



Report

of the seventh meeting of the
joint committee in charge of
the management of the
fisheries promotion fund (FPF)





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THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

REPORT OF THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE IN CHARGE OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE FISHERIES PROMOTION FUND (FPF)

15-16, December, 2016

Marrakech, Morocco

1. The Eight meeting of the Joint Committee in charge of the management of the Fisheries Promotion Fund (FPF) was held on 15-16 December 2016 in Marrakech/Morocco
2. The following members of the Joint Committee attended the meeting: Côte d'Ivoire as Chairperson of the Bureau, Morocco (headquarters State, Gambia (Rapporteur), the Executive Secretariat of ATLAFCO and the Japanese Overseas Fisheries Cooperation Foundation (OFCF).
3. The list of participants is attached (**Appendix 1**).

OPENING CEREMONY

4. Mr. Abdelouahed BENABBOU Executive Secretary of ATLAFCO welcomed the participants and renewed his satisfaction with the holding of the height meeting of the Joint Committee in Marrakech, then he thanked OFCF of Japan for its praiseworthy support to ATLAFCO
5. Dr. Djôbo ANVERA JEANSON, on behalf of Hon. Kobenan Kouassi ADJOUMANI Minister of Animal and fisheries Resources of Côte d'Ivoire, Chairman of ATLAFCO, extended his deepest thanks to Japan for its continued support of ATLAFCO.
6. Mr. Yassine ELAROUSSI, representing the Fisheries Department of Morocco, thanked the Executive secretariat for the excellent job conducted by the Secretariat and has reaffirmed the readiness of his country to continue providing the required support to ATLAFCO. By the same occasion he stressed on the valuable support of OFCF to ATLAFCO.
7. Mrs. Fatimah Fatou SOSSEH JALLOW, representing the Ministry of Fisheries & Water Resources of Gambia thanked Executive Secretariat, and Japan for its support to ATLAFCO. She also greeted her own participation in the Joint Committee as rapporteur country.
8. In his address, Mr. Tomofumi KUME Vice President of OFCF, thanked ATLAFCO and its kind invitation to hold the 8th Joint Committee meeting in Marrakech.

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AGENDA

9. The agenda was discussed and unanimously adopted. It is attached as **(Appendix 2)**.

ACTIVITY REPORT FOR 2016

1. The Executive Secretary and the Financial Officer of ATLAFCO made a detailed review of the different activities carried out by the organization in 2016 and the relevant expenditures.
2. The meeting examined with great interest the activity report by the Executive Secretary and the Financial Officer of ATLAFCO.
3. After discussions and clarifications, the members of the Joint Committee expressed their satisfaction for the execution status of the 2016 Action Plan and for the remarkable efforts by ATLAFCO for its implementation.
4. In this regards, the members of the Committee approved the credits allocated to the implementation of activities under the action plan as contained in **(Appendix 3)**, as well as the account of the relevant results and expenditures **(Appendix 4)**.

OVERVIEW OF ACTIVITIES IN 2016

5. The 2016 action plan had four main objectives:
Objective 1: Conservation and sustainable use of fisheries resource
Objective 2: Improving the sector performance
Objective 3: Promotion of the regional trade of fisheries products
Objective 4: Enhancing ATLAFCO group in the international bodies
6. The committee reviewed the situation of commitments not yet paid to the 25/11/2016 **(Appendix 5)**
7. The Joint Committee has been notified of the update made on the situation of expenditure as of December 15, 2016 **(Appendix 6)**.

ACTION PLAN 2017

8. ATLAFCO's Executive Secretary presented the 2017 action plan which contains a new added objective concerning "the safety of vessels and seafarers"
9. ATLAFCO's Executive secretary took the opportunity to thank the OFCF for accepting the request done by the secretariat regarding the additional budget related to the new activities such as strengthening the participation of African scientists in different international organizations scientific committees, talking the phenomenon of Piracy at sea particularly in west African region...
10. OFCF informed the members of the Joint Committee on the details related to additional credit that the first installment will be effective on 2017.
11. Discussion among members of the Joint Committee led to the finalization of the 2017 action plan.
12. The budget for the action plan was reviewed and approved for the implementation of this program, attached in **(Appendix 7)**.

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13. The Secretariat of ATLAFCO shall inform OFCF of the details of the scheduled activities.

THE FUTURE OF THE FISHERIES PROMOTION FUND

1. The Executive Secretary reported that the Fisheries Promotion Fund reached its 8th year out of 10. Taking into account its results achieved, the Executive Secretary highlighted the importance of the FPF for the African countries members of ATLAFCO especially their fisheries communities who expressed their appreciations for the cooperation made through this Fund.
2. The Executive Secretary took the opportunity to thank the Japanese Authorities and the people of Japan through OFCF and requested from the Japanese part the possibility of extending and improving such cooperation.
3. It was agreed to raise this issue during the next JC meeting in 2017.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

1. This report was unanimously adopted.
2. This report was written in English.

CLOSING OF THE MEETING

The Chairman of the Joint Committee adjourned the 8th session of the Joint Committee on December 16, 2016 at 13:02.

Done in Marrakech, Morocco

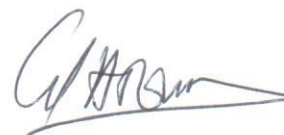


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APPENDIX 1



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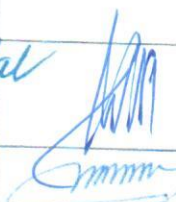
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Appendix 2



8th meeting of the Joint Committee of Fisheries Promotion Fund Marrakech, 15-16 December, 2016

Agenda

Thursday, December 15, 2016

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| 09h00 – 10h00: | Welcome speeches |
| 10h00 – 10h30: | Presentation and adoption of the draft agenda |
| 10h30 – 12h00: | Presentation of the 2016 activity report (ATLAFCO) |
| 12h00 – 13h00: | Additional budget 2016 (OFCF) |
| 13h00 – 14h30: | Lunch |
| 15h00 – 16h30: | Discussions |
| 16h30 – 17h00 | Adoption of the report |
| 17h00 : | End of the first session |

Friday, December 16, 2016

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| 09h00 – 10h00: | Presentation of the 2017 Action Plan draft |
| 10h00 – 10h30: | Discussions |
| 10h30 – 10h45: | Coffee Break |
| 10h45 – 11h30: | Discussions (cont'd) |
| 11h30 – 13h00: | Adoption of the 2017 Action Plan |
| 13h00 – 14h30: | Lunch |
| 15h00 – 16h00: | Presentation of the final version of the 2017 Action Plan |
| 16h00 – 16h30: | Discussions (cont'd) |
| 16h30 – 17h00: | The future of the Fisheries Promotion Fund |
| 17h00 : | End of the Session |

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