,276	-	935,367
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December 2018	900,603	92,473	3,576	-	996,652
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**12. PROJECT EXPENSES**

	<b>2020 EUR</b>	<b>2019 EUR</b>
Research activities	928,223	68,285
Travel and transport	6,410	92,245
Salaries and benefits	131,570	255,414
Accommodation	5,181	7,279
Bank charges	9,326	15,440
Workshop expenses	85,972	365,577
Communication	7,662	3,166
Consultancy	114,408	566,307
Office supplies and consumables	11,928	6,494
Overheads/Indirect costs	22,375	28,746
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	<b>1,323,055*</b>	<b>1,408,953*</b>
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**BREAKDOWN OF PROJECT EXPENSES  
BY PROJECT NAME**

	<b>2020 EUR</b>	<b>2019 EUR</b>
Agricora Generia	-	984
Afrialliance	-	21,895
Pauwes	46,250	115,932
Wabes	43,981	110,389
Seacrifog	-	21,452
Renewable Energy	732,775	211,726
World Bank	108,763	490,707
Start International	9,463	45,771
Green Builders	5,439	29,396
Upscalers	196,847	51,175
Cireg	90,271	309,526
<b>Other Project Expense</b>	89,266	-
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	<b>1,323,055</b>	<b>1,408,953</b>
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*This relates to expenses incurred from income received from various other donors and partners to carry out short-term project activities such as workshops and short-term research activities*

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<b>13. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>2020 EUR</b>	<b>2019 EUR</b>
Bank balances	3,847,981	1,669,388
Cash balance	6,180	8,091
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	<b>3,854,161</b>	<b>1,677,479</b>
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<b>14. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE</b>	<b>2020 EUR</b>	<b>2019 EUR</b>
Member Countries Contribution Receivable	2,149,147	2,098,237
Prepayment	133,702	50,558
Receivable from GSP Schools *	197,258	292,669
Project advances receivable	180,845	-
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	<b>2,660,952</b>	<b>2,441,464</b>
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*WASCAL runs a Graduate School Programme (GSP) in 12 select universities in the various member countries. This represents the balance due from the various graduate school centers at the end of the period out of the total operational advances transferred to them during the period as shown below:*

	<b>2020 EUR</b>	<b>2019 EUR</b>
Balance at 1 January	292,669	102,899
Operational advances to GSP schools	2,350,417	1,938,309
Expenses retired by GSP schools	(2,445,828)	(1,748,539)
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Balance at 31 December	<b>197,258</b>	<b>292,669</b>
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<b>15. DEFERRED MEMBER COUNTRY CONTRIBUTION INCOME</b>	<b>2020 EUR</b>	<b>2019 EUR</b>
Balance at 1 January	2,359,696	2,318,126
Member country contribution income receivable	509,982	809,987
Deferred member country contribution released to income	(368,416)	(768,417)
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Balance at 31 December	<b>2,501,262</b>	<b>2,359,696*</b>
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*Deferred member country contribution income includes member country contribution earned as at the reporting date, receivable from the WASCAL member countries and member country contributions received not spent at the end of the period.*

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**16. ACCOUNT PAYABLE**

	<b>2020 EUR</b>	<b>2019 EUR</b>
Accrued expenses	19,875	11,719
Other payables	14,247	13,228
Legal fees	-	97,244
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	34,122	122,191
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**17. LONG-TERM EMPLOYEE BENEFIT OBLIGATION**

	<b>2020 EUR</b>	<b>2019 EUR</b>
Obligation at 1 January	113,668	115,670
Additional provisions during the year	7,566	15,832
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	121,234	131,502
Payments during the year	(47,513)	(17,834)
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Obligation at 31 December	73,721	113,668
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The Organization operates a defined benefit plan based on remuneration and length of service. The benefit is to Staff members, both international and national, who have served the organization for three (3) years or more and shall be entitled to 10% of last annual salary. The basic salary shall be the salary at the time of separation. The plan is funded by the Organization and held with the Organization.

The Organization has determined that it is not able, without undue cost or effort, to use the projected unit credit method to measure its defined benefits obligations. The following assumptions were, therefore, made in measuring its defined benefit obligation with respect to current employees:

- (a) Current salaries continue until current employees are expected to begin receiving the benefits.
- (b) Closure of the plan for existing as well as any new employees.
- (c) All current employees will receive the benefits.

The most recent valuation based on the assumptions above coincided with the year-end reporting date.

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**18. DEFERRED PROJECT INCOME**

	Balance at January 2020 EUR	Fund received during the year EUR	Amount utilized during the year EUR	Balance at 31 December 2020 EUR
Projects	1,041,461			
PT-DLR		3,000,719	(2,443,828)	1,598,352
Renewable Energy	27,429	2,259,704	(732,775)	1,554,358
Wabes	5,099	39,972	(43,981)	1,090
World Bank	73,438	84,092	(108,763)	48,767
Green Builders	21,757	8,713	(5,439)	25,031
Start International	16,159	-	(9,463)	6,696
Pauwes	32,650	81,370	(46,250)	67,770
Cireg	15,373	136,022	(90,272)	61,123
Upscalers	-	257,457	(196,847)	60,610
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	<b>1,233,366</b>	<b>5,868,049</b>	<b>(3,679,618)</b>	<b>3,423,797</b>
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**19. PROJECT RECEIVABLE**

	Balance at 01/01/20 EUR	Fund received EUR	Deferred income released EUR	Amount utilized EUR	Balance at 31/12/20 EUR
Projects					
Upscalers	(1,598)	1,598	-	-	-
Seacrifog	(2,804)	2,804	-	-	-
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	<b>(4,402)</b>	<b>4,402</b>	-	-	-
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**20. OPERATING LEASES**

All items under operating leases are recognised as expense on straight line basis. Any outstanding balance on leases is recognized as either prepayment or accruals.

**21. RELATED PARTY**

The compensation of key management personnel in total as at the year-end was EUR 91,117 (2019: EUR 114,331).

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**22. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS**

There were no commitments for capital expenditure not provided for in the financial statement at the reporting date and at 31 December 2019.

**23. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

There were no contingent liabilities at the end of December 2020. In 2018 there was a lawsuit pending against WASCAL before the ECOWAS Court of Justice, Abuja. The suit related to a case brought to the court by a former Director of Capacity building, claiming damages for unlawful dismissal.

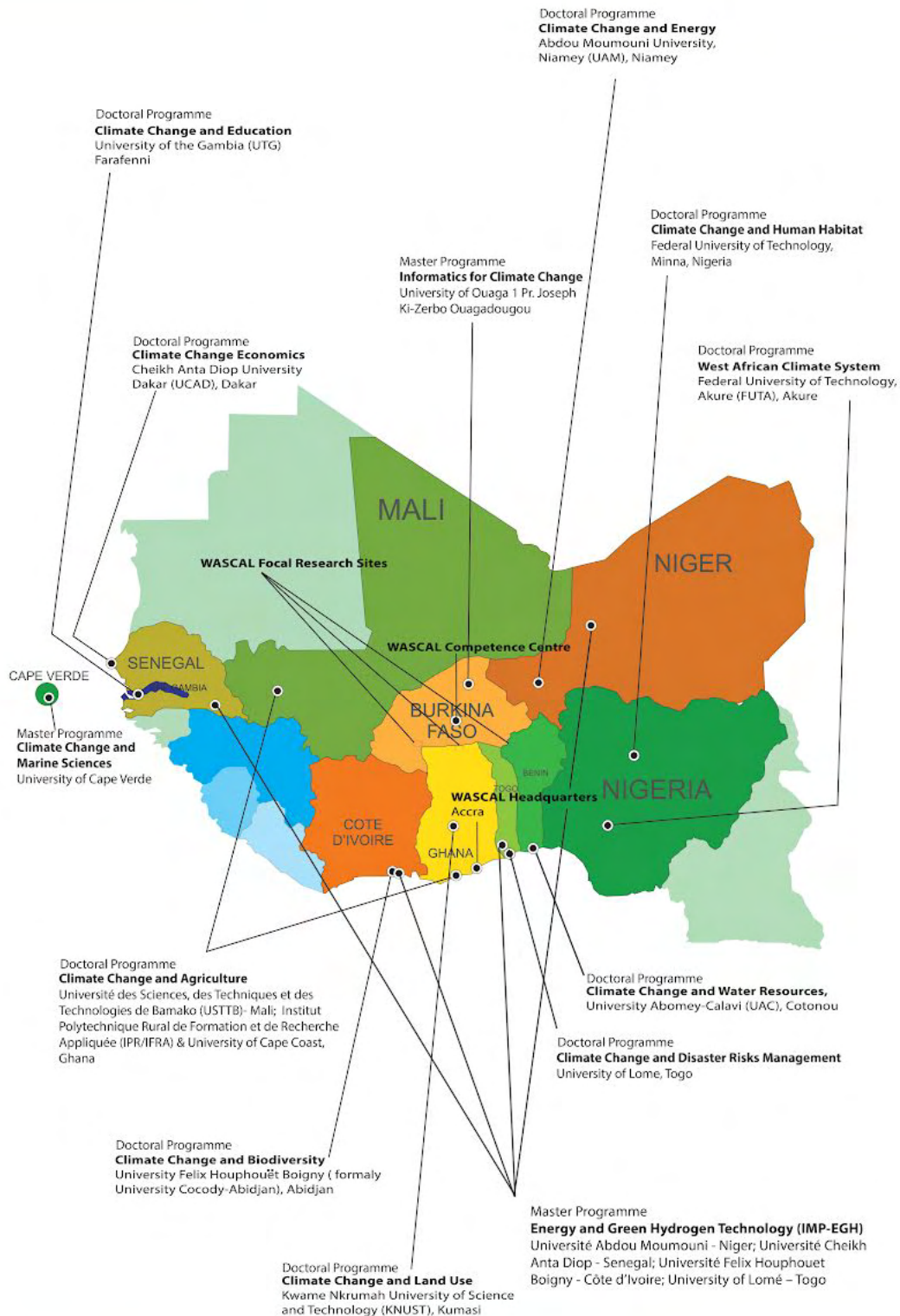
The ECOWAS Court of Justice in its ruling on 11 December 2019 concluded that it has no jurisdiction to hear the application and consequently dismissed the application for this reason. The case is being arbitrated in the current year at the Ghana Labour Commission

**24. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

There were no events after 31 December 2020 that require disclosure in the financial statements.

At the date of authorization of the 31 December 2019 financial statements, the COVID-19 pandemic was reported as a non-adjusting event occurring after the reporting date which had no significant impact on the entity's operations.

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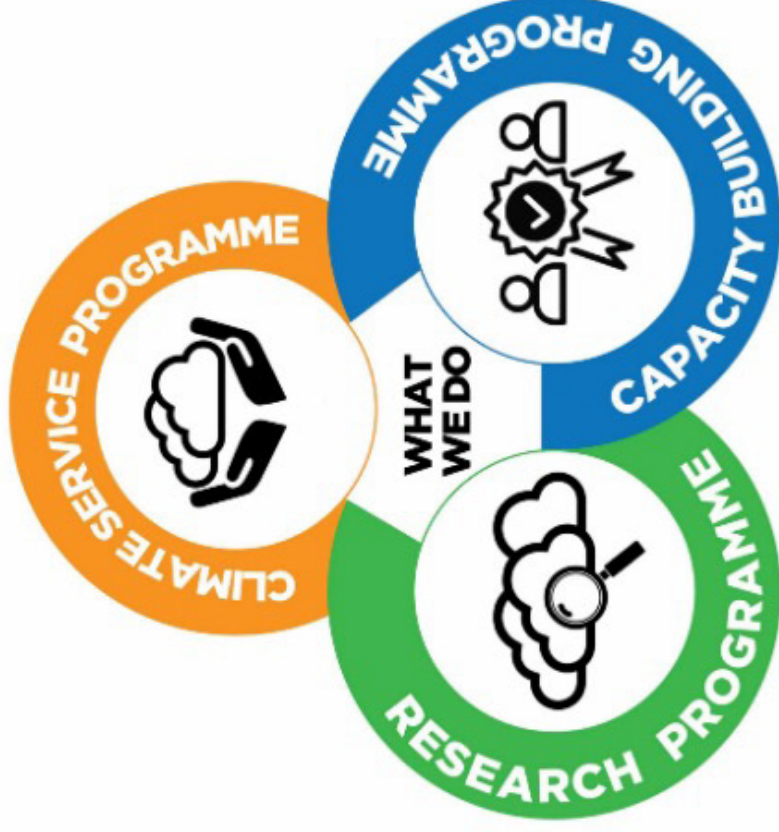
**OUR VISION**

WASCAL seeks to become one of Africa's leading institutions in the provision of climate services in and for West Africa.

**OUR MISSION**

WASCAL seeks to provide information and knowledge at the local, national and regional levels to its West African member countries to cope with the adverse impacts of climate change. We do this through Capacity Building support to young West African Scholars in fields of natural and social sciences and by strengthening West African universities and climate service departments in WASCAL member countries.

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