



# Joint Asia –African Water Cycle Symposium

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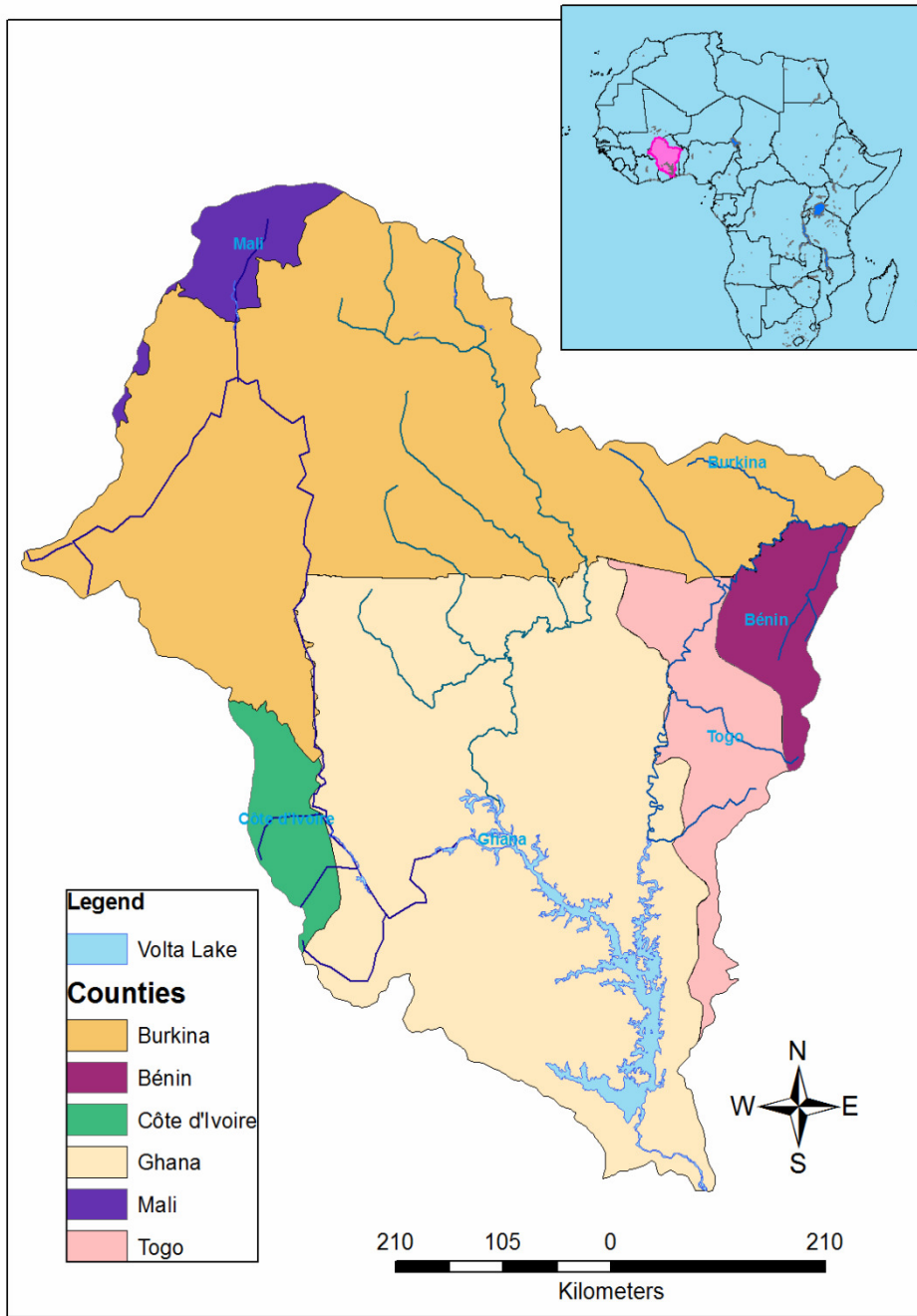
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**Project Design Matrix (PDM) by VOLTA BASIN  
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Location map of the Volta Basin in Africa



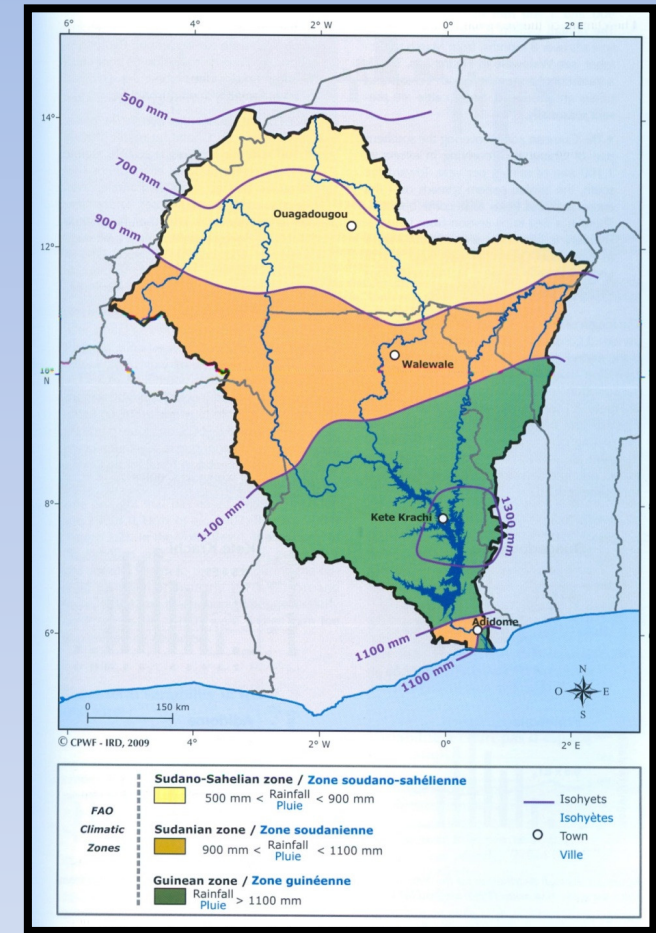
## Volta Basin Member States

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



# Rainfall and Agro-Ecological Zones and Water Resources

- i. Spatial variability - **south-north gradient**;
  - ii. Medium-term variability - **alternating dry & wet periods basin-wide**;
  - iii. Strong spatial and short-term variability **within a given season**
- **The Sudano-Sahelian Zone: 500-900 mm – BF and MA**
  - **The Sudanian Zone: 900-1,100 mm – northern GH, CI, BE & TG**
  - **The Guinean Zone: >1,100m; bimodal rainfall; southern GH**



## Surface Water Resources

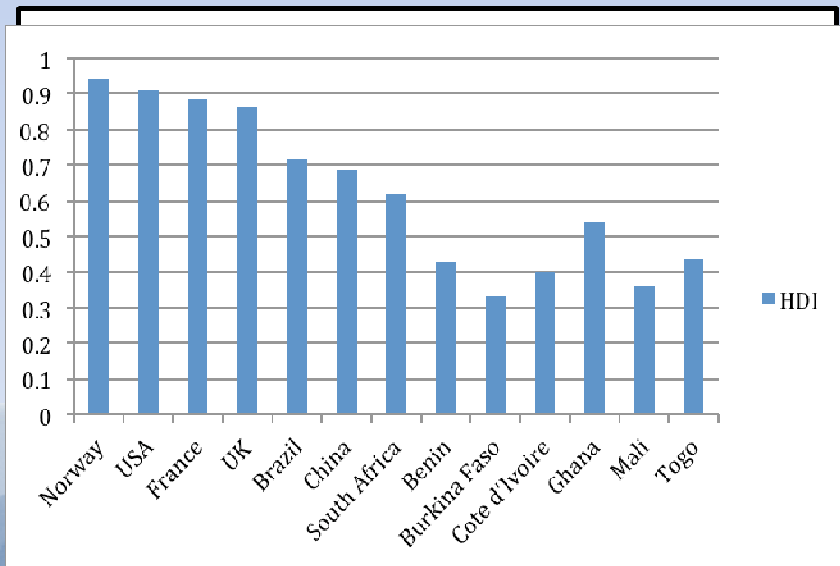
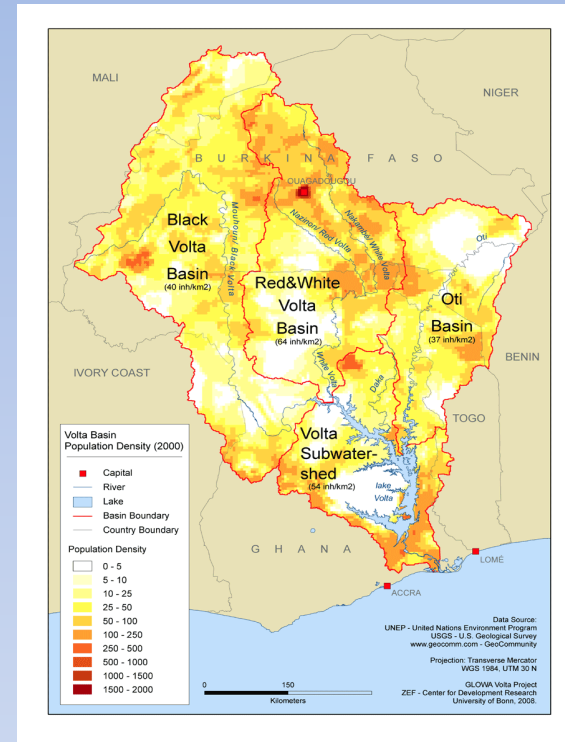
Sub-basin	Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	Contribution
<b>Black Volta</b>	<b>149,015</b>	<b>18%</b>
<b>White</b>	<b>104,749</b>	<b>20%</b>

<b>Oti</b>	<b>72,778</b>	<b>26%</b>
<b>Others</b>		<b>36%</b>



# Population

- **Basin population 18.6 million in 2000;**
- **Projected to reach 33.9 million in 2025;**
- **Rural pop. 70% ;**
- **Live on natural resources**



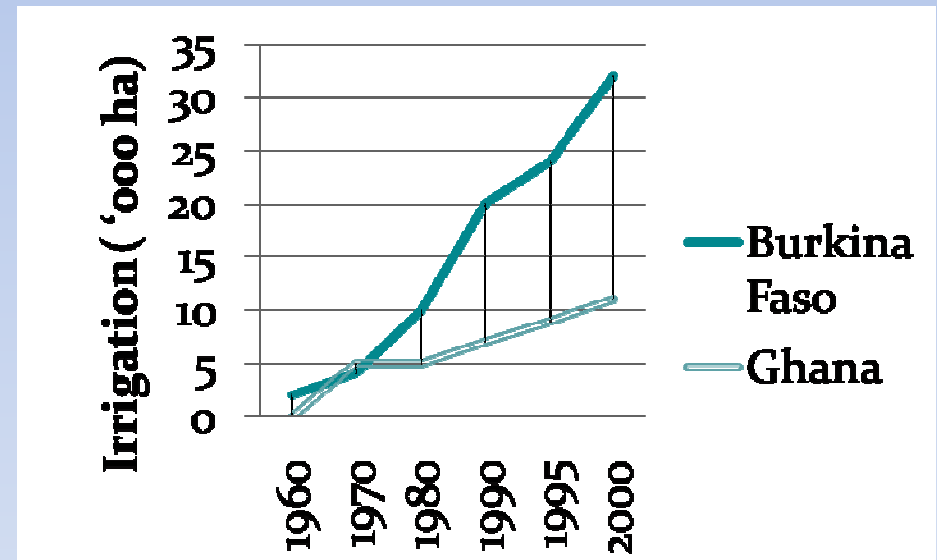
- **Export of primary commodities;**
- **2012 HDI mostly <0.5 (UNDP, 2012)**



# Agricultural Production Systems

- **Agricultural production about 40% of basin economic output;**
- **Most cultivation still rain-fed;**
- **Production increases largely due to expansion of agric. land;**
- **Cropping systems distributed in the agro-climatic regions;**
- **Livestock - important upstream water use;**
- **Fisheries in large reservoirs;**

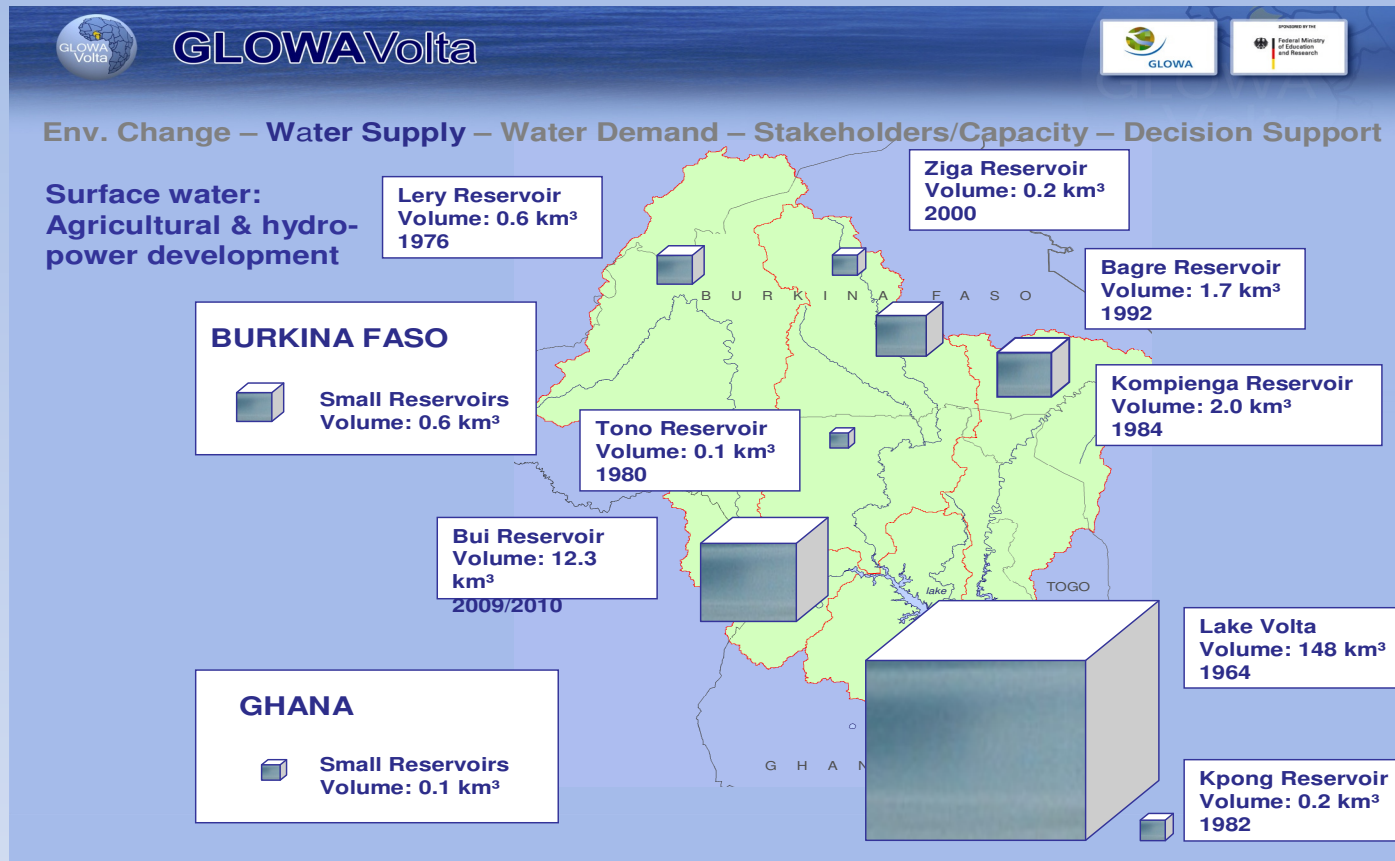
**Irrigated agriculture relatively developed in BF**



**Climate Change Adaptation could lead to more water retention upstream**

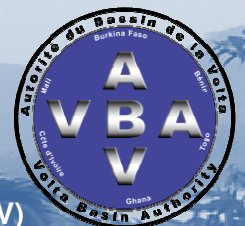


# Development Challenges -Large Dams/Reservoirs



## Top 2 Prioritised Water Resources Challenges

- ✓ Degradation of Aquatic Ecosystems
- ✓ Changes in water quantity and seasonality of flows



# Project purpose/ Outputs

The purpose of the project is to improve upon the quantitative and qualitative data in the basin

## Outputs

- 1. Demonstrate quantitative and qualitative improvement of water cycle observations**
- 2. Demonstrate flood and drought early warning capability**
- 3. Assess climate change impacts on floods, droughts and water-nexus**
- 4. Prototype data and information integration and sharing systems**
- 5. Improve observational, modeling and application capacity**



# Activities and Key Leaders and Contributors

## Lead Organizations

Volta Basin Authority (VBA) / AGRHYMET

### 1. Demonstrate quantitative and qualitative improvement of water cycle observation:

- **Transmitting** rain gauge data to the Lead Organization's Data Facility and sharing the data by Internet for producing bias-corrected satellite-based rainfall map to be disseminated to wide communities (WMO/HYCOS, ESA, TIGER-NET, NASA, NOAA, JAXA, DIAS)
- **(In-situ and satellite** observation data archive  
WMO/HYCOS, UNEP/GMES, UNESCO/G-WADI, UNESC-WMO/IGRAC, Tiger heritage, ODA project heritage, AMMA,
- **Reanalysis** (ECMWF, NCEP, JMA), ESA, NASA, NOAA, JAXA, CEOS Water Portal, GEOWOW, NASA-SERVIR, DIAS





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- **Climate data archive** at least past 20 years which correspond to the availability of the GCM model outputs.

WMO/HYCOS, Reanalysis (ECMWF, NCEP, JMA), ESA, NASA, NOAA, JAXA, CEOS Water Portal, GEOWOW, NASA-SERVIR, DIAS

- **Acquisition and installation** of integrated meteorological observation network covering the parts of the Volta basin.

WMO/HYCOS, AfDB, EU, JICA.

## 2. Demonstrate flood and drought early warning capability

- Develop distributed physically-based hydrological models including simulation ability for runoff, evapotranspiration,
  - soil moisture, ground water and vegetation growth. CREST, DIAS, science community
- Prototype real-time data integration systems for satellite data bias correction, hydrological modeling including data assimilation and information dissemination (ACMAD, ECMWF, National Weather Services, GEOWOW, NASA-SERVIR, UNESCO-IFI, UNESCO-Princeton Univ., DIAS)



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## 3. Assess climate change impacts on floods, droughts and water-nexus

- Selection of GCMs which can express the regional climate (PCMDI, DIAS, science communities)
- Bias correction and downscaling (PCMDI, CORDEX, DIAS, science communities)
- Socio-economic data archive: GLOWASIS; Assessment of the changes of flood, drought and water-nexus (GLOWASIS, CORDEX, DIAS, science communities)

## 4. Prototype data and information integration and sharing systems

- Develop an integrated water portal for improving data accessibility and data sharing (CEOS Water Portal, GEOWOW, NASA-SERVIR, DIAS)
- Prototype a data integration and analysis and information dissemination system

## 5. Improve observational, modeling and application capacity

- Develop training modules and design and implement training courses (Tiger, UNESCO, NASA-SERVIR, RCMRD, ITC, UNU, UTokyo,
- Promote secondary educational program in collaboration with universities (ITC, UNU, UTokyo)



*Thank you for your attention*



Bénin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, Togo

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