I.A.S.C.P. REGIONALIZATION THOUGHT PROCESSES AT THE LEVEL OF WEST AFRICAN FRENCH-SPEAKING AREAS.

1. GOAL OF THE REGIONALIZATION PROGRAM: TWO (2) ASPECTS

- TO STRENGTHEN AND REINFORCE THE I.A.S.C.P.'S MEMBERSHIP BASES BY ENCOURAGING THE ADHERENCE OF VARIOUS ACTORS: RESEARCHERS, PRACTITIONERS, ACADEMICS, ...
- TO ENRICH INTERACTIONS AND EXCHANGES BETWEEN I.A.S.C.P. MEMBERS AND THE NETWORKS IDENTIFIED IN WEST AFRICA.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROCESS STARTED IN BLOOMINGTON DURING THE 8TH CONFERENCE OF I.A.S.C.P. IN JUNE 2000.

- FACILITATION OF THE CREATION OF REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL NETWORKS AS INTERMIDIARIES TO I.A.S.C.P. AND INFORMATION-SHARING ABOUT COMMON PROPERTY RESOURCES (C.P.R.) THROUGH MEDIA, FORA, SCIENTIFIC PRODUCTIONS AND ORGANIZED EMERGENT INSTITUTIONS.
- REDUCTION OF LINGUISTIC BARRIERS BY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS
- DEVELOPMENT OF NEW STRATEGIES BY THE INSTITUTIONAL REINFORCEMENT LINKS BETWEEN KEY-ACTORS THROUTH COMMON PROGRAM AT THE REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL LEVELS

3. HEADLINES OF THE PROCESS

- IDENTIFICATION OF A GROUP OF VOLUNTEERS FORMING AN INFORMAL ORGANIZED AND DYNAMIC NETWORK IN CHARGE OF INFORMING AND MAKING THE I.A.S.C.P. PHILOSOPHY UNDERSTOOD.
- CONSTITUTION OF AN E-MAIL LIST-SERVE FOR ALL THE PEOPLE IDENTIFIED.
- COMMUNICATION INCREASE AND INFORMATION-SHARING PROCESS OF THE I.A.S.C.P. IDEAS APPROPRIATION WITH A FLEXIBLE AND PARTICIPATIVE METHOD.

4. LANGUAGE OF COMMUNICATION

- PROPOSAL OF GIVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE OTHER LANGUAGES OF COMMUNICATION IN ADDITION TO ENGLISH IN ORDER TO INCREASE PARTICIPATION TO THE ZIMBABWE CONFERENCE IN 2002.
- INCREASE OF CONTACTS BETWEEN THE I.A.S.C.P. MEMBERS AND REGIONAL AND SUB-REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN WEST-AFRICAN FRENCH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES.

5. EVOLUTION OF THE I.A.S.C.P. INTRODUCTION IN WEST-AFRICAN FRENCH-SPEAKING SUB-REGION.

- UNTIL THE BLOOMINGTON MEETING IN 2000, I.A.S.C.P. HAS BEEN WEAKLY REPRESENTED IN AFRICAN FRENCH-SPEAKING COUNTRIES.
- ADOPTION OF AN INNOVATIVE PROCESS AT THE HIRTSHALS MEETING (DANMARK) WITH A REGIONALIZATION AND DECENTRALIZATION PROGRAM OF THE I.A.S.C.P. ACTIVITIES (JUNE 2001).
- INCREASE OF CONTACTS WITH VARIOUS ACTORS AT THE LEVEL OF WEST AFRICAN SUB-REGION (LOCAL NETWORKS OF RESEARCH, THE CIVIL SOCIETY, TRADITIONAL INSTITUTIONS, DECENTRALIZED COLLECTIVITIES REPRESENTATIVES, NGOs, ...) (JUNE AND JULY 2001).
- CONSTITUTION OF A SUB-REGIONAL PREPARATORY TEAM IN CHARGE OF EXPANDING THE I.A.S.C.P. BASES AND SUPPORTING A MEETING IN OUAGADOUGOU (BURKINA FASO) (JULY 2001)
- ADOPTION OF AN ACTION-PLAN AS A BASIS FOR A WEST AFRICAN MEETING AND IDENTIFICATION OF A STRATEGY FOR THE 2002 CONFERENCE PREPARATION (JULY 2001).

6. I.A.S.C.P. PREPARATORY TEAM IN WEST AFRICA

- BOUBACAR BA (MALI)
- HUBERT OUEDRAOGO (BURKINA FASO)
- AMADOU TIDIANI DIA (MAURITANIE)
- BOUREIMA DODO (NIGER)
- GADJI ABRAHAM (COTE D'IVOIRE)
- ABDOULAYE LANSAR (MALI)