



**MINUTES OF MEETINGS
ON
INTERIM REPORT (2)
FOR
THE STUDY
ON
SAHEL OASIS DEVELOPMENT
IN THE REPUBLIC OF NIGER**

Niamey, May 19th 2008


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In response to the Scope of Work (hereinafter referred to as "S/W") agreed upon between the Preliminary Study Team of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (hereinafter referred to as "JICA"), the Ministry of Agricultural Development (hereinafter referred to as "MDA") and the Ministry of Water Resources, Ministry of Environment and Desertification control (hereinafter referred to as "MHE/LCD") on February 3rd 2005, JICA Study Team headed by Mr OSUGA Kimio submitted twenty (20) copies of the Interim Report (2) in French version to the Direction for Study and Planning, MDA on 9th May 2008. These twenty copies of Interim Report (2) were distributed to different members of the Steering Committee. The Study Team explained the contents of the Interim Report (2) to Nigerien side in the third Steering Committee meeting held at the conference room in Ministry of Agricultural Development in Niamey on 19th May 2008.

The list of participants for this meeting is attached in Annex 1.

The 3rd meeting of the steering committee was lead by the General Secretary of the Ministry of Agricultural Development and has started by an opening speech trough which he has thanked the participants at this meeting, he has then continued by reminding the participants on the previous activities done such as this Interim Report.

It was then in turn of the Resident Representative of JICA in Niger to carry out the speech, he first thanked the participants and then expressed his satisfaction

The presentation of the Interim Report (2) during this 3rd meeting of the steering committee of the Development Studies of Sahel OASIS in Niger Republic was focused on the following:

- Proposition of a new version Action Plan
- Actual situation about the execution of pilot projects

After the exchanges of interesting ideas the participants has agreed on the following:

- Taking in consideration of some preoccupations of authorities of some Ministries such as Ministry of Environment and Desertification Control, The Ministry of Animal Resources, and the Ministry of Water Resources; the Study Team will be in concert with the Authorities of various Ministries
- Taking in account all the development aspects for valuing of mini-dams
- Making the rice cultivation more important in valuing of mini-dams corresponding to the new Government political orientation
- Taking in account the results and achievements of some other projects that have intervenc in the same order in setting in action plan concerned with organization and assistance /advise to the producers.
- The Village Development Committee and Cooperatives are different structures, viewing the

main objective is to value mini-dams, maintaining the proposition of setting in place cooperatives of farmers before setting in place the Village Development Committee in accordance with the Action Plan

- Conforming the action plan to the different Rural Development Strategies such as Program 4-1 and program 11.

The steering committee has approved the interim report (2) of the Study under the condition of taking in consideration of the participants' comments.

ANNEXE 1 LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AT STEERING COMMITTEE

1. Nigerian Side

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Ministère de la Santé Publique

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Ministère de l'Education de l'Education Nationale

Mme YAYE Salamatou de la DEP (Direction des Etudes et de la Programmation): Excusé

Ministère des Ressources Animales

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Représentant: Excusé

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M. Ali RANAOU de la DGPS (Direction Générale des Programmes Sectoriels)

HCRA (Haut Commissariat à la Réforme Administrative et à la Décentralisation)

Représentant : Excusé.

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2 Japanese Side

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**MINUTES OF MEETINGS
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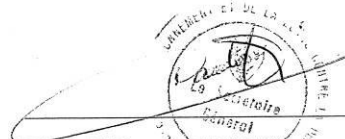
Niamey, August 17th 2009



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These twenty five copies of the Draft Final Report were distributed to different members of the Steering Committee. The Study Team explained the contents of the Draft Final Report to Nigerien side in the fourth Steering Committee meeting held at the conference room in Ministry of Agricultural Development in Niamey on 17th August 2009.

The list of participants for this meeting is attached in Annex 1.

The 4th meeting of the steering committee was lead by the General Secretary of the Ministry of Agricultural Development. After his opening speech, the meeting continued with the presentation of participants. It was then the speech of the Coordinator of the Study witch was focused on the following:

- The generalities on the study
- The results obtained within the frame work of the improvement of farmer's incomes
- The Action Plan

After this speech, the discussions started to allow the participants to bring their contributions to various documents presented.

At the end of these discussions, the Director of Studies and Planning of the Ministry of Agricultural Development presented the progress report of the implementation of the action plan and informed the participants of the next phase of the JICA project preparatory mission.

It was then the turn of the responsible in charge of projects planning and coordination in JICA to present the program of the next phase of the JICA project preparatory mission announced by the DEP of the Ministry of Agricultural Development.

On the other hand, the Head of the Study team asked the participants to transmit their observations to be taken into consideration concerning the draft final report within one (1) month.

The representative resident JICA in Niger thanked the participants to attain the meeting before asking for

the continuation of the collaboration within the frame work of the implementation of the action plan in particular and with the JICA Representation in Niger.

After the interesting discussions, the participants to the fourth Steering Committee of the Study of Sahel Oasis Development in Niger Republic presented a satisfactory letter to the study team such as:

- The methodology developed within the frame work of the study was participative,
- The periodic meetings permitted to set a permanent contact with the study team members; it is an initiative that must be capitalized for other projects
- The organization of consultative committee at regional level to take into consideration the situation on the field
- The integrated support/advisory unit which considers all other actors in the implementation.

At the end of the meeting, the participants to the fourth Steering Committee of the Study of Sahel Oasis Development in Niger Republic recommended the following:

- Allowing some members of the steering committee to carry out a mission on field before holding the meeting of the so committee,
- To insist more on the development of a synergy between different intervenients in the project zone,
- To integrate the results of the environmental assessment of the study in the final report,
- To define and to formalize the role of counterparts of national level,

The Steering committee approved the draft final report of the Study in the condition of taking into consideration of above observations.

ANNEXE 1: LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AT FOURTH STEERING COMMITTEE

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 M. Gado MAOUNA DAC/POR (Direction of Cooperative Action and Promotion of Rural Organizations)

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 M. Ibrahim Abdoul Nasser DEP (Direction of Studies and Planning)
 M. Habou YAHAYA DGE/EF (General Direction of Environment, Water and Forests)

Ministry of Water Resources

M. Haladou Abdou DEP (Direction of Studies and Planning)
 Mis. Fatimatou Z. Issoufou DRE ME

Ministry of Territory Planning and Community Development

Excused

Ministry of Health

M. Dodo HAMZA de la DEP (Direction of Studies and Planning)

Ministry of Education

Mme YAYE Salamatou DEP (Direction of Studies and Planning)

Ministry of Animal Resources

M . Hassoumi Nomao DEP(Direction of Studies and Planning)

Ministry of Woman Development and Child Protection

M. Sani Ali DEP (Direction of Studies and Planning)

Ministry of Economy and Finances

M. Ali RANAOU de la DGPS (General Direction of Sectorial Programs)

HCAR (High Control to the Administrative Reform and Decentralization)

M. Ango Saley, representing the High control manager

Executive Secretary of the Rural Development Strategy (ES/RDS) :

Excused

2 Japanese Side

JICA Office in Niger

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M. Abba MAHAMADOU, in charge of agriculture

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M. Mahamadou MOUHA, Coordinator

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