

**FINANCING OF BASIN
ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR
PROGRAMMES
VOLTA BASIN ORGANIZATION**

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INTRODUCTION

- **The Volta Basin is shared by 6 riparian countries – Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Benin, Togo, Mali and Ghana**
- **A Volta Basin Organization (VBO) is yet to be formed. Preparatory activities going on**
- **Expert meeting of the 6 riparian countries in Ouagadougou, 29-30 July 2004 resolved to establish a Volta Basin Technical Committee (VBTC)**
- **No formal discussions completed on details and mechanisms for financing the VBO**

FUNDING OF PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES

- **1. Country contributions – Financial support for meetings and experts; Infrastructure**
- **2. Donor and Partner support – e.g., EU support, DANIDA**

FUNDING OF OTHER ACTIVITIES

- ***GEF*: Volta Project**
- ***IUCN and GWP*: Improving Water Governance in the Volta River Basin**
- ***Green Cross International*: Water for Peace programme in the Volta Basin**
- ***CGIAR*: Challenge Program for Water and Food**
- ***WMO*: Volta Hydrological Cycle Observing System (HYCOS) Project**

FUTURE MECHANISMS

1. Country Contributions – details to be worked out on the basis of, e.g.

- **Proportion of basin in each country**
- **Location of Secretariat**
- **Solidarity**
- **Examples from other Basin Organizations**

Discussions to be held during future meeting of VBTC

Challenge to the commitment of riparian countries

2. Donor and Partner support –

e.g., EU support (DANIDA, AfD, SIDA, etc), ADB, CIDA

I wish to use this opportunity to invite all stakeholders and well wishers to support the establishment and operations of the VBO

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION