

NPT country information - Benin

Identification of sectors and projects

Benin was added to the list of NPT countries in December 2003. In December 2004, stakeholders provided inputs to the implementation plan which was formally adopted by the responsible ministries in January 2005. The plan covers two sectors: water and agriculture.

Identification of the weaknesses was based on:

- Strategy paper of the Ministry of Higher Education and Research (MESRS).
- Action plan for the Ministry of Technical and Vocational Education (METFP).
- Study of the training capacity in both sectors.

Weaknesses to be addressed:

- Relevance of water and agricultural training for the labour market.
- Multidisciplinary education and research.
- Absence of or outdated curricula and pedagogical approaches.

A. Water Sector

In the water sector, five projects were identified. They cover all public tertiary training institutions and all disciplines relevant for drinking water and sanitation:

- Civil engineering.
- Integrated water resource management for agriculture (IWRM).
- Scientific and technological aspects of drinking water and sanitation.
- Mid-career training in the field of water and sanitation and IWRM.
- Second cycle of Technical Lyceums (LT; added at specific request of MESRS and METFP). The tertiary institutions that develop training programmes, curricula, and teacher training for LT are strengthened to deliver these services.

B. Agricultural sector

Four projects were identified, covering all disciplines relevant for agricultural training:

- Scientific training and research.
- Technology in agriculture.
- Mid-career training.
- Second cycle of Technical Lyceums for Agricultural Training (LT; see remarks above).

Projects

A. Water sector: 5 projects

A.1 (NPT/BEN/132) - Centre Autonome de Perfectionnement

- Ecole Polytechnique Abomey-Calavi (CAP-EPAC), Faculté des Sciences Agronomiques (FSA-UAC)

- Faculté des Sciences et Techniques (FAST-UAC) de l'Université d'Abomey Calavi.

Dutch partner: Noordelijke Hogeschool Leeuwarden (NHL)

Websites: www.nhl.nl / www.epac.bj.refer.org

Project start/end: 01-01-2006 – 31-12-2009

Aim: To develop continuous professional training in the fields of drinking water, sanitation and integrated water resource management for agriculture.

A.2 (NPT/BEN/145) Faculté des Sciences Agronomiques (FSA); Université Abomey Calavi

Dutch partner: Wageningen University (WUR)

Websites: www.wur.nl / www.fsa.bj.refer.org

Project start/end: 01-11-2005 – 30-11-2008

Aim: To develop a training curriculum in integrated water resource management for agriculture.

A.3 (NPT/BEN/151) Ecole Polytechnique Abomey-Calavi (EPAC) ; Université Abomey Calavi

Dutch partner: Van Hall Larenstein University for Professional Education (VHL)

Websites: www.vanhall-larenstein.nl / www.larenstein.com / www.epac.bj.refer.org

Project start/end: 01-01-2006 – 31-12-2009

Aim: To develop training programmes in hydraulic engineering for drinking water and sanitation.

A.4 (NPT/BEN/153) Faculté des Sciences et Techniques (FAST), Université Abomey Calavi
Dutch partner: Wageningen University (WUR)

Websites: www.wur.nl

Project start/end: 01-01-2006 – 31-12-2009

Aim: To strengthen the institutional capacity and training & research capacity in the field of drinking water and sanitation.

A.5 (NPT/BEN/159) - Ecole Polytechnique Abomey-Calavi (EPAC),
- Ecole Normale Supérieure de l'Enseignement Technique (ENSET),
- La Direction de l'Inspection Pédagogique et de l'Innovation Technologique (DIPIT)

Dutch partner: Van Hall Larenstein University for Professional Education (VHL)

Websites: www.vanhall-larenstein.nl / www.larenstein.com / www.epac.bj.refer.org

Project start/end: 01-01-2006 – 31-12-2009

Aim: To assist in the development of training programmes in drinking water and sanitation for Technical Lyceums.

B. Agricultural sector: 4 projects

B.1 (NPT/BEN/146) Faculté des Sciences Agronomiques (FSA) ; Université Abomey Calavi

Dutch partner: IAC DLO Wageningen

Websites: www.iac.wur.nl / www.wi.wur.nl / www.fsa.bj.refer.org

Project start/end: 01-03-2006 – 28-02-2010

Aim: To strengthen the training programmes and research capacity in the field of agriculture.

B.2 (NPT/BEN/183) Faculté Agronomique, Université Parakou

Dutch partner: Wageningen University (WUR)

Websites: www.zod.wau.nl/bureau / www.wur.nl

Project start/end: 01-02-2006 – 31-01-2010

Aim: To strengthen the training programmes and research capacity in the field of agriculture

B.3 (NPT/BEN/193) Centre Autonome de Perfectionnement, Ecole Polytechnique Abomey-Calavi (CAP-EPAC)

Dutch partner: DLO-WI

Websites: www.wi.wur.nl / www.epac.bj.refer.org

Project start/end: 01-07-2006 – 30-06-2010

Aim: To develop continuous professional training in the field of agriculture

B.4 (NPT/BEN/216) - Ecole Polytechnique Abomey-Calavi (EPAC),
- Ecole Normale Supérieure de l'Enseignement Technique (ENSET),
- La Direction de l'Inspection Pédagogique et de l'Innovation Technologique (DIPIT)

Dutch partner: Van Hall Larenstein University for Professional Education (VHL)

Websites: www.vanhall-larenstein.nl / www.larenstein.com / www.epac.bj.refer.org

Project start/end: 01-09-2006 – 31-08-2010

Aim: To assist in the development of training programmes in agriculture Agricultural Technical Lyceums.

Contact

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