GBIF-AFRICA REGIONAL MEETING IN BENIN

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INTRODUCTION

- Background
- Benin’s engagement to organize the 5th regional meeting
POINT ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS

Successful endorsements:

- Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences
- Chancellor of the University of Abomey-Calavi
- Minister of Environment
- Minister of finance (25000€ ----> 15000€)
- State Minister of tertiary education
ROAD MAP

- Last endorsement: Government through a Council of the Ministers (up to 7th April 2014)
- Set committees to achieve the activities related to the meeting (8th to 30th April)
  - Travels and accommodations
  - Welcome and transportation
  - Restoration
  - Health
  - Visits
  - Side events
  - Reports (just a contribution from some delegates of Benin)
  - ...
ROAD MAP

- Direction of the meeting (SA)
- Reports (team of GBIF Africa plus contribution from the delegates of Benin)
- Probable dates of the meeting: 3 days in June (to be discussed)
- Budget elaboration
- Probable side events
  - meeting of the SC of GBIF Africa (1 or 2 days before the meeting);
ROAD MAP

Probable side events

- meeting of a task group of GBIF Africa (1 or 2 days before the meeting);
- launch of Benin portal (at the opening ceremony of the meeting);
- meeting of Benin’s delegates to provide guidance to the government on the policy makers’ support to BI initiatives in Benin) (parallel section)
ROAD MAP

• Some concerns
  • GBIF members actually missing (BF, Cameroon, Equatorial Guinea,
  • Potential GBIF new members to invite (Angola, Botswana, Zimbabwe, CI, Swaziland, Malawi...)
  • African coordinating mechanism (Umbrella of GBIF-Africa)
    • Coordinator to be nominated and elected
    • Management
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