



Dialogue with private sector:

How can the private sector be more involved in the implementation of actions to strengthen the resilience of the West African coastal zone in the face of climate change??

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We, representatives of the private sector representing Ports, Mines, Agriculture, Oil and Gas, Transport, Hotel, and Fishing of the countries of the West African coastal zone, having taken part in the regional dialogue with the private sector organized on February 27 and 28 2019 in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire), have:

1. formed the " **WACA Interim Advisory Committee for the Private Sector** " chaired by Côte d'Ivoire and composed of ten (10) members appointed by the different sectors. This committee will be operational until the WACA Forum is held in November 2019 in Benin. It is committed to establishing an action plan that will facilitate the increased involvement of the private sector in coastal management. This plan will be in synergy with the WACA program and all stakeholders.

2. establishing a " **Ports Working Group** " for the port sector including the private sector, the public sector, the port community, and civil society, assisted by the World Bank, to:

a. Explore opportunities for the development of a mechanism (a "fund") that will be part of the WACA Platform and provide resources for emergency actions for the management of coastal sites heavily exposed to degradation.

b. Continue to develop a strategy for the development of West African ports, and

c. Reflect on the drafting of a "regional port charter" which will integrate the private sector and draw on initiatives such as the Western and Central African Ports Management Association (PMAWCA).

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