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The Mouhoun Basin was selected to be the pilot basin for the establishment of a new Water Policy in Burkina Faso

IOWater is implementing a program which started in 2013 for a 2-year duration. It aims to support the Burkinabe Authorities in their approach to IWRM, through the development of methodologies and tools for knowledge and good water resources management in the Mouhoun Basin, under the partnership between the Mouhoun Water Agency (AEM) and the French Adour-Garonne and Seine-Normandy Water Agencies.

A first mission on the topics of planning and governance took place in Burkina Faso in March 2014. It was the opportunity to help in the drafting of the Master Plan for Water Development and Management (SDAGE) of the Mouhoun, which was finally adopted in July 2014.

The French partners received a high-level delegation of AEM and the Ministry of Water and Hydraulic Structures to show concretely and through case studies the French "Water Police" practices.

Finally, in the context of the gradual establishment of the "Financial Contribution to Water" adopted in Burkina Faso in 2009, a fact-finding mission took place early 2015 in Dédougou, AEM home office, to work on the recovery of this tax on water withdrawals in the basin.

Knowledge and characterization of users being a prerequisite, capacity building in data management has also been proposed.

The Mouhoun Water Agency has now a "SDAGE" (Basin Management Plan), the first one in Burkina.

Cooperation efforts are now focusing on the implementation of a Program of Measures to achieve the selected objectives..

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