

STRATEGIC FORESIGHT GROUP

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WATER COOPERATION: THE VOLTA BASIN



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Riparian Countries



Country	% of Basin Area	% of Country
Benin	3.41	12.1
Burkina Faso	42.9	62.4
Cote d'Ivoire	2.48	3.1
Ghana	41.6	70.1
Mali	3.12	1.0
Togo	6.41	45.0

The Volta Basin Authority (VBA)

Informal links between Ghana and Burkina in the 1970s

Formally established in January 2007 by the Convention on the Status of the Volta River and Establishment of the Volta Basin Authority to:

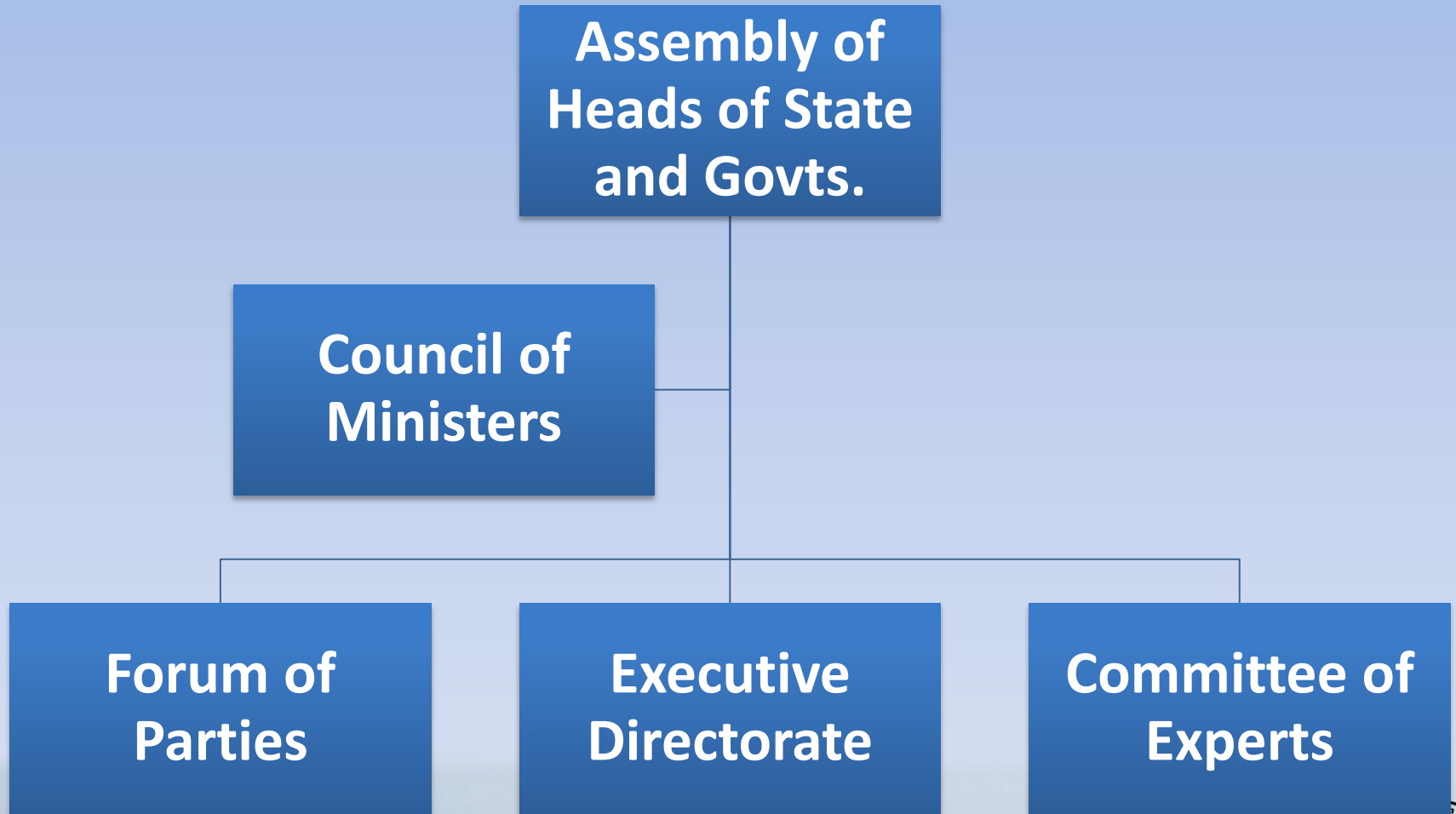
- i. Promote permanent consultation tools among the parties;**
- ii. Promote implementation of IWRM and the equitable distribution of the benefits;**
- iii. Authorize the development of infrastructure and projects that could have substantial impact on the basin;**
- iv. Develop joint projects and works;**
- v. Contribute to poverty alleviation, ...and better socioeconomic integration in the sub-region.**



Convention came into force August 2009



Permanent Organs



VBA 5-Year Strategic Plans

1st Strategic Plan: 2010-2014

Strengthening of institutional framework and operationalization of all permanent organs;

Technical and Financial Partners Consultative Group;

Expansion of knowledge on the state of water resources;

Recruitment of key staff;

VBA Observatory



VBA 5-Year Strategic Plans

2nd Strategic Plan: 2015-2019 (KPI of IOW)

Strengthening VBA's position in regional integration and economic development policies in the Volta basin

- **Water Charter**
- **Communication Plan**
- **Master Plan for Development and WRM**
- **National Focal Structures**
- **Protection of Ecosystems**

**WB/GEF Volta Basin Strategic Action Programme
Implementation Project (VSIP)**



Water Cooperation

Indicators	Comments
<i>1. Agreement</i>	Convention; with clearly defined jurisdiction;
<i>2. Commission</i>	VBA; started as a Technical Committee;
<i>3. Ministerial Meetings</i>	Part of statutes but frequency of meetings changed due to financial/staff constraints;
<i>4. Tech. Projects</i>	VHP Capacity building; VSIP Ecosystems protection;
<i>5. Env. Protection and QC</i>	Partially, more after dev of Water Charter;
<i>6. Joint WFlows Monitoring</i>	VHP and VBA Observatory;
<i>7. Floods, Dams & Reservoirs</i>	Flood management between BF and GH - notification and consultation;
<i>8. High Political Commitment</i>	Not very effective; only one meeting held since 2007
<i>9. Integration into Econ. Coop.</i>	BOs in West Africa are too distant from REC
<i>10. Actual Functioning</i>	Possible but complicated ...late establishment of VBA; WC and MP required; financial challenges

Financial Contributions

Cost Sharing Formula

- i. Surface area of the basin;**
- ii. Resident population;**
- iii. Annual per capita income of Member States;**
- iv. Solidarity among States - equal sharing of 30% of operational costs.**

Country	%
Benin	10
Burkina Faso	29
Cote d'Ivoire	09
Ghana	29
Mali	09
Togo	15

VBA in Perspective

Catalyzed by SDGs

**Establishment /
Convention in force -
2009**

Legal/Institutional Framework:

Water Charter -2018

Technical Framework:

Master Plan - 2020?

**Capacity Building and
Management: Human,
Financial, Procedures**

**Strengthening Data
collection/Knowledge
base/DM Tools
/Partnerships**

**Contracting
Authority - 2025?**

**Mature and reliable VBA - Increased
Water Coop.; >2030 ?**



***THANK YOU FOR YOUR
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