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## WESA Project

Water and Energy Security in Africa

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## **Project Overview**

- Project aims at supporting the development of PAUWES
- Focus on the development of innovative research methods adapted and applicable in Africa
- First step toward the realization of the research agenda at PAUWES
- Offers PAUWES graduates the opportunity to conduct PhD studies
- Establish PAUWES as a Pan African (and beyond) hub/platform



## **General Facts**

- **Sector:** Water & Energy (Engineering and Policy)
- \* Countries: Algeria, Germany, Benin, Togo, Ghana, Ethiopia
- **\* Period:** 1 Nov 2016 31 Dec 2019
- **♦ Budget:** Approx. 2,65 Mio *€*
- \* Funding Partner: German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF)



# **©Research Areas in the Study Areas**

### Water Policy and Engineering

- Impact of land use change and climate change on water balance and sediment yield.
- Integrated water resource management in transboundary river basins.
- Integrated water resources management and improvement of basin functionalities.

## **Energy Policy and Engineering**

- Design of hybrid power plant with policy and regulatory frameworks formulation for renewable energy intervention in Africa.
- Analysis of standards for energy distribution systems and disaster risk reduction.
- Managing the dynamics of electricity supply and demand during power shortages.
- Energy transition, technological and regulatory strategies for the deployment of renewable energies.
- Exploring the feasibility and potentialities of hydrogen production coupled with solar energy.



## **UKey Activities and Events**

- Support 8 PhD students at PAUWES to pursue doctoral studies in water and energy (Engineering and Policy) in collaboration with partners.
- Research and case studies
- Online and face-to-face events to strengthen cooperation with PAUWES and contribute to Agenda 2063 of the African Union.





## **Expected results**

- Graduation of PAUWES PhD researchers in Water and Energy
- Support to use the skills to respond to societal challenges
- Advancement of knowledge in water, energy and climate change through the research conducted in various Africa countries.
- Integration of PAUWES into scientific networks
- Develop PAUWES into a Pan African and global hub/platform for water, energy and climate change research and practice.



## **Project Partners**

- Pan African University Institute of Water and Energy Sciences (PAUWES)
- United Nations University Institute for Environment and Human Security (UNU-EHS)
- University of Tlemcen
- Institute for Technology and Resources Management in the Tropics and Subtropics (ITT) at the TH Köln (University of Applied Sciences)
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- Center for Development Research (ZEF) at the University of Bonn (UB)



As researchers or practitioners what are the possible interactions/collaboration with practitioners resp. researchers to improve/upscale your activities

- Conducting research
- Exchange research stay by Students and Staffs
- ✤ Organise scientific events e.g. summer schools, conference
- Give lectures to PAUWES Students





What are the potential aspects of the research that can be transformed into practice?

- Pilot research
- Participating research





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