

**Stakeholder Workshop – Mefou Supérieure Watershed
29/11/2012, MINKOAMEYOS**

Report: Fabian Becker, 30/11/2012

Persons present

01	Dr NDAM Jules Rém	University of Yaoundé I	99995829
02	FEUMBA Rodrigue Aimé	Assistant lecturer, ENS, University of Yaoundé I	77643623
03	ZOGNING MOFFO Maurice Olivier	PhD student, University of Yaoundé I	75355164
04	TOUKO Alain	Master student, University of Yaoundé I	9970215
05	FOUDA Antoine	Chief of Ozom II	99971986
06	ONANA Alexendre	Bachelor in sociology	75081380
07	Anette STUMPTNER	Researcher assistant, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany	
08	TENDRE Paul	Teacher, householder of meeting	77929728
09	BECKER Fabian	Master student, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany	90733837
10	OKOUDA MBA	President of development association of Metak	70019725
11	OYONO Gaspar	Chief of Metak	
12	NDZENGUE ENYEGUE Jean	Chief of Ozom I	98890290
13	MEVONO OTTOU	Representative of the Chief of Minkoameyos	77460826
14	TCHAMAGAM	Student	96833943
15	ABOUND Vincent	Chief of Nouma	99700215

In addition: another important, but absent, chief:

	ANKONO EWODO Joam	2 nd degree Chief of Leboudi I	77105516
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1. Welcome address and introduction round

Rodrigue welcomed all the persons and gave an introduction to the topic of the workshop. Everybody introduced oneself.

2. Introduction to IWM and the project

Anette, Rodrigue and Dr Ndam gave an introduction to IWM and explained which different factors are included in the approach. The importance of human aspects and the cooperation with local stakeholders was highlighted. The goal of livelihood improvement and the creation of a management plan was also explained.

3. Topics of Master/Ph. D.–students

All Master/Ph. D.–students presented their research topics in the watershed.

Olivier Zonging is working on recent land cover and land cover changes and their impacts on floods and **flood risk** in Yaoundé (his study covers also the lower parts of the Mefou and the Mfoundi Watershed in Yaoundé). His work includes a morphological and vegetational zonation of the watershed.

Alain Touko will work on **water quantity** and the water cycle in the watershed, especially on precipitation, discharge and evaporation.

Fabian Becker's research is on **soil erosion assessment**, which includes land cover (changes), soil erodibility and lake sediments in the Mefou reservoir.

Another (absent) Cameroonian master student will work on **water quality** and fresh water supply.

Also Wiebke Ott was introduced, an absent German master student, who will be in Cameroon for around 15 weeks from February only.

4. Role of AFFADE

Rodrigue explained the different roles of the IWM project and AFFADE in the watershed and the potential of a cooperation (AFFADE is a NGO working in the watershed in the name of CAMWATER on social and infrastructure development).

5. Questions and comments of the chiefs

A) The chiefs asked what the **role of the chiefs** in the project is and that the project expects from them

→ The possibility to do field work in their areas, assistance whenever needed, cooperation, because the project is about the problems of the local community

B) **All chiefs** of the watershed should be included, not only the chiefs present

C) **“Les portes sont ouvertes”** - the group of scientist and young researchers is welcome in the area, which incorporates collaboration and assistance whenever possible

D) Meetings should be **announced early**. The chiefs mentioned the need to put meetings and workshops on their timetable, because they can not do their daily stuff in this time

→ The workshop in the next year will be announced early and coordinated with the timetable of the chiefs and their agricultural work

E) The chiefs proposed to invite not only the chiefs to workshops, but also **other stakeholders** to discuss the problems of all members of the local community

F) All scientific work which will be done in the watershed should be **good for the people** living in the area

→ The scientific work and an exchange of experiences with South Africa and Kenya will help to find good solutions for the problems in Cameroon and the watershed

6. Establishment of a WUA

Paul and Rodrigue proposed the establishment of a Water User Association to implement a local community for all aspects of water supply. Paul and Rodrigue will take care of the official things to establish the WUA in the Mefou Supérieure Watershed. The chiefs agreed.

7. Joint dinner and farewell