

## **NIGER BASIN**

RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY NAME: Niger Basin Authority / Autorité du Bassin du Niger

RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY SHORT: NBA / ABN

YEAR (LEGAL FRAMEWORK): The Niamey Act related to Navigation and Economic Cooperation between the countries of the Niger Basin was signed on October 26, 1963. It was replaced by the Niamey Agreement related to the River Niger Commission and to Navigation and transportation on the Niger River, which was signed on November 25, 1964. The Commission of the Niger River was renamed the Niger Basin Authority on November 21, 1980.

MEMBER STATES: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Mali, Niger, Nigeria and Chad.

NUMBER OF MEMBER STATES: 9

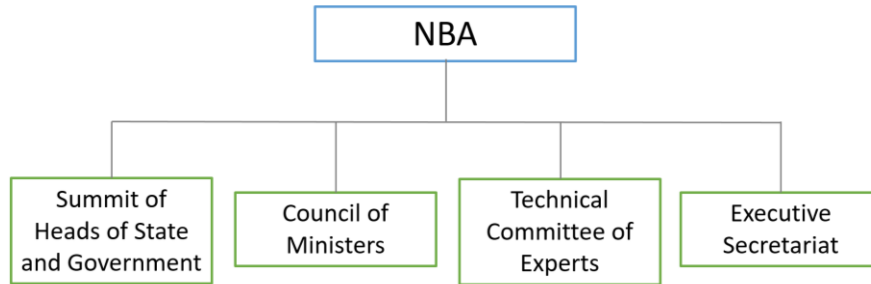
MANDATE: The NBA is an inter-governmental organization responsible for promoting cooperation amongst Member states and contributing to improve the living conditions of the basin populations through sustainable management of water resources and associated ecosystems.

OBJECTIVES: The NBA aims to harmonise and coordinate national water resource development initiatives around an integrated development plan for the basin, as well as facilitate and broker water and energy infrastructure development as part of an agreed scenario. Its main objectives include:

- Coordination of national policies for valuing the resources of the basin;
- Development planning;
- Projecting, implementing, exploiting and maintaining the works and common projects;
- Ensure navigation control and regulation;
- Participation in order to mobilise financial resources.

STRUCTURE: The statutory bodies of the NBA are the following ones:

- The Summit of Heads of State and Government: it is the supreme body for orientation and decision making.
- The Council of Ministers is the NBA's supervising body, responsible for monitoring the activities of the Executive Secretariat and reports to the Summit.
- The Technical Committee of Experts prepares the sessions of the Council of Ministers and is composed of representatives of the different Member States.
- The Executive Secretariat is the NBA's executive body. It is headed by an Executive Secretary, who is nominated by the Summit of Heads of State and Government.



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