

The purpose of the present Charter is to encourage cooperation based on solidarity and reciprocity for a sustainable, equitable and coordinated use of the Niger Basin hydrographic catchment area. To this end it aims to:

- reinforce solidarity and promote integration and sub-regional economic cooperation between the Member States;
- promote integrated management of the Niger Basin water resources;
- promote the harmonisation and monitoring of national policies for the preservation and protection of the Niger Basin hydrographic catchment area;
- define the procedures for examination and approval of new projects which use water or which could affect the quality of water;
- provide a framework to the principles and procedures for the allocation of water resources between the various use sectors and the associated benefits;
- determine the rules related to the protection and preservation of the environment in accordance with the sustainable development objectives;
- maintain the integrity of ecosystems through protection of aquatic ecosystems against the deterioration of basins;
- protect public health through control of disease vectors;
- define the principles and rules for the prevention and settlement of disputes regarding the use of Niger Basin water resources;
- define the procedures for the participation of water users in decision-making processes regarding Basin water resources management;
- promote and facilitate dialogue and consultation between the Member States in the design and execution of programmes, projects and all other development activities affecting or which could affect the Basin water resources;
- promote research and technological development, information exchange, reinforcement of capacities, in particular as regards the IWRM and the use of adequate technologies for the management of the Niger Basin hydrographic catchment area;

1. Annex 1 to the Water Charter relating to the protection of the environment requires States to carry out an ESIA for all projects and activities with significant negative impact on the environment and water resources of the pool. It specifies the content of the ESIA report and the administrative procedure for the assessment and examination of the ESIA. A Guide for quality assurance of ESIA reports has been adopted by the countries to enable the NBA to manage the ESIA of works with cross-border impact.

2. Annex 2, relating to the water regulation for the coordinated management of structural dams. Its objectives are to define the general rules, methods and constraints for the coordinated management of all existing and future structuring dams on the Niger River and its tributaries,

while taking into account the major social, economic and environmental challenges of the watershed. hydrographic. This appendix should be finalized at the end of 2019.

3. Annex 3 to the Water Charter, relating to the prior notification of planned measures, requires promoter States to notify the other States and the NBA of any planned project likely to have significant negative effects for Niger Basin hydro-systems or the other Basin States. This annex is accompanied by technical documents relating to the nomenclature of planned measures subject to prior notification or declaration, and to the content of the notification and declaration files.

4. Annex 4 to the Water Charter, relating to the sharing of costs and benefits of common works or works of common interest, determines the cost-benefit sharing model applicable to any common work or work of common interest carried out in the Niger basin. This appendix fixes, among other things, the parameters for calculating the sharing rule and the methodology for determining the cost and benefit distribution key.

5. Annex N°5 The Niger Basin Water Charter, relating to the legal status of common infrastructure and infrastructure on common Interest. The purpose of this Annex is to determine the legal status of the common infrastructure and infrastructure of common interest in the Niger Basin.

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