**Activity 1:** Western COE- Stakeholder analysis

**Final Goal:** Design water sector oriented seminars and trainings to be carried in the Western African region based on a sound needs analysis.

In order to define the contents of the seminars and trainings to be delivered in the region it is important to understand what water sector skill gaps exist and the number of professional needed in the region by the water sector. This will be understood by carrying out a stakeholder analysis and analyzing their needs.

**Tasks:**

#### *Survey on requirements in high education and practitioners trainings in the water sector.*

#### *Analyse the survey to study how the Centres of Excellence could better address sector expertise for consultancy and advocacy needed for sector development in the region.*

#### *Understand the mechanism of dialogue between research, academia and other sector stakeholders (also including donors and governmental actors) at regional and national level*

**Methodology:**

Objective I:

* Review of existing studies, reports and data available in the region. This will allow the identification of first target groups.
* Based on the above findings set out an initial survey to be distributed among Western COE partners for comments.
* Distribute the survey among a representative sample of different stakeholders (Academia, NGOs, Government representatives etc.). The survey can be carried out electronically (email) or through interviews, seminars, etc... focus groups or other survey methods.
* Based on the results of the survey set out a methodology for the analysis of the data.
* Including Objective III in the survey

Objective II:

* Determine the current educational/training offer by researching universities, colleges and trainings centres activities.
* Base on the findings above make linkages between courses provided in the region with the gaps existing in the water sector.

Objective III:

* **Include in the survey** questions regarding the dialogue (collaboration) between research centres and governmental as well as donors and other institutions. The following issues must be raised:

Does a link exist between research centres, academia and development partners (government and donors)?

If yes, how well are they functioning? Can they be enhanced and how?

If no, how can they be created?

Is there a political will to create this link?

Are their financial resources available to be devoted to this purpose?

Do the participants of the survey know about the Sector Wide Approach principles?