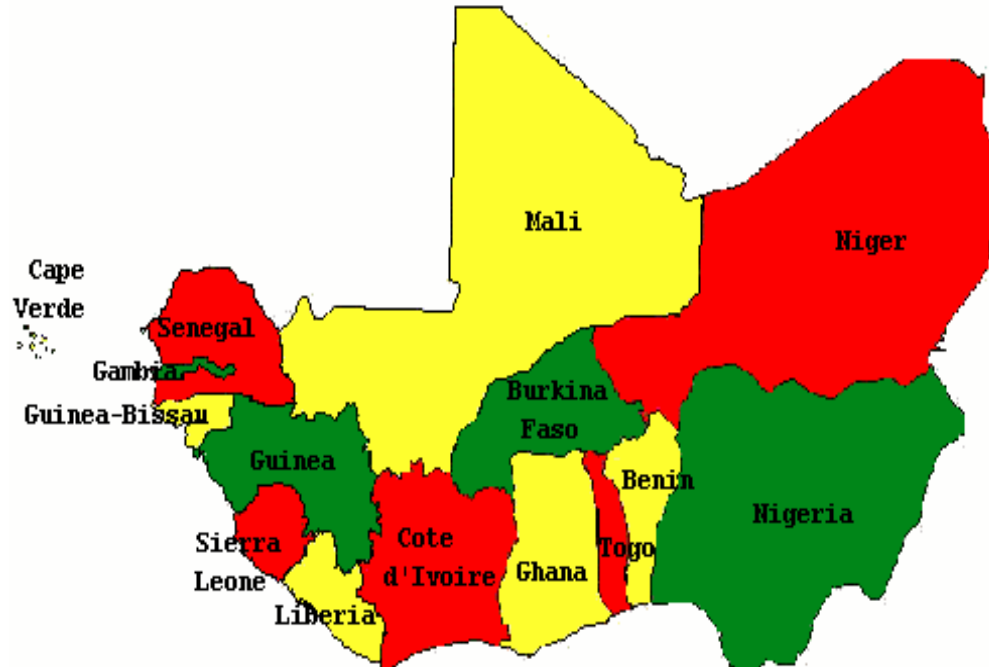


THE ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS)



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THE GAMBIA.
GHANA.
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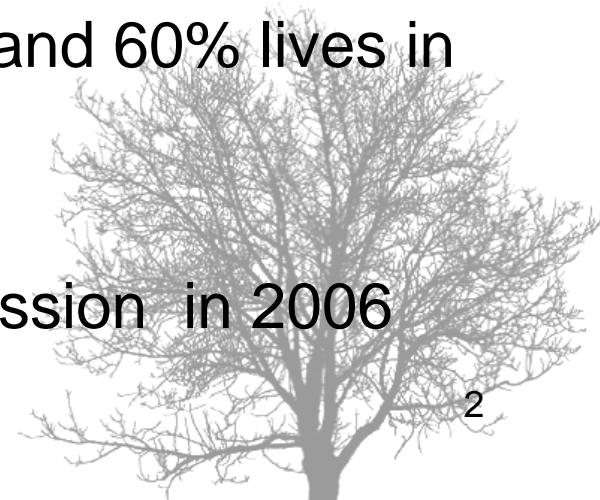
CLIMATE CHANGE CONCERNS MANAGEMENT AND PERSPECTIVES IN ECOWAS COMMISSION

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Some data on the ECOWAS

- Established by the treaty of 28th May 1975, revised in 1993, 16 Founding States (now 15)
- **The aims of the Community are to promote co-operation and integration, leading to the establishment of an economic union in West Africa in order to raise the living standards of its peoples, and to maintain and enhance economic stability, foster relations among Member States and contribute to the progress and development of the African Continent**
- Land Area of 5 Million km² and Climate from Semi-Arid to Humid Tropical
- Population of about 262 million people and 60% lives in rural areas
- **11 or 13** of the 15 countries are LDCs
- ECOWAS Secretariat become a Commission in 2006



CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

- **Art 3.2 a: harmonization and co-ordination of national policies and the promotion of programs, projects and activities,**
- Environmental policy was Adopted by the Heads of States in Dec. 2008
- The issue of climate change is not addressed specifically. It is found in the strategic focus 1 on environmental governance and capacity building through the implementation of conventions in particular.
- Actions are undertaken to face this gap.

UNDERTAKEN ACTIONS IN TO MANAGE CLIMATE CHANGE CONCERNS

- Adoption of a strategic sub-regional program to reduce vulnerability and adaptation to climate change in West Africa in march 2010 in Accra. 3 S.O:
 1. **STRENGTHENING THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL CAPACITY OF THE SUB REGION TO REDUCE VULNERABILITY TO CLIMATE CHANGE;**
 2. **PROMOTING THE INTEGRATION OF CLIMATE CHANGE ASPECTS INTO DEVELOPMENT AT POLICIES, STRATEGIES, PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS AT SUB-REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVELS;**
 3. **DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING SUB REGIONAL AND NATIONAL PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS ON ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE**

UNDERTAKEN ACTIONS IN TO MANAGE CLIMATE CHANGE CONCERNS (Cont..)

- Organization each year, since 2009 year a sub-regional consultations on climate change negotiations for members States
- Organization with UNCEA in January 2011 a regional workshop on integration of climate change environment concerns
- Organization of a workshop on capacity building on NAMAs for members States with the technical support of ACPC
- **But several initiatives in the field of climate change at the national and sub-regional level**

PERSPECTIVES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Preparation of a sub-regional strategic global program (Adaptation /Mitigation) on climate change (on going),
- Developed a coordination mechanism on climate change initiatives with national, sub - regional, regional and international Actors
- Develop at the national and sub-regional levels, capacity building programs to promote the mainstreaming of climate change and the low – carbon economy and sustainable development
- Promote adaptation and NAMAs programs

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