

# TWINNING EXCHANGE BETWEEN EMIS GEF PROJECT AND WACOM IN DAKAR

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# I- IMPORTANCE OF THE TWINNING EXCHANGE BETWEEN EMIS AND WACOM

The EMIS GEF Project aims at Strengthening the capacity of national and local decision-makers to use a national environmental management information system as a means to contribute to the sustainable and integrated management of the coastal zone in Côte d'Ivoire

*Working in the coast of Cote d'Ivoire, it was important to reinforce the achievements of the EMIS project notably the Geoportal through the capacity building of the team in charge of its management and the exchange of data and information.*

The West African Coastal Observation Mission (WACOM) was searching for a way to get updated data on the Côte d'Ivoire coastal zone. WACOM's objective is to build the capacity of West African societies in order to prevent and respond to coastal hazards, mainly those induced by climate change and increasing social and economic issues in coastal areas.

*WACOM is thus reliant on member countries such as Côte d'Ivoire, to share updated information on coastal risk which can then be translated and interpreted for decision-makers.*



## II-RESULTS

The twinning exchange was arranged by **GEF IW:LEARN** from **19-23 February 2018** in **Dakar, Senegal** and hosted by the **Centre de Suivi Ecologique (CSE)**.

### 1- Plenary work chaired by the WACOM General Manager



### 2- Presentation of Ministry of Environment in Senegal



### 3- Technical session EMIS/WACOM



### 4- Visit of WACOM's different Units



## II-RESULTS (follow-up)

### Key outcomes:

1. The EMIS Geoportal is now the national platform that will be fed with the data collected by the WACOM national Focal Point. The Geoportal will be a channel whereby the Regional WACOM will access Cote d'Ivoire data and information on coastal zone management;
2. A specific MoU was established between the EMIS GEF Project and the Tropical Geography Institute (IGT) hosting the WACOM national focal Point so that the institution could contribute to the updating of data within the Geoportal and provide technical and scientific supports to the team in charge of the management of the Geoportal;



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3. The data and information on the coastal zone within the EMIS Project Geoportal were reorganized according to the 7 sectors of Cote d'Ivoire Coastline established by Regional WACOM;
4. Cote D'Ivoire set of data already in WACOM data base was shared with the EMIS project Geoportal to contribute to the dissemination of information at national level;
5. The Inter-sectoral committee involved in the control of coastal erosion will be used as the governance body of the EMIS geoportal. A workshop is scheduled in this regard with the members of this national committee to present the EMIS Geoportal and the results of WACOM.

### III- LESSONS LEARNED

During the week long exchange several lessons were learned by both the GEF EMIS project and WACOM :

- The need to have stronger leadership of the Ministry of Environment ;
- and the sustainability of the EMIS tool lies in good governance arrangements;
- The importance of using project implementation activities to collect and update data.



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# A family photo was made at the end of meeting with CSE staff and members of the mission





