

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);

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- 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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