



WASCAL MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING



Journey Towards Climate Resilience to
Improve Livelihoods in West Africa:
Building Sustainable Policies and Partnerships

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a Journey Towards Climate Resilience to Improve Livelihoods in West Africa:

**5TH WASCAL MINISTERIAL
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EXPLAINED**

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The 5th WASCAL Ministerial Council Meeting is hosted under the patronage of the Minister of Environment, Science, Technology and Innovation (MESTI) of the Republic of Ghana, Honorable Dr. Kwaku Afriyie.

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The biennial meeting is the fifth gathering of sector Ministers within the WASCAL member states in West Africa as enshrined in the corporate agreement signed by the ten (10) founding countries.

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WASCAL is dedicated to achieving this through its climate-resilient interventions in the areas of research and capacity building as well as through the promotion of the Renewable Energy and Green Hydrogen programme.

04

This year's theme, "Journey towards climate resilience to improve livelihoods in West Africa: Building sustainable partnerships and policies" is also in alignment with the 2015 Paris Agreement which was signed by some 195 countries in 2015 with the aim of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change.

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Per the constitution, The Ministerial Council is the highest Organ of the Institution, and its meeting is geared towards deepening the relationships among the country members on one side and between them and the German partner at the policy-making levels.

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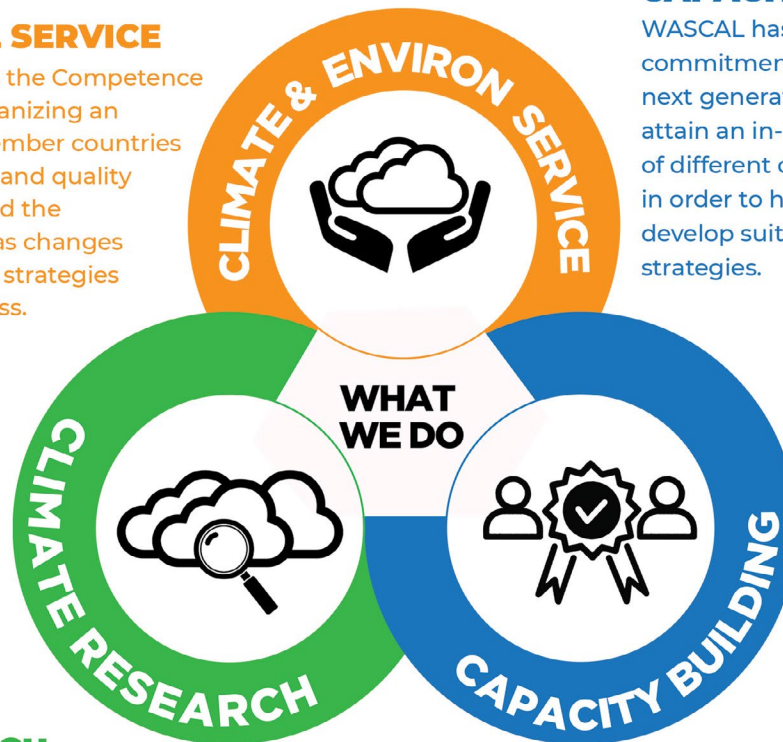
The WASCAL Council of Ministers elects a chairperson to serve for a term of two (2) years, renewable only once. The Republic of Ghana, in its capacity as WASCAL host country, occupies the seat of a Permanent Vice-Chair of the Council. The Council of Ministers is responsible for examining and approving the long-term programme of work of WASCAL with regard to ensuring conformity with the climate change and green hydrogen policies prevailing in the Member States and ensuring its sustainability.

CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE

The Climate Service unit at the Competence Centre is charged with organizing an observation network in member countries that will lead to consistent and quality information on weather and the hydrological cycle, as well as changes in land use, human coping strategies and biodiversity shifts or loss.

CAPACITY BUILDING

WASCAL has a strong commitment to help educate the next generation of scientists to attain an in-depth knowledge of different climate related issues in order to help the region develop suitable management strategies.



CLIMATE RESEARCH

The research programme represents the scientific activities of the Competence Centre, and is implemented by the scientific staff of WASCAL in collaboration with West African and German research institutes. The WASCAL research programme brings together a German research consortium and an equivalent consortium on the West African side that together have designed a joint research program on adapted land use and management of land under changing climatic conditions.

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21 agenda

OCTOBER, 2023

TANG PALACE HOTEL - ACCRA, GHANA

PART I: OPEN SESSION (OPEN TO THE WASCAL PARTNERS)

9:00 – 10:00

01 AGENDA:

GROUP PHOTO

OPENING OF THE MINISTERIAL MEETING - CONFERENCE ROOM 1-3

GHANA NATIONAL ANTHEM

1.1

Welcome Remarks:

H.E. Dr. Kwaku Afriyie, Minister of Environment Science Technology and Innovation Republic of Ghana, Permanent Vice-Chairman of the Ministerial Council and Host Country

1.2

Statement:

H.E Bettina Stark-Watzinger H.E Minister – Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany.

1.3

Opening Statement:

H.E Prof. Bourema Kansaye, Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research of the Republic of Mali and Chairman of WASCAL Council of Ministers.

10:00 – 10:30

1.4.

Video on WASCAL Activities.

- **TEA/COFFEE BREAK**
- **PRESS ENCOUNTER – EXQUISITE HALL**

PART II: CLOSED SESSION

10:30 – 11:00

02 AGENDA:

OPERATIONAL MATTERS/COMMUNIQUE

2.1

Adoption of the agenda

2.2

Administrative / Operational Matters

- I. Process of admission of the Republic of Guinea by the Executive Director – Prof Kehinde Ogunjobi.
 - II. Response from Her Excellency the Minister of Education, Scientific Research and Innovation, Republic of Guinea – H.E. Dr. Diaka Sidibe.
 - III. Resolution on the membership of the Republic of Guinea into WASCAL.
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● DISCUSSION AND RESOLUTION

11:00 – 12:00

03 AGENDA:

Report from the Executive Management- Interim Executive Director: Prof Kehinde Ogunjobi.

3.1

WASCAL as a reference Institution on Climate change in West Africa: State of art, outlook, and strategic plan 2025-2030

3.2

Financial Sustainability of WASCAL (Financial gaps, political support).

3.3

Adoption of the revision of the constitution on the nomination of Country representatives

3.4

Governing Board member.

3.5

Proposal on the appointment of Board members to Executive management position

● **DISCUSSION AND RESOLUTION**

12:00 – 12:30

04 AGENDA :

CLOSING

4.1

Election of the New Chairperson of the Council.

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Acceptance of Chairmanship / Statement by the incoming Chair.

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Presentation and Adoption of the Final Communiqué.

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Vote of thanks- Prof Marie Luce Quashie.

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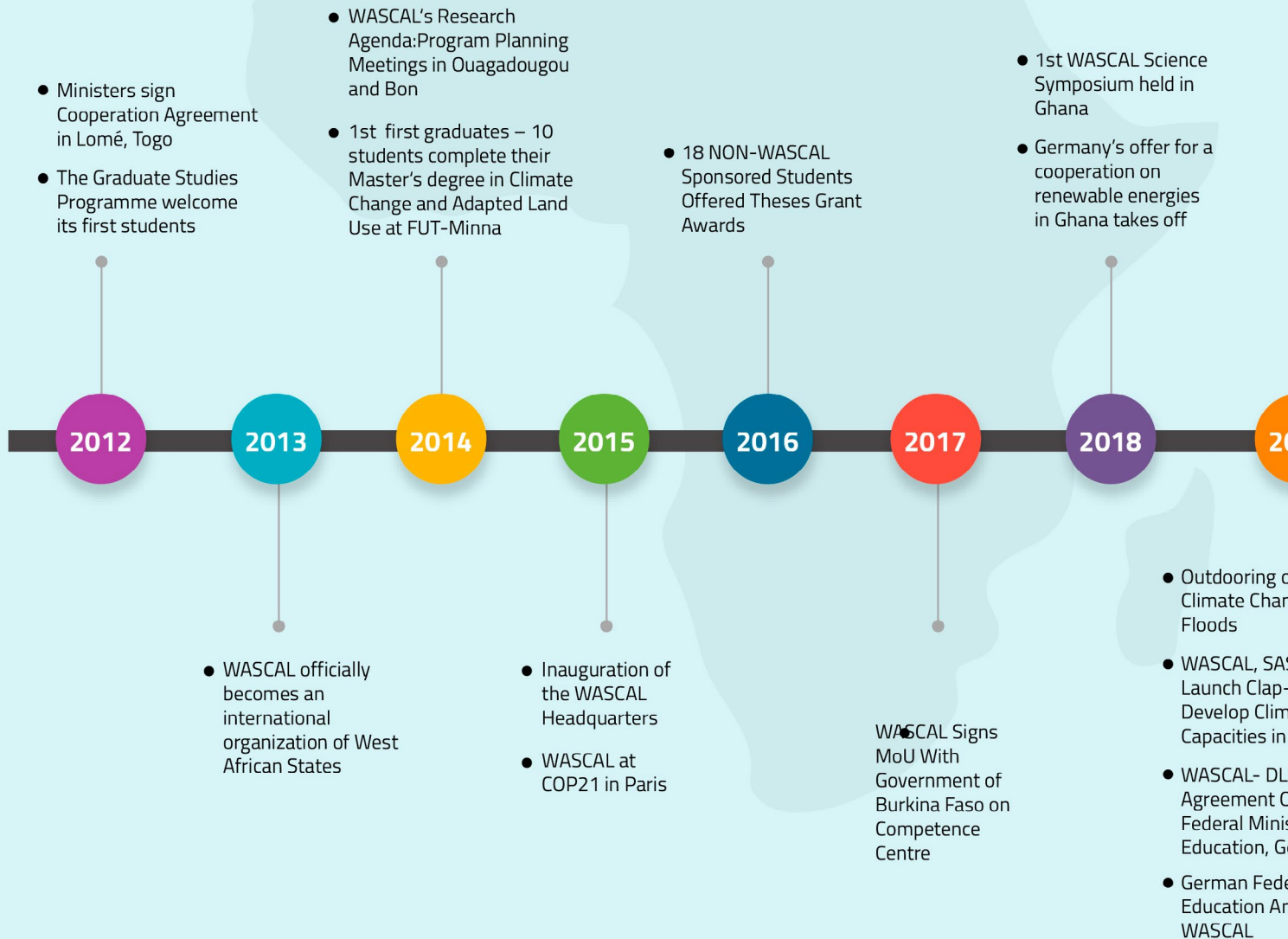
Closing Remarks – Newly elected chair of Ministerial council.

End of the Meeting

12:30 – 14:00

● **TRANSFER TO WASCAL HQ AND LUNCH BREAK**

THE WASCAL JOURNEY



- BMBF Funded Project On 400 Kw Hybrid Waste-To –Energy Power Plant Kicks Off In Ghana
- WASCAL And ECOWAS Sign Mou On Green Hydrogen And Other Renewable Energies Initiatives
- WASCAL And West African Vice Chancellors Strengthen Partnerships To Fight Climate Change
- WASCAL Presents 60 Automatic Hydrological Sensors To West African Countries With Support From Germany

- Celebrating 10 Years Of Providing Climate Change And Green Hydrogen Solutions In West Africa
- Foundation Stone For New Research Building In Cabo Verde laid
- Donation of 3 Automatic Hydro Sensors to The Gambia
- Joins NDCs Partnership – A Global Climate Change Coalition as Associate Member
- Official Launch of The Independent Global Stocktake (iGST) West Africa Regional Hub Formation Project
- Admitted as An Observer In The UNFCCC Process
- Three African Institutions Partner to Use Artificial Intelligence to Tackle Climate Change
- Hybrid Waste to Energy Project Valued At 6.2 Million Euro Commissioned in Ghana
- WASCAL Makes a Case For Climate Change And Artificial Intelligence At Cop 27
- WASCAL Showcases Green Hydrogen Commitment At ESEF, Abuja



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- 2nd WASCAL Ministerial Council Meeting Held In Burkina Faso
- Symposium On West African Capacity Development And Research Ends Successfully In Germany
- 60 West African Students Receive Full German Government Scholarship In International Master's In Green Hydrogen

- Ecowas Energy Ministers Adopt Green Hydrogen Policy
- Wascal Builds Capacities Of 100 West African Stakeholders On Project Monitoring, Evaluation And Accountability
- WASCAL Intensifies Road Map For Cooperation With Ecowas On Climate Change
- WASCAL Welcomes The Republic Of Guinea
- 59 Fully Funded Green Hydrogen Scholars From West Africa In Germany On A 4-month Study

- WASCAL Leads Civil Society Organizations To Global Stocktaking At The African Climate Week In Kenya
- WASCAL Donates 5 Water Level Sensors To Water Research Institute
- WASCAL, AICCRA, And Ruforum Build Capacities Towards Developing University Curricula In Climate-smart Agriculture And Climate Information Services
- Green Conversations

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