

**IASCP West African Meeting
Held at the Palm Beach Hotel
Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
24-25 September 2001**

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting was twofold. First, the meeting was organized to encourage and prepare individuals from Francophone African countries for participation in IASCP2002. Secondly, the meeting was organized in order to increase awareness of and participation in IASCP activities by creating a West African IASCP network.

Day 1: 24 September 2001

The meeting opened with a welcome from Hubert Oudraogo and was followed by Boubacar Ba's outline of the structure of the meeting. The meeting was organized into three sessions (Orientation, Presentations, and Regional Planning).

Session 1. Orientation

Since many of the participants had little prior knowledge about IASCP, the first part of the meeting was used as an orientation session. After the welcome and introductions, Michelle Curtain (IASCP) provided participants with an overview of the origin and mission of IASCP. Next, Patrick Mamimine (CASS) shared information about IASCP2002 including thematic information, abstract deadline, and general information about the conference venue. The orientation session ended with a theoretical overview on the commons presented by Owen Lynch (CIEL).

Session 2. Individual Presentations

Each participant was given ten minutes to present and answer questions related to their research interests. Many of the participants had already prepared their abstracts for IASCP2002 and presented those during the meeting. Information about each participant's presentation can be found in the attached report by Boubacar Ba.

Day 2: 25 September 2001

(Session 2-continued - Individual Presentations.) At the conclusion of this session, participants were provided with suggestions for revising and submitting their abstracts. General information about how papers are selected and then organized into panels or poster sessions was provided.

Session 3. Regional Planning

Hubert Oudraogo provided the participants with information about how to organize a network and advice about how to ensure the success of an IASCP-West African Network. Recently, Landnet, a network for those interested in Land Issues, was organized in West Africa. Therefore, the participants discussed the similarity in goals of the IASCP regional network and that of Landnet. The participants discussed the relevance of beginning a West African Network, identified some short-term goals and decided to begin a list-serve to continue the discussion.