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“The time has come for reinforced focus on our people as the driver of the development in Africa.

To enable our people to deliver, we must provide a viable environment through the implementation of policies which favour investments in the areas of progress. In addition, our people must be empowered with the resources and space needed to thrive, which will create worthwhile advancement towards actualising our shared goals.”

**H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat**
Chairperson,
African Union Commission

“Our vision as African Union, is to have every African child in school.

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**H.E. Amb. Kwesi Quartey**
Deputy Chairperson,
African Union Commission
In developing and implementing policies and programmes as per our mandates in the three respective divisions of Science and Technology, Education and Human Resources, and Youth Development, we have endeavoured to turn our commitments into action in four key areas namely: promoting research and publications on science and technology; promoting cooperation between members states in education and training; empowering young people and providing opportunity for youth; and promoting knowledge and education to spur growth in Africa.”

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Prof. Kassa Belay
Rector of the Pan African University
It is my pleasure to share with you the Book of Master Thesis Posters of the fourth cohort of the Pan African University Institute of Water and Energy Sciences (including climate change) (PAUWES). This book summarizes the research works, and the different expertise developed by these students throughout their two years training, moreso during their master thesis research. The research projects addressed various research priorities of the Research Agenda of the Institute and were conducted after the students’ successful completion of their course work requirements. Additionally, they were conducted with a practice-oriented approach that focussed on different case studies in at least twenty three African countries. The thematic areas were on water, energy and climate change with engineering and policy focus respectively.

In a bid to ensure that our graduates effectively participate in building the continent as future leaders in water and energy, part of our mandate is to promote research, in addition to assisting and supporting job placement of graduates in the continent. It is with great confidence that we believe that this Book of Posters will contribute in achieving this mandate; not only in improving the visibility of our graduates in terms of research, but also in providing potential employers with tangible and relevant information on the graduates’ know-how and expertise to enhance their smooth integration in the job market.

As an institute, we pride ourselves in fostering the academic setting required to ensure the success of our students. I must acknowledge also that this success so far could not have been possible without the unflinching support of the Algerian Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the German Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), the German Technical Development Agency (GiZ), the German Development Bank (KfW) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) as well as the German Higher Education Consortium, and all research and institutional partners of PAUWES involved in one way or another in the frame of the master thesis research.

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Research and Education for a Peaceful, Prosperous and Integrated Africa

The Pan African University (PAU) is an initiative of the African Heads of State and national governments of the African Union. It is a premier continental university network whose mission is to provide a comprehensive postgraduate education geared towards the development of a prosperous, integrated and peaceful Africa. PAU is part of an African Union Commission (AUC) initiative to revitalize higher education and research in Africa. PAU strives to foster academic excellence and enhance the quality of education while promoting the attractiveness and global competitiveness of African higher education and research. PAU objectives include among other: providing the opportunity for advanced graduate training and postgraduate research to motivated African students; and promoting mobility of students and teachers, as well as harmonizing programs and degrees within the African continent.

PAU has five thematic institutes:

1. Pan African University Institute for Basic Sciences, Technology and Innovation (PAUSTI) at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), Juja, Kenya;
2. Pan African University Institute for Life and Earth Sciences including Health and Agriculture (PAULESI) at the University of Ibadan (UI), Ibadan, Nigeria;
3. Pan African University Institute for Governance, Humanities and Social Sciences (PAUGHSS) at the University of Yaounde II, Soa, Cameroon;
4. Pan African University Institute for Water and Energy Sciences (including Climate Change) (PAUWES) at the University of Tlemcen, Tlemcen, Algeria;
5. Pan African University Institute of Space Sciences (PAUSS), Southern Africa, host country and host university still to be determined.
The Pan African University Institute for Water and Energy Sciences (including climate change) (PAUWES) is one of the five hubs of the Pan African University and is hosted at the University of Tlemcen in Algeria. PAUWES holds a unique position in understanding the Pan-African dimension of scientific problems and is especially suited to find solutions to the challenges faced in different African countries with regard to water, energy and climate change.

PAUWES is committed to educating and shaping the next generation of African leaders who will address the issues critical to Africa’s sustainable development, such as water, clean energy, and the challenges associated with climate change. PAUWES offers our graduate students a diversity of academic perspectives by attracting faculties from across Africa and around the world, as well as providing our students with the tools and training needed to ensure their future success.

PAUWES offers four degree programmes:

Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Energy:
- Engineering Track
- Policy Track

Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Water:
- Engineering Track
- Policy Track

Water

Energy
The mission of PAU and PAUWES is to serve Africa. It is clear that on the spectrum between pure science and application, research at PAUWES commits to having a strong application oriented focus. PAUWES’ role is to be able to do qualitative and quantitative research not only driven by demand but also innovative and creative at the same time. A key role of PAUWES is seen in providing science-based advice to policy makers at the national, regional and Pan-African level. In addition to PAUWES providing scientific knowledge, it also positions itself as a think-tank and leader in shaping future strategies. Training scientists to answer societal questions and communicate with other spheres is an integral part in the education of students and scientists at PAUWES.

To fulfill its mandate;

- PAUWES focuses on practice-oriented thematic research as well as research dealing with socio-economical, nexus and interdisciplinary issues in the field of water, energy and climate change;
- PAUWES capitalises on the youth dividend on the continent by fostering research leading to entrepreneurship or creation of start-ups to generate employability and income in African countries;
- PAUWES strives to develop new and strengthen already existing strategic networks and collaborations on the continent and beyond. This is of paramount importance for the future of PAUWES and PAU in general.

For the successful implementation of research at PAUWES, several measures are envisaged including the importance of strengthening interlinkages of research activities with Masters and PhD programmes so as to integrate their research capacities in the research mandate of PAUWES. In this regard, the co-supervision of Master and Doctoral students in inter-/multi-disciplinary research context, jointly with African and internationally renowned institutes working on PAUWES priorities in Africa, is recommended to initiate or strengthen existing collaboration.

### Key Research Priorities of PAUWES

**Water**
- Water Management
- Water and Environment
- Water and Food Security
- Water Economy and Governance

**Energy**
- Technological Development
- Energy Resources Assessment
- Energy Stakeholders and Society
- Energy Economics and Energy Policy
- Energy, Water, Food Security and Climate Nexus

**Climate Change**
- Risk Assessment
- Mitigation Research
- Adaptation Research
- Vulnerability Assessment
- Climate Impact Modelling, Downscaling and Prediction of Climate Change

**Nexus Research**
- Water-Energy Nexus
- Energy-Climate Nexus
- Water-Climate Nexus
Since its effective operation in 2014, PAUWES has enrolled 279 students from at least 34 African Union member states with a female gender representation of about 33%. So far, four student cohorts have graduated totalling to 218 students, with the most recent graduation (for the fourth cohort) held in early October 2019. The fifth cohort of 60 students, are currently ongoing with the programme and are expected to graduate in the fall of 2020.

The table below summarises the general statistics of the institute over the past five years regarding the students enrollment, gender balance, and countries of origin. The lower figure shows the student distribution with respect to the different tracks.
Graduates Class of 2019

General information

The Graduate class of 2019 is the fourth cohort of the institute. It comprised 66 students from 26 African Union member states from the five regions of the continent. More than half of the students of this cohort were from the Western and Eastern African regions of the continent. The gender representation of this cohort was 41% female. The charts below summarize the general information on the cohort.
Graduate Class of 2019
Mobility and research

This Book of Master Thesis Posters is dedicated to the PAUWES graduate class of 2019. It presents a short summary of the topics addressed by the graduates during their master thesis research in poster format. The research works conducted during the master thesis addressed different issues and challenges on the continent in line with the research priorities of the institute in the areas of energy, water, climate change and nexus research.

Mobility

During the fourth semester, which mainly focuses on research, the students conducted their respective research projects, that among other things included a research internship and a master thesis research with different partner institutions of PAUWES. Notably was that this cohort registered a high level of mobility in their research with over 45% of the students having conducted their research case studies including internships outside their home countries. The research internships were conducted in three main geographical regions: Africa, Europe and Middle East as shown herein.

Case studies

Using an applied oriented research approach, the students’ research case studies were conducted in at least twenty three African countries distributed across the five different regions of the continent.
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An Open-Source Approach to Wireless Internet of Things (IoT): Smart Agriculture Proof-of-Concept Using FIWARE

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Abstract
The purpose of this work is to demonstrate a novel approach for water resources management in precision agriculture by exploiting a context information management framework, FIWARE. The outcome is a complete context-aware and scalable system combined of the various Generic Enablers provided by FIWARE, capable of making autonomous irrigation decisions (using Complex Event Processing) which are not solely based on sensor-related measurements, but further on the integration of different sources of information such as weather forecast data from OpenWeatherMap. Optimal management of water resources according to the predicted weather conditions has been achieved within the system.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT
In the sector of IoT, the cloud is used to host the various components responsible for processing, filtering, and storing the data. This fast adoption of the cloud computing paradigm led to the appearance of many cloud computing service providers offering services in the form of Software as a Service (Saas) (1), Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), and Platform as a Service (PaaS). However, many of these providers use a closed-source platform and propose vendor linked solutions which always puts services under the provider’s control, decreasing flexibility for customization or further development and generating extra costs. Therefore alternative open-source platforms supporting smart application commence are taking place, and one example is FIWARE (2). It is used to serve as a middleware in a smart application connecting smart devices and managing the sensed data to monitor the environment parameters, identify events and patterns, and take action accordingly.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION
How can a Wireless Sensor Network (WSN) system be implemented for Environmental Monitoring purposes using an open-source approach to maintain its low cost, but still with a high degree of reliability?

OBJECTIVES
1. To put together many open-source building blocks in a complementary way.
2. To build a complete easily scalable system capable of taking autonomous decisions integrating various sources of information, in compliance with the IoT paradigm.

METHODOLOGY
The proposed architecture encompasses different functional blocks:
Core Context Management:
The Orion Context Broker Generic Enabler Context Data orchestrator.
Quantum Leap Generic Enabler responsible for the storage of data into CrateDB
Interface with IoT, Robots, and Third-Party Systems:
IoT Agent for Ultralight –LoRaWANA bridge between HTTP/MQTT the LoRaWAN protocol and NGSI
Context Processing, Analysis, and Visualization:
Persee is responsible for Complex Event Processing reacting to events in real-time
Grafana is responsible for the creation of dashboards visualization, and analytics.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION
weather forecasts for the next 6 hours are acquired in system. The water pump is triggered when the soil water content in the soil pot is less than 20% under sunny condition. Instead, the drought threshold is lowered to 10% when the weather forecasts predict a rain event within 6 hours. complex event processor, which fires the irrigation action according to the user irrigation rules. This way, we are able to test the prototype in all the possible working conditions. The three microcontrollers of the system are powered by LiPo batteries and can be distributed in the field with ease transferring data within 10 km (in-sight distance) from the gateway.
The latency of the system is lowered by more than one order of magnitude (from seconds to sub-seconds) with respect to similar applications which exploit traditional data, management models. Moreover, the scalability and the integration of other sources of information is facilitated as many connectors (agents) are already available on the FIWARE website, and other target-specific connectors (generic enablers) can be developed through a dedicated syntax.

CONCLUSION
The implemented prototype was able to
1) Record sensor measurements in a reliable and timely manner;
2) Forward them to the cloud instantly for further processing, visualization, and storage;
3) Acquire context information from external sources (weather forecasts, satellite images) to deduce and predict events;
4) Allow the system to react to events immediately after they occur by triggering actions
5) Secure, supports big data analysis tools, complex event processing
6) Easily scalable and upgradeable.
7) Exploits Open API standards

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An Assessment of the Impacts of Climate Change on Hydropower Potential in West Africa Case study: Bamboi catchment (Black Volta)

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The study evaluated the impacts of future climate change on the hydropower potential of the Bamboi catchment (Black Volta) in West Africa using a conceptual rainfall-runoff model (HBV light model). The HBV model was successfully validated for the catchment with coefficients (NSE, KGE, R²) ranging from 0.59, 0.73 and 0.57 respectively for calibration and validation phases. Two climate simulations MPI-ESM-REMO of CORDEX and GFDL-ESM2M-WRF of WASCAL both under RCP4.5 were applied to the validated hydrological model to simulate the catchment runoff. Historical & projected discharge data was converted to hydropower potential following a run-of-river hydroelectricity generation approach. The model mean ensemble projected a temperature, precipitation, discharge increase of (0.8 °C & 2.8 °C), (111% and 6.6 %) and (10.9% and 3.7%) respectively for the 2020-2049 and 2070-2099, respectively. On the contrary an overall decrease in hydropower production by -8.9% and -7.5% is envisaged for the 2020-2049 and 2070-2099, respectively.

BACKGROUND/ STUDY AREA

- West Africa /CIREG project area
- Ghana, Ivory coast, Mali & Burkina Faso
- Total area 134200km²
- Population projection 8 million by 2025
- Temp range 15 to 44 °C
- Rainfall 1000 to 1400mm

OBJECTIVES

General objectives: To assess the impact of climate change on hydropower potential of Bamboi catchment.

Specific objectives:
1. To set up the conceptual hydrological simulation model HBV light for the Bamboi catchment.
2. To assess the impact of future climate change on the hydrological regime of the catchment through scenario (RCP4.5) application comparing a reference period (1983-2005) to two future periods (2020-2049) and (2070-2099).
3. To assess the impact of climate change on hydropower potential of the catchment based on runoff data

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

1.3MW Bamboi power plant

- Both models CORDEX and WASCAL models are agreeing.
- Hydropower is projected to decrease in future for both future periods as compared to the reference period

CONCLUSION

Based on projections
- Temperature, rainfall and discharge is likely to increase over the Bamboi area, by (0.8 °C to 2.5 °C), (+11% to +6.6%) and (+10.9% to +3.7%) for the 2020-2049 and 2070-2099 respectively.
- PET and AET are likely to increase over the Bamboi area, by ((+2.1% to +2.4%)((+1.9% to +2.7%)) for the 2020-2049 and 2070-2099 respectively.
- Hydropower potential is likely to decrease by -8.9% under RCP 4.5 (2020-2049) relative to (2070-2099) but will increase slightly above the baseline to -7.5%.
- Climate change is likely to increase the hydropower development & electricity cost in future.
- For all 3 projections it is clear the turbine will be operating at full potential every day in wet season and operating from 5 to 80% potential at least in the dry season.

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Assessment and Optimization of Flexy Energy Approach: Case Study of Bilgo Village, Burkina Faso West Africa

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Abstract
Access to electricity is essential for infrastructural development, economic growth and better living standards in any country. In the case of West Africa, the access rate remains very low especially in rural areas when compared to other developed countries in the world, due to the high cost of grid extension. In other to improve electricity access in Burkina Faso an approach as been developed known as the flexy energy concept. This concept composed of a PV generator and diesel generators without batteries. The storage aspect in this concept is no included due to the high investment cost of batteries and the environmental concern associated with them at the end of there lifetime. However, for the energy management of the system an optimal storage unit can be considered that is capable of meeting the load for few hours of autonomy.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT
Over 620 million people live without access to electricity in the Sub-Saharan Africa (IEA, 2014). This situation is even worst in rural areas due to the high cost of grid extension, scattered population, poor terrines and high poverty rate. In case of Burkina Faso inorder to improve the access rate in the country, an approach as been developed known as the flexy energy concept (Yamegueu, 2011). This concept composed of a PV/diesel hybrid system without storage. The storage aspect is not considered in this concept due to the high investment cost of batteries and other environmental concern associated with them. This concept has been implemented in Bilgo Village and the power plant composed of 30 kW, solar PV array and three diesel generators of 70 kVA combined capacity. This power generation source has been used to supply electricity to over 2008 people in Bilgo Village (2IE Foundation and SONABEL). For the sustainability and reliability aspect of the power plant an energy management strategy is considered in this study. In this work, an optimal storage capacity was proposed which is capable of meeting the load demand for an optimal hours of autonomy.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

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Figure 1: Map of Bilgo Village

Power generation scenarios were considered:
✓ Diesel generators only (2*20 kVA & 30 kVA)
✓ PV/diesel generators without storage
✓ (30 kWp and 70 kVA)
✓ PV/diesel generators with storage unit
✓ (30 kWp, 70 kVA and 1270 Ah)

Figure 2: Map of Bilgo Village

CONCLUSION
✓ PV/diesel/battery was found to be the most optimal system.
✓ The LCOE and the NPC for the optimal system was reduced by 13.25% and 9.9% when compared to scenarios A and B respectively.
✓ The optimal storage unit was capable of meeting the demand for the village for able 5 – 8 hours of autonomy.
✓ The sensitivity analysis result shows that the NPC and the LCOE depends on the fuel price.
✓ The operating and maintenance cost of running diesel generators was reduced because of the batteries
✓ The amount of CO₂ emission from the optimal system was reduced by 26.68% and 23.24% annually when compared to scenarios A and B respectively

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Assessment of Biofuel Potential on Marginal Lands and from Waste Vegetable Oil Resources in Ghana

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Abstract

Climate change and its numerous effects has called for the need to consider green and clean-sourced energy alternatives. Biofuel promises to be a great option. This research aims at Assessing the Biofuel Potential on Marginal Lands and from Waste Vegetable Oil Resources in Ghana. Questionnaires were used to determine Waste Vegetable Oil resources from households, wayside vendors and hotels. AHP and TOPSIS were used to select energy crops based on ecological requirements. It was also revealed that, 685 litres of WVO can be generated monthly as biodiesel feedstock. Our potential per from WVO and from the selected energy crops can reduce GHG emissions by 4.076123939kCO2.e. Considering the potential of biofuel in Ghana. It will be expedient to consider introducing biodiesel into our energy sector especially as transport fuel in our quest to minimize GHG emissions and to augment the heavy reliance on fossil fuels.

Keywords: Biodiesel, Waste Vegetable Oil, Green House Gases, marginal land, Jatropha

BACKGROUND

Globally, the transport sector is dominated by fossil fuels, Climate change has been of great concern in recent times. Green House Gas (GHG) emissions from the use of these fuels can be reduced by using cleaner fuels. Literature revealed that, several works and tests has been done on biofuels; biodiesel and bioethanol are promising alternatives until electric cars become very popular. Ghana’s bioenergy policy aims at integrating 20% of biofuel into the transportation sector by 2030. 69% of Ghana’s land cover is agricultural land. Almost, every dish in Ghana has a part of it being fried, large quantities of Waste Vegetable Oils (WVOs) are produced daily by hotels, households, and wayside vendors, etc. this is either released into local sewage systems as “ditch oil” or reused in some kitchens. People use till too dark to be used others just discard. Making use of this WVOs and energy crops can help a great deal reduce our load on fossil fuels.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION

• High GHG emissions from road transport
• Buses grounded due to lack of funds for fuel
• Biofuel 10% integration by 2020 yet nothing as at June 2019

OBJECTIVES

• To estimate the potential of biofuels production from marginal lands, waste vegetable oil and lignocelluloses.
• To assess the suitability of bioenergy crops production on marginal lands in Ghana.
• To evaluate the GHG emissions reduction through production of biodiesel and bioethanol

METHODOLOGY

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

From the survey, it was realized that we can get 20.4 litres of WVO from 101 households in Accra monthly and 175 litres a month from 32 wayside vendors. An average amount of 489.6 litres of WVO can be obtained from 9 hotels in Accra every month. Also, from the selected biofuel sources; neem jatropha and sugarcane bagasse, we can reduce GHG emissions by 4.076123939kCO2.e.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, considering the potential of biofuel in Ghana:
• it will be expedient to consider introducing biodiesel into our energy sector especially as transport fuel, making use of our waste vegetable oil resources, energy crop production on marginal lands and unused agricultural land in our quest to minimize GHG emissions and to augment the heavy reliance on fossil fuels.
• We should consider cultivation of energy crops on post-mining lands as well as non-cultivated agricultural lands since the non-agricultural land is limited.
• There should be more investments in development of biofuels (biodiesel

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Design of a Co-Digestion Biogas Plant for Households: Case of Rwanda, Gicumbi District.

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Abstract
The research work consisted of designing and evaluating the techno-economic feasibility of a centralized co-digestion (human feaces and cow dung) bio-digester plant for sustainable energy supply, for cooking and water heating in the rural communities of Rwanda. The pilot of study was at Gicumbi District in the northern Province of Rwanda. The daily energy need for the residence in study was quantified by the mean of field survey and questionnaires. The plant capacity to sustain that amount of energy was designed and economic parameters were determined using RETScreen Software.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

In Rwanda, like worldwide, energy plays a fundamental role in social and economic development as well as poverty eradication. Households of Rwanda are the dominate consumers of primary energy at 91% of total energy mix, followed by the transport 4%, industry 3%, and public services 2%. Households also dominates in electricity consumption with 51% mainly for lighting, followed by industries 32%, public sectors 16% and export 1%. Only for cooking and heating water activities, households rely on biomass (99%), where 86% comes from firewood, 11% from charcoal, 2% from crop wastes; and other fuels account for 1%. As such, for environmental sustainability and needs to reduce the reliance on the firewood for the country, diversification and further energy alternatives that include biogas was introduced in the National energy program, with intention of providing clean, reliable, affordable and environmental friendly energy sources for the communities.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION

Rwanda is one of the rapid developing countries in the region, with high population growth of 2.4% as of 2018, along with high urbanization rate. Thus, the trend for energy demand is getting higher with crucial focus on the household sector that effectively relies on firewood for cooking purposes. In this regard, this work intended at contributing to knowledge by providing a mean to get clean and reliable cooking fuel from biogas through cogenerating caw dung along with human feaces.

OBJECTIVES

- To design a co-digestion bio-digester plant for biogas provision in the households.
- To use human feaces in co-digestion to provide energy security for rural communities.
- To provide affordable and clean cooking fuel for rural households in Rwanda.
- To reduce pressure on the forest cutting for firewood gathering and charcoal harvesting in order to enhance the environmental sustainability.

METHODLOGY

- Qualitative and quantitative interviews with sampled respondents were applied.
- Questionnaires, documentations and observations were also used for data collection.
- Simple random and purposive sampling techniques were used to obtain data from the field.
- Numerical computation to estimate the plant parameters was applied.
- And hence, Arch card for drawing digesters and RETSCREEN software for financial analysis were used.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The monthly energy consumption rate was quantified and tabulated in table 1. Based on the biogas to other fuel sources equivalence, the corresponding biogas to charcoal consumption were estimated and the plant size was designed accordingly.

- Energy supplied per cooking and heating were

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<th>Plant parameter</th>
<th>Symbol</th>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Unit</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total plant volume</td>
<td>Vp</td>
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<td>m³</td>
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<tr>
<td>Digester volume</td>
<td>Vd</td>
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<td>m³</td>
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<td>Digester buffer tank volume</td>
<td>Vb</td>
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<td>Biogas holder volume</td>
<td>Vbh</td>
<td>0.73</td>
<td>m³</td>
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<td>Compensation chamber biogas holder volume</td>
<td>CBh</td>
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<td>m³</td>
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<td>1.25</td>
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<td>Slurry displacement inside digester</td>
<td>d</td>
<td>0.34</td>
<td>m</td>
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<td>Channeling length</td>
<td>CB</td>
<td>2.4</td>
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<td>Projected land</td>
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<td>m²</td>
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<td>Height of reactor relative to slurry overflow wall</td>
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<td>0.03</td>
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<td>Height of the gas holder relative to the digester bottom</td>
<td>h2</td>
<td>0.03</td>
<td>m</td>
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The plant of digester plant was hence designed, with inclusion of all physical parameters.

CONCLUSION

- Energy is a backbone for economic development globally Rwanda inclusive.
- The plant size of 30.82 m³, with 25.6 m³ of digester volume, 5.22 m³ of gas holder, able to provide 2.9 m³ of biogas per day was designed.
- The use of this bio-digester plant would save 2.1 tons of charcoal per year per 5 households.
- Based on the overall findings of this study, co-digestion biogas technology was found to serve as an economic and environmentally friendly way to provide fuel for cooking and water heating in the rural

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Design of Stand-alone Solar-Wind-Hydro Based Hybrid Power System: Case of Rural Village in Malawi

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Abstract
Malawi has current electrification rate of less than 10% and the generation company is unable to satisfy the existing demand of electricity. Thus, the aim of the study is to design stand-alone hybrid renewable energy system for Dwangwa villages with estimated load of 5,556.31 kWh/day. HOMER modeling tool was used to design the system. The best hybrid system combination was hydropower-wind-solar-battery. The initial capital cost was $2,662,638 and cost of energy was $0.134/kWh. However, cost of electricity in Malawi on the grid is $0.11/kWh which makes the system expensive. Therefore, the study has shown that this hybrid system is not economically viable. However, Government intervention can help to make the system monetarily acceptable and viable.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT
Malawi is largely dominated by hydroelectric power on Shire River. However, low water levels are affecting generation [1]. Without such access to electricity, it is difficult to carry out productive economic activities [1]. Therefore, this proposed hybrid system is aimed at sizing a hybrid renewable energy system that minimises cost and ensure its affordability for rural settlers.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION
In Malawi, the electrification rate is less than 10% of population and dominated by hydropower which is greatly affected by low water levels. Grid extension is constrained due to low generation, old and high cost of transmission infrastructure. However, most Malawians live in rural areas hence poor economic activities. Thus, hybrid system for rural electrification is one of the solution.

OBJECTIVES
• To estimate of the small hydropower potential of Dwangwa River
• To estimate of solar PV potential in Dwangwa
• To estimate of wind energy potential in Dwangwa
• To estimate the load profile of the under study population
• To optimize and do sensitivity analysis of the hybrid system

METHODOLOGY
Energy demand for Dwangwa area was 5,556.31kWh with peak load of 302.93 kW. HOMER modelling tool was used with the following configuration:

Available head for hydropower is 100m. The table below gives the summary of input costs and life time of the system components.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Component type</th>
<th>Capital cost ($)</th>
<th>Replacement cost ($)</th>
<th>O&amp;M cost ($)</th>
<th>Life time (Years)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Solar PV (1 kW)</td>
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<td>2822</td>
<td>28.22</td>
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<td>Wind turbine (1 kW)</td>
<td>2120</td>
<td>1696</td>
<td>42.4</td>
<td>25</td>
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<td>Hydro (1 kW)</td>
<td>1790</td>
<td>895</td>
<td>35.8</td>
<td>30</td>
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<td>Battery</td>
<td>225</td>
<td>157.5</td>
<td>2.25</td>
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<td>Converter (1 kW)</td>
<td>1445</td>
<td>1156</td>
<td>17.34</td>
<td>15</td>
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Three scenarios were considered to determine best design flow for hydro:
Scenario 1: The design flow of 159 L/s, available 100% time of the year.
Scenario 2: The design flow of 400 L/s, available 95% time of the year.
Scenario 3: The design flow of 637 L/s, available 91% time of the year.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION
The scenario 1 was the best system design with wind-solar-hydro with 5358 batteries and 313kW converter. The table gives summary of production.

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<th>Power capacity (kW)</th>
<th>Hours of Operation (hrs/year)</th>
<th>Levelized Cost ($/kWh)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Wind turbines</td>
<td>170</td>
<td>6,456</td>
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<tr>
<td>Solar PV</td>
<td>444</td>
<td>4,332</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hydropower</td>
<td>140</td>
<td>8,760</td>
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The system’s initial capital was $2.66 million and cost of energy was $0.134/kWh. However, 63.4% of production is from hydropower.

Sensitivity analysis: The three design flow showed that the best design flow was 159 L/s. Other sensitivity variable considered were initial cost multiplier of components. Thus, spider plot (capital cost versus cost of energy), shows that if capital cost of battery (LA ASM) increases, it has greater impact on the cost of energy. However, hydropower (Hyd101) has relatively little impact on the cost of energy.

CONCLUSION
The optimal system design of hydro-wind-solar and battery with design flow of 159 L/s. The initial capital was $2,662,638. The cost of electricity in Malawi is $0.11/kWh [2] while the proposed system is $0.134/kWh which is relatively expensive for rural settlers. However, looking at energy situation in Malawi, rural communities might remain without electricity. Therefore, with collective effort from Government and other organisation, this kind of energy system would improve living standards of the rural community.

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Dried mangoes companies now in Burkina Faso are using gas-fired dryers however Burkina Faso is not a gas producer country; the gas is expensive even after the subsidies and the national strategy is about removing natural gas subsidies, which will make the drying activity unprofitable according to nature of solar energy. Sorption material is technology is used nowadays to perform energy storage which can packed on solar dryer. The addition of such mangoes producers. Since Burkina Faso has abundant solar irradiance, it is preferable to utilize it in drying mangoes. But the problem is, the interment dryer so they were not preferable form the economical point of view. The designed solar dryers used to have small drying capacity compared to gas dryer needs alone 8 hours to dry the same amount [2]. More, the constraints, the solar dryer required 3 days to dry the mangoes however the gas dryer needs alone 8 hours to dry the same amount [2]. More, the designed solar dryers used to have small drying capacity compared to gas dryer so they were not preferable form the economical point of view. The last trial was semi industrial design to dry 500 kg pre cycle but the issue was that the entry air was humid and almost saturated [3].

Mangoes are planted in the Sudanese climate zone, we choose the village Bankandi which is 187 km from bobo-dioulasso city to be the place for the design experiments. The advantage of this village is that it has ground weather station. Out of the four varieties of mangoes in Burkina Faso [1], we chose Amilie to be considered for the experiments and its drying characteristics was considered as input for the design tool. The reason was that Amilie is available from April to June and the climate conditions in this period is challenging compared to other periods. The design was done to dry 100 kg of mangoes which has inside moisture content 85 % w.b [2], the slices should be dried to have only 15 % w.b inside moisture content [2] in 24 hour maximum and without using more than 60 °C air in the drying process. The solar collector efficiency assumed 30 %. The proposed dryer mainly consists of four parts, which are solar air collector which has sorption material inside, drying chamber and thermal energy storage. The parts are assembled in one structure similar to indirect cupboard design, as shown in Figure 1. The dryer working strategy at the daytime differs from its from the nighttime is shown in the Figure 2.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The results shown that around 38.1 m² solar collector is needed in case no.1 and more than three times this area was required in case no.2. When dehumidifier unit introduced in case no.3, solar collector area decreased to 50.9 m². The case no.4 shows that 218 kg of silica gel can dry the mangoes totally. In case no.5, 30 m² solar collector area was needed, 40 kg of silica gel were required for the dehumidifier and 178 kg for the thermal storage and the drying process is shown in Figure 3.

CONCLUSION

- Solar dryer with thermal storage and dehumidifier is good alternative to gas dryer in Burkina Faso.
- Using the three proposed design tools are solar dryer can designed at any other place.

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Feasibility Study and Energy Applications of Advanced (2G and 3G) Biofuels in South Africa

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Abstract

The use of edible crops for biofuel production has been questioned on the point of sustainability. There are indirect and direct environmental impacts associated, mostly stressing the soil, land and water. Producing biofuel using non-edible crops is being revolutionized globally. Feasibility study of advanced biofuels and energy applications is required to boom biofuel industry in South Africa. A technique called residue to product ratio was used to generate data on crop residues. Excel spreadsheet was used for results analysis. About 13.5 Mt of crop residues from 19 crops were made available which can generate 4.9 Gl of bioethanol per year using biochemical route conversion technology. The outcome will impact on policy development in biofuel sector by government of South Africa and can be used as a model for Africa as a whole.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

First generation biofuels being produced from edible crops have sustainably and ethics issues. Advanced biofuels revolves around non-edible feedstock hence a question about their sustainability is raised by researchers [1].

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION

Producing biofuels from food crops is not being regarded as a wise way of achieving SDG especially the goal number 7 and the agenda 2063 when bearing in mind that African continent is full of hungry-prone because of food security issue around the world. Feasibility study and energy applications of advanced biofuels in South Africa will contribute to the development and use of biofuels from renewable resources in the continent.

OBJECTIVES

A. To quantify potential crop and their residues which can be generated in South Africa
B. To estimate amount of energy which can be generated from availed residues

METHODOLOGY

To characterize crop residues available for biofuel production in South Africa, crop production and harvested area have been taken into account. The protocol used to assess the availability of crop residues for biofuel production is shown in the figure below.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The highest theoretical residues in South Africa is generated from maize (~28 Mt) followed by sugarcane (~6 Mt)[62]. The 3rd, 4th and 5th theoretical residues generation came from wheat (~3 Mt), sunflower seeds (~2 Mt) and soybeans (~1 Mt) respectively. The least amounts of residues are generated from figs and cherries with an infinitesimal contribution to the residues in total. About 43 Mt residues can be generated theoretically from 21 major crops grown in South Africa but only 13.5 from 19 potential crops can be used to produce biofuels. Using biochemical conversion route, ~4.9 Gl of bioethanol can be generated annually in South Africa If we can replace gasoline during 0.57 years using E85 as shown in the following figure.

CONCLUSION

1. In conclusion, the present work studied the feasibility of producing biofuel from crop residues in South Africa.
2. 21 major different crops grown in SA which are grouped into: grains, oilseeds, deciduous fruits and vegetables were used in the study and only 19 have potential to generate residues for biofuel production.
3. An estimated 13.5 Mt of crop residues are potentially available in South Africa per annum to be harnessed for sustainable biofuel production
4. 4.9 Gl of bioethanol can be generated using biochemical conversion route.
5. The results presented here are theoretical potential therefore might not be the same technically, as the concept of efficiency and losses will be taken into account in practical situation.

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Multi-Criteria Decision Making for Energy Planning in Democratic Republic of Congo: Case Study of Idjwi island

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Abstract

Energy planning involves multiple actors and objectives most of the time in perpetual conflict. Energy planning in many developing countries is still not well-handled and depend mostly on the priorities of actual political authorities. Investors and young entrepreneurs most of the time lack reliable results for energy planning. This study used the Analysis Hierarchy Process (AHP) relies on the judgments of experts to derive priority scales was used to evaluate the energy resources of Idjwi island in the DRC. The weights obtained from AHP were used to rank alternative energy resources for Idjwi island using the Technique of Order Preferences to Similarity to Ideal Solution (TOPSIS). The combination of the two MCDA methods reduces the uncertainty and reinforce the reliability of the decision. Two surveys were conducted in this research, one for the rural community in Idjwi to determine their preferences, priority, economic situation. The second survey was conducted for the energy experts in the region to analyse the importance of the criteria. This thesis aims at ranking the different energy resources for rural electrification in the Idjwi Island. The small hydropower and solar photovoltaic sources were the first alternatives to power the Island. The renewable energy resources of the DRC is also included.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

The population of DRC is growing fast more than 80 million in 2017 (The World Bank, 2018). More than 60% living in rural area (INS, 2015). In another hand, the electricity access rate still low, it has increased from 6.48% in 2001 to 9% in 2011. With exception of the capital city with an electrification rate of 59.5%, the provinces have electrification access below 5% (1% as a national average). (MRHE, 2014). More than 71 million of Congolese from DRC live without access to electricity, and this represents 12% of the African population (MRHE, 2014). Moreover, according to the INS, 42 million of the habitants of DRC living without electricity are living in the rural areas (INS, 2015). The Idjwi Island, located in the East of the DRC in the middle of the Kivu lake (2.1651° S, 29.056091° E), has 250,000 habitants living without electricity. Less than 10% of this population own very small Solar Home Systems (SHS) for lighting. An optimum power generation mix for rural electrification has not yet been tapped in the current research in DRC.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTIONS

What are the priorities and preferences on energy project for the Idjwi rural community? Using the best MCDA methods, which alternative source fit to electrify rural community of the Idjwi Island in DRC?

OBJECTIVES

- To determine the priorities and preferences of the rural community of Idjwi Island on energy projects
- To determine the preferable source of alternative energy in Idjwi island using the best method for multicriteria decision making method

METHODOLOGY

Based on the available energy resources of the Idjwi island in the DRC, this thesis work has been devoted to select the best source of energy to electrify the Idjwi Island. A step by step methodological framework for selecting energy alternative was formulated in this work using two Multi-Criteria Decision-Making methods (AHP-TOPSIS). One scenario was developed which consists of the fact that Social aspects of the project were the priority followed by technical, economic and environmental for any energy project at Idjwi. Throughout of this research, the Small Hydropower Plant System (SHPS) and solar photovoltaic was ranked the two first alternatives to power the Idjwi island. The SHPS has a closeness parameter to an ideal solution of 0.5395 and solar PV of 0.5259. Further research can be oriented on the sizing of the hybrid solar-small hydro based on the results of this project to meet the energy needs of the local community.

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

From the surveys results, social criteria were highly weighted compare to other criteria such as technical, economic and environment. The respondents consulted showed the importance of job creation for rural community by an electrification project and the acceptance of the community of any project as their priority. The two first places of relevance were for Small Hydro mini-grid and Solar PV energy. This result shows how renewable energies can meet the energy needs of Idjwi Island and improve the social life of the community.

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Realization of a Reduced Model of a Water Distillation Station by Solar Energy: Case Study in Africa for Consumption or Irrigation

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Abstract

One of the major challenges of this century is the access to water that has become quickly recover. Plenty of water sources are available on the earth but few of them can be used for drinking water purpose. Oceans and other reserves such as brackish water are salty to be directly consumable. Desalination is one of the solutions to mitigate the problem of water scarcity. In the village of Tlemcen, the freshwater was characterized by an insufficient production which could not cover the actual needs. Water was provided to the districts twice per week only for a few hours. Tlemcen has a high potential for solar power, as solution, thermal solar energy will be used to distil the seawater. This work includes a dimensioning engineering part, allowing the distillation directly captured from the sea, in the region of EL BEKHATA in Tlemcen, for the water supply the summer population of this beach.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

• Global water consumption has increased compared to the amount of freshwater supply.
• The majority of water sources cannot be used for drinking, oceans and other reserves such as brackish water are too salty to be directly consumable.
• In the village of Tlemcen, the drinking water supply was characterized by an insufficient production which could not cover the actual needs.
• Water was provided to the districts twice per week only for a few hours.
• The problem concerning water distillation by solar energy functionality depends on the sun radiation, which is intermittent. This has an effect on the number of the working hours needed to distillate water.

HYPOTHESES/RESEARCH QUESTION

Achieve a drinking water for domestic sector or irrigation for agriculture sector based on sea water or brackish water by distillation, to mitigate the problem of the shortage of freshwater compared to the water demand and to use solar panels on nighttime.

Is the new system will be have better efficiency compared to the used methods?

OBJECTIVES

• Provides water to the agricultural industry.
• Helps preserve current freshwater supplies.
• Unlimited ocean water as source.

METHODOLOGY

In this study we are interested in the supply of drinking water by distillation of seawater by solar energy.

This work includes a dimensioning engineering part, allowing to distill the water directly captured from the sea in the region of EL-Bekhata.

We have developed a model of a prismatic prototype composed of three essential compartments.

The 1st compartment that we used is the glass prism, its has a form of a pyramid with square base so that can absorb the maximum of solar energy considering the direction of the sun. We have also developed a brine reception and distillate reception system, as well as the installation of measurement tools.

The 2nd part of the model is the elevating table, on which the distillation prism is placed with a locking system, this system will allow the maintenance and control of the tray without touching the prism.

The 3rd part concerns the different measuring tools that we have installed to carry out mainly the measurement of the moisture of the prism and the different temperatures (air, brine, steam) . All are connected on an electronic table to transmit the data to the Arduino Uno card to the computer program that we established display the measured values on an LCD screen or transmits them to a computer as database.

Our experimental distillation project was placed on the terrace of the laboratories of the technology faculty of Tlemcen depending on different temperature and humidity measurements.

The analyzed salinity indicates that distilled water is good for domestic consumption.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

• The T° of water in the prototype is virtually the same.
• The T° of evaporated water is always higher than that of the T° of water and there of the T° of water in the bench.
• The T° of water decreases from 15h, against that of the value remains high given the significant condensation of water vapor.
• In the early morning, the humidity increases timidly to the T° vapor.
• At around noon that the humidity approaches the T° vapor and is kept practically constant, this is due to the concentration of vapor condensation at the end of the day.
• Humidity evolution not exceeding 30% between 9h and 12h, where is between 12h and 9h, it is more than 220%, then a stabilization of the variation in the afternoon does not exceed 20%.
• The increase of volume of distilled water as a function of humidity from May 30 to June 04, 2019.
• Moisture increases, drops of water form on the walls, and slide to accumulate in the permeate reservoir.
• For all the curves, the slope of the straight lines reaches 70% per hour.

CONCLUSION

In this study, we are interested in the supply of drinking water by solar distillation of seawater. Solar still have good chance to success in Algeria. It is useful to use a reduced model of solar distillation, our choice was on the region of EL-Bekhata that is a favorable place for this type of projects.

Laboratory analysis of the distillate salinity shows that it is completely free of salinity, which has been confirmed that our distilled water can be clean for consumption.

Finally, our project has two components, a research component on the phenomenon of solar distillation of seawater and salt water.

On the other hand, and engineering component, where the location of this type of project in certain beaches remains a very profitable economic investment for the population around these beaches of the summer population.

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Non-renewable energy usage in irrigation and water supply threatens the energy security and contributes to climate change in Africa which may lead to loss of economic and environmental viability due to widely use of diesel motors. This study analyzed the technical, social and economic feasibility of solar water pumping system as an alternative clean energy source. Literature review, site visit and physical observation, interview, consultation, and designing software were the methods used in this study. This research found that system oversizing and downsizing affects the technical and economic performance, 11 out of 17 surveyed projects have negative NPV, Investment cost of the systems increases with an increase of array capacity, and the average installed cost is USD 5.6/watt.

The results describes the Technical, Economic, and Social Status of different surveyed projects in Africa. Social and financial status of the surveyed areas especially in Tanzania are explained more in the full report.

In Africa irrigation is a key to safeguard harvest most of the year. Nevertheless, irrigation is way too expensive for many farmers (Mossali 2013). Groundwater resources have been proved to be the best water source that can be used to supply water in rural communities while facilitating the smooth running of social economic development of African countries (Malak 2016). A research conducted in Daniglia Area of Ethiopia in 2014 shows that solar water pumping is more attractive for small scale irrigation systems compared to large ones in remote areas. (Zegeye, Tadiwos and Aman 2014). In this framework this research will deliver sole opportunity for financiers and other clients through looking deeper into the combination of all Nature and purpose of such projects; Cost of project and means of finance; Technical viability; and Economic and Financial Viability of the system.

The agricultural sector faces difficulties due to lack of water, lack of environmental and economical friendly technologies of pumping water, rise of diesel prices (Lahmidi 2013). Apart from agriculture, access to clean and reliable water supply for rural areas in Africa is still a major problem (Malak 2016), to ensure SDG 7 and 6, full utilization of ground water in rural areas using Solar water pumping systems is required.

To examine the most effective and efficient solutions and propose a cost-effective solar water pumping system for rural water supply and small-scale irrigation in Africa.

In this study learning sites were obtained from different parts of Africa through site survey, review of appraisal reports, working papers, and articles. Among of the countries which were included are the United Republic of Tanzania, Kenya, Ghana, Cameroon, Senegal, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Egypt, Morocco and Zambia. The figure below explains the methodologies used to tackle the problem.

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Stand-alone Hybrid Renewable Electrical System for Powering a School in Remote Area: Case of Bechar and Djelfa, Algeria

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ABSTRACT

ProblemsThe aim of this study is to find the optimum system configuration of a hybrid power system that can supply electricity to a school in remote area in High land and south of Algeria. A school compound from the region of Bechar contains school, zaouia, dorm and staff house, is selected with a peak load of 29.77 kW. In addition a primary school in region of Djelfa was selected with a peak load of 4.81 kW. HOMER software was used to model the power system. After a comparison between 07 configurations a PV/WECS system configuration has been chosen it has 26.9 kW -PV and there are 02 wind turbines and 30 batteries. The LCOE was 0.235 $/kWh. That was for the Bechar site, Regarding the Djelfa’s school a PV/WECS system has been chosen, it has 7.23kW -PV, 3 wind turbines and 24 batteries with a LCOE of 0.397 $/kWh.

OBJECTIVES

Find the best system to power a school on the Sahara region and on the high lands region.

Modelling and designing a hybrid power system associated to fulfill the electricity demand of a schools in Bechar and Djelfa in affordable, reliable and sustainable way with cost-effective solution.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The optimum systems for both sites are hybrid systems (config 3)

Bechar
- A 26.9 kW -PV and 02 wind turbines and 30 batteries with COE equal to 0.235 $/kWh.
- The total electricity production is 120.739 kWh/year with 43.7% generated using PV panels and 56.3% generated using wind turbines.

Jdelfa
- 7.23kW -PV, 3 wind turbines and 24 batteries with COE of 0.397 $/kWh for Djelfa
- The total electricity production is 21.336 kWh/year with 59.4% generated using PV panels and 40.6% generated using wind turbines.

CONCLUSION

A techno-economic comparison between the different configurations showed that: the most suitable system for the first case of Becher is the PV wind, batteries system with a COE equal to 0.235 $/kWh. For Djelfa region, the cheapest system is the diesel system, with a COE of electricity equal to 0.397 , then the PV wind battery system comes after with a COE equal to 0.397 . a 7% difference between the two. The PV wind battery system is though better because it has no GHG emissions.

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Abstract
This study aimed to design a grid connected SPV system in the district of Ambatolampy (Madagascar). The study consisted firstly of assessing the location in order to identify the favorable site to install the system, followed by the system sizing. Evaluation of the system revealed that 93 modules and 1 central inverter are needed for the system and those modules should be north oriented with a tilt of 19°. The annual energy produced by the SPV system is equal to 34,20 MWh/year with a LCOE of 486Ariary/kWh and payback time of 11.02 years which is less than the SPV system lifetime that makes the project profitable.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT
The electricity generation mix of Madagascar consists of: diesel, hydro, SPV, to the fewer extent of wind and biomass.

However, the country still heavily depends on expensive fossil fuel for electricity generation, up to 70% of the electricity consumed in the country is generated by diesel power plants. In addition, it has been estimated that there are 799 outages due to power breakdowns on the medium voltage network every year.

In contrast, Madagascar is endowed with solar energy. Almost all regions of the country receive over 2,800 hours of sunshine per year, with the daily solar radiation ranging from 1,500 to 2,100 kWh/m².

Therefore, electricity generation using grid connected SPV system can be an opportunity to tackle the existing electricity problems in the country.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION
Insufficient electricity supply; the Electricity Supply Industry encountered difficulties in handling the sharp evening peak power demand.
Overreliance on fossil fuels; Fossil fuel are expensive and its use for electricity production is harmful to the environment.

OBJECTIVES
To design a grid connected solar photovoltaic system and investigate the impact of such systems on Madagascar electricity supply industry.

METHODOLOGY

SITE ASSESSMENT

- Electrical load
- Solar resource
- Local climate
- Topography
- Available area
- Accessibility
- Module soiling

TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT

- System orientation
- System configuration
- System layout
- System interconnection
- System monitoring
- System maintenance

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The system will generate on average about 34200 kWh of electricity a year with an annual average performance ratio of 79.7%, peaking in the month of July.

Furthermore, the project ensures a good profitability for the investor since its simple payback period is 11 years which is found within the project life span, and the investor will earn a profit of 164,767,000 Ariary at the end of the project, which makes the feasibility of this project unignorable.

Last but not least, the project stands the chance of saving about 555.2 tons of CO2 over its entire life which is a significant figure of GHG emissions mitigation.

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Abstract
A significant characteristic of the power sector in Burundi is a very low electrification rate (about 10%), mainly dependent on hydropower (95%) and with frequent power outages in dry seasons. This study aimed to identify a simple, reliable, viable and cost-effective hybrid power system to compensate the power supply of an existing micro-hydropower plant (Kigwena). From this study, using HOMER software, the most suitable complementary energy resource to Kigwena hydropower plant was solar PV and utility grid for smoothing unexpected intermittencies. These renewable energies were found to be the most techno-economical viable option to upgrade the capacity of the hydropower with the lowest LCOE of US$ 0.0334 /kWh. This cost was within the range in comparison to the current electricity tariff in Burundi ranging from US$ 0.023 /kWh to US$ 0.072 /kWh. The study would be a replicable model for other areas facing similar challenges.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT
The exhausting fossil fuel energy and climate change issues have made a dual pressure to the world, and consequently is leading to an urgent development of renewable energy technologies. As these sources are intermittent, integrating two or more resources that can compensate the drawbacks of one another was found to be a solution to overcome this problem (Fathima & Palanisamy, 2015). For the case of Burundi, the over-depended on hydropower as the one main renewable energy source for its electricity generation has been hampering the economy of the country. According to Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP), the total electricity production in Burundi had registered a reduction of 40% due to a reduced volume of water in 2009 (REEEP, 2012).

OBJECTIVES
To identify a simple, reliable, viable and cost-effective hybrid system that would reduce the electricity production intermittency, especially power cutoffs for consumers supplied by Kigwena MHP.

METHODOLOGY

- **Performance of Kigwena MHP**

- **Hybrid system optimization in HOMER software**

The optimum combination was of solar PV, hydropower and utility grid as an indirect storage with the lowest LCOE of US$ 0.0334 /kWh, with conservation equivalent of quantity of emissions given in kg/year.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

- **The huge variations in intensity of streamflow make MHP less reliable in power generation.**
- **RE in HPS was found to be a way to complement MHP.**
- **Burundi needs to invest in HPS (MHP, PV) to meet the growing energy demand.**
- **Both on/off-grid system should be encouraged in order to decentralize power production to meet the demand.**

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Techno-economic Analysis of a Hybrid Power System for Rural Electrification in Niger: Case of Ngonga Zarma Village

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Abstract

Energy is significant in fuelling sustainable development for all by 2030, as is the current global agenda. The lack of electricity has greatly crippled the economic and social development of the villages in Niger. The study analyses the techno-economic feasibility of a hybrid system for electrification of rural communities in Niger with Ngonga Zarma as a case study. The micro-grid analysis tool HOMERPro was used to design and simulate the power system under two scenarios of grid and off grid connection. The grid connection scenario was found to be the possible way to electrify the community with a system configuration of 35kW Solar PV, 30 kW diesel genset and 16 batteries. The system had a renewable energy fraction of 62.4% solar from a total electrical energy output of 93,901kWh/yr and an LCOE of 0.137$ with the NPC at $221,153. Through hybrid systems, the renewable energy fraction of Niger can be increased so as to meet the 30% energy mix agenda by 2030.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

Conventional sources of energy currently dominate the total primary energy supply in the world, with a percentage share of 79.5% and renewables at 10.4% (REN21, 2017). The world has looked to the use of alternative energy sources such as renewable energy sources (RES) and efforts to reduce emissions, increase efficiency in energy use and production as a solution. With more than 500 million people in Africa not having access to electricity and many more without access to clean energy cooking. Nearly 80% of the people without access to power is from rural areas in the sub-Saharan, thus hindering the social-economic growth of rural communities (IEA, 2014). Available and affordable electricity important to improve the livelihood in rural communities.

OBJECTIVES

• To determine the energy demand of Ngonga Zarma and establish her load demand curve
• To assess the relevant renewable energy sources for the proposed hybrid system based on the existing potential in the area.
• To model and simulate a hybrid system with various renewable energy technologies using HOMER Pro software.
• To optimize the energy generation costs based on suitable renewable energy technologies.
• To analyze the feasibility of connecting the system for either the on-grid/off grid hybrid system for the village.

METHODOLOGY

• Energy Needs Assessment

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

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The solar PV system with battery and grid (F) had an NPC value of $221,153, AC production of 93,901kWh/yr and LCOE of 0.137$. The Hybrid power systems are of great value in the electrification of rural communities far from the grid for example Solar PV diesel with storage system. Solar PV systems essential for hybridization of existing unreliable and expensive diesel generators. Community micro grids important for increasing the generation capacity of NIGELEC_Niger and consideration of grid connection in the long term.

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Assessing Impacts of Energy Efficiency Policies on Future Energy Demand in Secondary Cities, Case study of Musanze-Rwanda

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Abstract

Urbanization is occurring fastest in developing countries, with the least developed countries expected to have the highest population growth rates. Cities in these countries are going to increasingly be important sites of energy demand. Rwanda has ambitious targets to hook up thousands of households to the energy access each year, and with the high projected economic growth forecast for the country, demand for electricity by all economic sectors in Rwanda will almost certainly increase for the foreseeable future. Modeling and scenario techniques through LEAP (Long Range Energy Alternatives Planning System) software to predict the future energy demand. This study showed that with effective implementation of the energy efficiency policies would save about 27.5% of energy and reduce energy fuel demand in 2040.

Current years, the energy consumption in urban areas has brought important studies, moreover the impacts of generating decentralized renewable energy and a demand-side strategy towards greenhouse gases emissions reduction are major factors to urban energy planning goals (Collaço et al., 2019). Nowadays, the world is facing excessive population density mostly in least developing and developing countries as urbanization is rising at high rate between 2010 and 2050 (Madiener & Sunak, 2011).

Over 50% of the world’s population now dwells in urban areas, however these cities are consuming approximately 75% of energy use. Sub-Saharan Africa currently has 13% of the world’s population but is only responsible for 4% of its energy demand and much of this demand is from traditional biomass fuel(IEA, 2014a). The future energy demand of Sub-Saharan Africa is likely to be significantly urban, over 75% by 2040 will be the city share of total demand rising to over 75% by 2040. Universal access to modern energy and energy efficiency implementation, as proposed in the Sustainable Energy for All goals, could reduce energy demand by 17% by 2040(SEA, 2015). Rwanda, biomass takes high share of the total energy consumption, it has 85% of all energy demand. Residential sector is the first dominant of energy consumer, with 82%, followed by transport with 8%, industries at 6% and other sectors at 4% (MININFRA, 2018).

Due to the estimated increase in economic activities, electrification rate and demographic growth in Rwanda, more sufficient energy supply would be needed to meet the future raising demand. Rwanda has ambitious targets to develop green secondary cities that will contribute reaching urbanization 32% by 2018 and 35% by 2020, respectively goals set by EDPRS 2 and Vision 2020 (Government of Rwanda and GGGI, 2015).

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION

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The main objective of the project is to evaluate and analyze impact of energy efficiency policies on future energy demand in secondary cities. And the specific objectives of this study:

- To evaluate energy resources, energy development and associated policies in Rwanda;
- To develop the long-term energy scenarios for secondary cities;
- To forecast energy savings resulting from the energy efficiency policies.

OBJECTIVES

METHODOLOGY

- The district area is 530.4 km².
- The total urban population of Musanze City in 2012 was 99,387 and population growth 2.53%.

- The study involved the qualitative and quantitative data, collected using descriptive research design.
- A household survey for Musanze city was done on a total of 356 Households were surveyed.
- Data is processed by using SPSS and MS excel then the data is analyzed and simulated in LEAP.

- The district is energy Business as usual (BAU) Scenario: How the future demand in the absence of new and explicit energy efficiency policies and mitigation measures.
- Energy efficiency Scenarios including efficient lighting LPS usage and sustainable usage of biomass

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

- The results showed that four energy sources predominate: electricity, charcoal, firewood and LPG.
- However, there were urban households with greater diversity of energy sources in urban households, also including electricity (97.89%), candles (44.21%) and liquefied petroleum gas, or LPG (37.89%). Charcoal use is much higher at 82.11%, whereas firewood use is only 29.49%.
- The results found show that total demand is 370.4 thousand Gigajoules on business as usual scenario, instead total final energy fuel is 268.5 thousand gigajoules on Energy efficiency Scenarios.
- This study showed that with effective implementation of the energy efficiency policies would save about 27.5% of energy and reduce energy fuel demand in 2040.

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CONCLUSION

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Abstract
Niger possesses a vast amount of renewable energy potential but still battles with numerous challenges in its energy sector with the increasing effects of climate change, also escalating the socio-economic predicaments of the country. Studies have revealed community acceptability as one approach to resolving such energy crises; however, acceptability is narrowly being discussed, especially within the context of African communities. The study aimed at understanding the factors that influence the acceptability of renewable energy and its implication on climate change actions in Sekoukou community in Niger where electricity and clean cooking sources are in dearth. The adaptation of both quantitative and qualitative data collection techniques and analyses, lead to the conclusion that financial model that targets the poorest of the poor as well as education to break the socio-psychological ties to firewood are needed to influence acceptance of renewable energy in the Community.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT
The prevalence of inadequate social, cultural and institutional consideration for innovation and technology serves as one reason for the many failed renewable energy project implementation in Africa. For many, renewable energy project is about finding an empty land and fixing solar panels to provide light for the people because they lack electricity. This mindset coupled literature gap on the relationship between acceptability of renewable energy and climate change actions particular at communities’ levels in Africa explains why more than 80% of the continents’ population are still without electricity.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION
Like most African countries, Niger has 12.93% energy access rate (urban rate: 63.1%, and rural rate: 0.93%) despite its energy potentials. Base on the available renewable potential and progressive policy frameworks, energy access gap ought to have closed up considerably, but the reverse is the case. It even turns out to be more problematic due to the high risk of climate change, which is rendering the entire socio-economic development of the country in shams. This study intends to therefore ascertain the level of community acceptability for renewable energy in Sekoukou community and its implication for climate change action towards achieving the triple benefit of sustainability, climate change mitigation and development in Niger Republic.

OBJECTIVES
To understand what acceptability of renewable energy means to Sekoukou community.

To examine community participation in renewable energy and climate change project processes using gender-sensitive participatory model.

To identify policy options in Niger that can help accelerate the implementation of renewable energies at community levels.

METHODOLOGY
The study location- Sekoukou community is 46Km away from Niamey-Capital of Niger, with a population of 863 (318 males, 545 females). Out of 102 households in the community 50 were selected for interview.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION
Data gathered revealed that challenges associated with firewood accounts for 92% of respondent’s willingness to change their energy sources. A gender sensitivity analysis also revealed that Sekoukou community is at a take-off stage. A higher level of knowledge was also exhibited by respondents on causes of climate change and their preparedness to adopt and mitigate to its horrid impact in the community.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS
Findings indicates that there is generally a positive perception of the benefit of solar energy, clean cooking fuels and the dangers associated with climate change. Cultural perception and cost viability however remain a commonly cited concern regarding acceptance of alternative energy sources. The study therefore recommends an extensive educational and promotional campaign on improved cookstoves as well as a financial model that will target the poor to have access to improved cooking stoves and fuels. More so, values and culture of the people, as well as respect for traditional leadership, should also be handled with absolute care and tactfulness, to enhance acceptability and sustainability of renewable energy projects in Sekoukou.

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Contributions of Renewable Energy to Sustainable Development in Africa: Case Study of Solar Energy in Rwanda

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Abstract
Rwanda is a small and landlocked country located in East-Central Africa. It has abundant renewable energy resources and solar energy is one of them with the total annual potential of approx. 66,38 TWh. The solar energy contribute to 2.2% for electricity production and the most used technology is solar home system. To study the contributions of solar energy to sustainable development (SD) in Rwanda the triangular approach and mixed research methodology were used focusing on the three dimension of SD. The result showed that solar energy has a significance impact on social dimension, followed by environmental dimension and the last is the economic dimension. The solar energy is contributing significantly to the development of Rwanda. However, more effort are needed in R&D, policy framework, and creating awareness to ensure the energy sustainability and achieve the universal energy access.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

- Globally, energy has been recognized as essential and life blood for humanity to develop and flourish. However, in SSA the electricity access rate is only 43% despite the abundant energy resources available on the continent (IRENA, 2013).
- We are facing energy crisis due to fossil fuels depletion and concerns of greenhouse gas emissions. Keeping in mind also the current growth rate and industrialization on the continent that lead to the exponential rising of energy demand (Favretto et al., 2018).
- The way forward and sustainable solution are needed specifically for developing countries to consider the sustainable development by ensuring the energy sustainability that meets the current energy needs without compromising the future energy needs.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION

Rwanda’s electricity access is under 50% and a big part of its population who live without access to electricity are in rural areas far from the grid. The country aims to achieve the universal energy access by 2024 and move from a developing country to a middle-income country. How Rwanda or other developing countries can ensure their development and at the same time be sustainable? What are the contributions of renewable energy (solar energy) to sustainable development in Rwanda?

OBJECTIVES

- To evaluate the contributions of existing solar energy projects to social, economic, and environmental aspects in Rwanda.
- To identify the potential economic, Social and Environmental gains if the solar energy exploitation is increased.

METHODOLOGY

The Mixed research methodology was used for data collection, both primary and secondary data were collected. The triangular approach and SPSS software were used for data analysis.

Analysis of the potential interviewees Approach for SD assessment

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

- Solar energy has a significance impact on social dimension, followed by environmental dimension and the last is the economic dimension.
- By adopting solar, Rwanda would create jobs for millions of Rwandans and provide an alternative of electricity access to rural areas far from the grid; this would also boost the economy, hence giving Rwanda extra flow of money from trading carbon credit while preserving the environment and help the country to diversify its energy mix and reduce CO2 gas emission.

CONCLUSION

- The hypothesis was supported by the result that the solar energy progression could impact positively the sustainable development in Rwanda.
- Communities in rural areas are developing and feel connected to the rest of the world.
- Lacking of the supportive infrastructures and low power of purchasing hinder solar energy dissemination.

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A Ripple Effect Analysis of Two Policy Choices: Inclusive Clean-burning, Fuel-efficient Cook-stoves and Solar PVs for Street Lighting, Institutional and Home Applications in Hoima District, Uganda

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BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

Energy is the life-breath and blood of every modern society; it is an indispensable element in all aspects of life, especially economic and human development. The universal access to modern energy is directly linked to all of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs); it is a weapon for combating poverty, fostering economic growth and improving health and gender equality (OECD/IEA, 2017) thus a catalyst for Agenda 2063. However, 2/3 of the population in Sub-Saharan Africa do not have access to electricity and those connected rely on the underdeveloped, costly and unreliable grid, an impediment to development. Solid biomass predominates the region causing health issues. The region is the most vulnerable to climate change due to lack of resilience. Fortunately, there is abundant solar PV potential and PVs can be installed anywhere. This, coupled with biomass technology advancement for improved cook-stoves can foster the acceleration of both Agendas 2030 and 2063, leading to a transformed modern African Economy.

OBJECTIVES

To assess the diffusion of REIS and its impact on socio-economic development by examining the adoption of investment level and market for improved cook-stoves and determining the socio-economic benefits of solar PVs for street lighting, institutions and home applications in the development of rural livelihoods.

METHODOLOGY

Research Design
- Mixed methods approach
- Cross-sectional research design.

Target population: users and fabricators of clean burning, fuel-efficient cook-stoves, PVs users and area planners.

Sampling units: households, local authorities and institutions.

Sampling Technique: Multi-stage sampling technique

Research Instruments
- A semi-structured questionnaire was used.

Data collection techniques
- Questionnaires with open and closed-ended questions, observation, focus group discussions, key informative interviews and photography.

Pilot study
- Pre-study for data accuracy.

Data processing and analysis
- The analysis of quantitative descriptive primary data were done with the aid of SPSS version 20 and STATA version 13.0 software and qualitative used descriptive/narrative analysis.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Figure 1, 2 & 3: Accessibility and adoption of clean burning, fuel-efficient cook-stoves

Figure 4: Regression analysis of accessibility and adoption of improved cook-stoves

Figure 5: Regression analysis on investment and market for improved cook-stoves

Figure 6: Regression analysis on socio-economic benefits of solar PVs

CONCLUSION

- More women in cooking systems than men.
- Access to information, training services, technical support facilitate ICS adoption at 1% level.
- Gender and household size 5% level, Experience at 10%.
- Negative influence: Distance to fuel sources and market 10%.
- Investment of ICS still low, but influenced by access to credit, incomes levels and ready market.
- Market for ICS is high (demand)

Socio-economic benefits of PVs
- Jobs, money savings, increased working hours at 1% level.
- Improved communication systems, illumination, air quality and safety at 5% level.
- Income generation at 10% level.
- Boost businesses.
- Promote security & safety.
- Reduce accidents, crimes & traffic jam.

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Energy Access And Impact Analysis Of Biogas Harnessing On Mau Forest Conservation

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Abstract

The Mau Forest Complex sits within Kenya’s Rift Valley and is the largest indigenous montane forest in East Africa. It serves as a critical water catchment area for the country, but human activity including agriculture, logging, settlements, and fuel and charcoal burning, has reduced the forest by 25%. (Nabutola, 2010). The communities who settled around the forests have, over the years made it their home and source of livelihood. They need it for wood fuel for cooking, and to generate income by charcoal selling to the cities and towns.

One of the solutions to these, according to a special task force appointed by former Prime Minister Hon. Raila Odinga, is to uproot the communities and replant the trees. This decision was faced by serious opposition from Rift valley leaders who saw the solution proposed as a reckless displacement of population before crafting an alternative settlement scheme for the communities. The lasting solution to conserve the forest is still pending, yet the daily needs of the communities in terms of cooking and charcoal for sale, has to be met by the forest.

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Does improving energy access and harnessing of biogas by communities living next to MAU forest contribute to conservation of forest and improved living standards?

OBJECTIVES

1. To assess rate of electricity and energy for cooking access by communities living next to MAU forest.
2. To evaluate correlation between adoption of biogas technology and demand for firewood and charcoal in southern rift region of MAU forest.

METHODOLOGY

Study Area

This study was focused on south western Mau, where data collections were done in regions of; Londiani ward to the north, Chebangan in Kimulot ward towards the south east, Nyangores ward to the south, and Olengurune in Kiptagich ward.

Data collection

Structured questionnaires were used to collect data from the households. Focus was given on background data of the household, electricity access and services, cooking solutions, health, and quality of cooking fuel. This process was facilitated by use of android app, Hedera collect.

Analysis

Multi-Tier Framework (MTF), was adopted, where access to energy was measured in the spectrum of levels, from Level 0 (tier 0) (without access) to Level 5 (tier5) (the highest level of access). For example, Access to electricity was measured based on standards (attributes) of multiple levels, independent from the energy technology.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Knowledge about biogas technology in the region.

- 98% of the residents use firewood as primary cooking fuel.
- 89.5% of the users are categorized in tier1 due to inconvenience based on time taken in firewood collection and preparation.

Energy demand according to Business as Usual (BAU) scenario.

Introduction of a 4m3 biodigester per household at yearly adoption rate of 1%.

Improved access of clean charcoal and LPG stove to 10% and 15% respectively by 2040.

CONCLUSION

- Grid electricity access in the region is currently at 17% while the use of solar home systems, currently stands at 36%. 48.1% of the residents are categorized in tier 5 while 37.6% are categorized to be in tier 1 and tier 2.
- Firewood is the main cooking fuel adopted by the residents in the region. A household uses approximately 920kg of firewood per year. 89.5% of the residents have been categorized to be in tier 1.
- On average a household owns 10 cattle with a two acre piece of land. Due to limited space, residents resort to forest encroachment in search of livestock feeds. With two dairy cows, producing 20 kg of dung each, a household is able to produce 4,818 m³ of biogas annually which is equivalent to 428.3 kg savings on firewood.
- By adopting bio-digester and clean cookstove scenario, demand for firewood will be reduced by 50% by the year 2040.

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Enhancing the role of local government in promoting sustainable energy transitions in Ghana. A case study of Wa Municipality

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Abstract
This study examined local government agencies’ involvement in Sustainable Energy (SE) initiatives and how their role in such initiatives can be enhanced in Ghana. Interviews, Focus Group Discussions and document reviews were used to gather data from local government agencies and key actors engaged in SE initiatives in the Wa Municipality. Results showed that local government agencies played a facilitative rather than a direct role in SE initiatives. Policy frameworks fail to outline strategies to integrate SEs into local government plans. The study recommends the integration of SE planning and implementation into local government plans and proposes a decentralized framework to this effect.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT
Local governments play a crucial role in Sustainable Energy Transitions. Yet, planning for such energies remains centralized in many sub-Saharan African countries including Ghana (Raw & Louie, 2017). Centralized energy planning fails to incorporate variations in socio-economic and ecological factors in a region which influence the success of any intervention (Hiremath, Shikha & Ravindranath, 2007). This has created the need for more decentralized approaches and hence, the need to involve local governments.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION
Local governments have a limited mandate with regards to decentralized renewable energy generation in Ghana (Bawakyillenuo, Olweny, Anderson, & Borchers, 2018). As a result, very little is known about the holistic state of energy at the local/districts level; hence, making effective planning for sustainable energy issues highly impossible (Bawakyillenuo & Agbelie, 2014).

Main Question: How can the role of local government be enhanced in promoting sustainable energy transitions in Ghana?

OBJECTIVES
To examine actor involvement in sustainable energy initiatives in Wa municipality; how sustainable energies can be integrated into local government plans and; the institutional capacity of local government agencies to undertake sustainable energy planning and implementation.

METHODOLOGY

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Sample size: 13 institutions, 2 local communities. The study area was Wa Municipal District in the Upper West Region of Ghana. Data were analyzed with NetDRAW and Atlas.ti.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Popular actors in SET activities

Energy-related keywords in the plans

Policy objectives and their implementing agencies in the NMTDPF, 2017-2021

CONCLUSION
Despite being the most popular actors in sustainable energy initiatives at the district level, local government agencies play a facilitative rather than a direct role in sustainable energy development in Ghana. Their role in SETs in Ghana is limited because planning for sustainable energies remains centralized with key policy frameworks failing to assign the responsibility to plan and implement projects on such energies to the MMDAs.

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Overcoming the Challenges of Rural Electrification through Stakeholders’ Participation in Policy Making: Case of Cameroon

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Abstract

Electricity remains a vital resource in meeting the sustainable development goals as it is a major driver for the economy. With only about 20% of rural electricity access in the country, about 46% of the country’s population risks economic stagnation. This study sought to find out the challenges to rural electrification in Cameroon and propose a model for rural electrification. Using the survey research design, the study was qualitative with both primary and secondary sources of data collection. Major findings included poor living conditions and limited economic growth in rural areas. Limited co-ordination of the rural electrification sector was a key barrier to rural electrification. A model was proposed to promote stakeholder participation and decentralised energy generation.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

Electricity and clean energy access is necessary for any society’s development. Clean energy access is instrumental for economic activity, absolute health and wellbeing of communities (Chaurey & Kandpal, 2010). Meeting this energy needs is very necessary in order to attain the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals of which energy itself is one of them (UNGA, 2015). About 1.1 billion people worldwide lack access to modern electricity services. Access to electricity is particularly crucial to human development. It is estimated that 85% of the 1.2 billion people in the world living without access to electricity reside in rural areas, which is attributable to the marginalisation of the poor as well as their long distance from established electrical grids (Javadi, Rismanchi, Sarraf, Afshar, Saidur, Ping & Rahim, 2013). Energy plays a pivotal role in shaping the growth of Cameroon and its 2035 Emergent Economy Vision emphasises this in great detail. With only about 20% of rural electricity access in the country, about 46% of the country’s population risks economic stagnation.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION

Despite the moderate electricity access levels in Cameroon compared to neighboring countries, very few rural facilities are electrified. With the creation of the Rural Electrification Agency in 1998, coupled with a 9.3 % increase in rural electrification rates in 2018, the study asks the question of why there is still a low rates of rural electrification in Cameroon?

OBJECTIVES

To contribute to the sustainable development goals of energy for all and promoting local development through clean energy systems and stakeholder participation.

METHODOLOGY

The study used the survey research design. With the study being qualitative, data collection was through primary and secondary sources with the semi-structured interview and personal observations as instruments for primary data collection. One rural community (Mongossi) and the Rural Electrification Agency served as case studies. Implying the purposive sampling technique, a sample of 10 respondents were selected for this study and data was analysed through in-depth content analysis. A theoretical framework for the study was designed based on the stakeholder and the evidence-based decision making approaches.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Implications of No electricity Access on Rural Areas like Mongossi

- Poor Living Conditions
- Limited Economic Growth
- Rural-Urban Migration

Factors that hinder the improvement of rural electricity access in Cameroon

- Limited co-ordination of the rural electrification sector in Cameroon
- Lack of powers by the REA to make Rural Electrification Policies
- Lack of funds
- Lack of grassroots and other stakeholders’ participation in the policy making process
- Insecurity
- Reliance on grid extension for rural electrification

CONCLUSION

- Every industrialised society relies on electricity and other energy sources to power industries and other sectors of the economy. While Cameroon envisions becoming an emerging economy by 2035, energy is needed for the accomplishment of this task.
- The lack of electricity access needs to be addressed in order to stimulate economic growth (SDG 8) in rural economies and promote access to clean and modern energy forms for all Cameroonians by 2030 (SDG 7).

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The lack of access to energy is a major obstacle to the development and the improvement of living conditions for developing countries. The most West African developing countries are characterized by extreme poverty and energy insecurity, although their potential for renewable energy is considerable. The increase in the share of renewable energy in the national energy mix remains one of the main energy policy issues that the many stakeholders in developing countries like Niger are facing. This is often due to the lack of existing studies on the potential of its renewables. This work strives to identify the potential of renewable energy and the role it plays in the Niger’s national energy supply to overcome the energy deficit. During the study, the energy needs that were taken into account for households were mainly in electricity and cooking. The surveys were conducted on 60 households in Sékoukou’s village with of nearly 70 households. This study has made possible to identify the potential renewable energy sources in the village of Sékoukou and the estimation of their potential. Sékoukou village has a big energy potential consists to four sources of energy: sun, wind, wood and green waste. The solar potential already exploited allows to Sékoukou’s people to improve their living conditions. The integration of renewable energy in energy mix can accelerate the potential economic activity of Sékoukou.

**BACKGROUND**

Access to modern energy is seen as a prerequisite for sustainable development (Ouedraogo, 2012). The depletion of fossil fuel, rising prices and concerns about environmental impact are now forcing stakeholders to seek alternative forms of energy for the energy mix that respond to energy demand and environmental issues. At the time of the energy transition, the use of renewable energy sources is a solution that is attracting worldwide interest, with technological advances and its maturity, the cost of connecting these energy sources is becoming interesting.

In most developing countries such as Niger, access to energy remains a major challenge, especially for those living in rural areas. This situation is largely due to an energy sector heavily dependent on the outside and bad balance in the energy mix. On other hand, Niger has enormous potential in terms of energy resources, although conventional and renewable.

**PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION**

The country is characterized by a low access rate especially in rural areas. The current access rate is 12.93% of which 9.03 in rural areas and 71.48 in urban areas (ANPER, 2019), Firewood represents 94.55% of final household energy consumption (EIS, 2018). The country’s energy dependence on the outside world is about 70% in terms of electricity and imports about 42% of the wood energy.

This study seeks to harness the renewable energy potential of Niger to address the issue of the energy shortfall through the designing a policy for the integration of RE into energy mix.

**OBJECTIVES**

The general objective of this study is to determine renewable energy role in Niger energy mix to overcome energy shortfall in rural area and to deduce the strategies and mechanism to be adopted to accelerate the process of integration of renewable energies.

**METHODOLOGY**

**Energy resources assessment**

For the assessment of the potential of energy resources we proceeded with the following methods:

Energy received daily in Sékoukou village is given by: 
\[ E_{Solar} = \frac{1}{2} \times \cos \theta \times (1 + S) \]

The availability rate of solar energy is given by: 
\[ \text{Availability rate} = \frac{E_{Solar}}{E_{Solar}} \]

The recoverable energy potential after calculating the average cubic velocity by the Weibull distribution of the wind speed frequencies is therefore written:

\[ P_{Wind} = \frac{1}{2} \times \cos \theta \times (1 + \frac{3}{2}) \]

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

**Distribution of Sékoukou village household potential**

**Distribution of wood consumption for cooking per household**

**Solar energy and wind potential of the Sékoukou village**

The theoretical energy potential is: 
\[ E_{Solar} = 4152000 \text{ kWh} \]

And the real energy is: 
\[ E_{Real} = 5397600 \text{ kWh} \]

The wind potential of Sékoukou village is P2 = 282.833 W.

**CONCLUSION**

The increase in the share of renewable energy in the national energy mix remains one of the main energy policy issues that the many stakeholders in developing countries are facing.

- Sékoukou village have a RE potential that can make up for the deficit in electrical energy - Four sources of energy have been identified in Sékoukou which are sun, wind, wood and green waste; - And in short, a brief policy for the implementation of an integrated energy development policy and a business model for the village have been proposed.

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The System Dynamics of Electricity Demand-Supply Gap in Sudan: The Socio-Economic Impacts and Integrated Modelling Approach

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Abstract
Sudan among the medium electrification rate in Africa, in spite of the remarkable energy resources and the huge potential of renewable energy. Economy of Sudan is growing at fast pace in which with increasing demand for electricity. Khartoum the capital of Sudan has been subjected to frequent electricity outage since 2011 after the secession of South Sudan which left a significant effect on the thermal power plants productivity which the country was depending on. Urbanization level in Khartoum is another challenge to the electricity sector and one of the main variables causing the demand-supply gap. System Dynamics approach is used for understanding the interconnection between the electricity subsystem and the variables. In order to meet the growing demand of electricity per capita.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT
In planning electricity conservation, demand and supply, electricity balance information of the energy systems is of great use. However, electricity balance is influenced by technical and non-technical factors together with the socio-economic challenges, the main characteristics of the electricity demand-supply gap such as the exponential growth of the population and energy Consumption and the increasing level of urbanization, energy losses and administrative losses. Due to the interconnected nature of energy balance components, it is evident that accurate and reliable predictions of professional responses of societies are becoming extremely important due to their help in planning and managing energy resources. Electricity demand-supply gap is one of the most important challenges that facing most of the developing countries in Sub-Saharan African countries and some of Asian countries, Sudan is among the most developing countries in Africa facing the energy gaps.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION
Sudan’s electrical power sector has been subjected to poor infrastructure, frequent power cut off and many parts in daily bases. The citizen who are affected by the electricity supply interruption create a sense of complaints to the government, due to the fact that the absence of the electricity is affecting their lives socially and economically. Based on the current status of power shortage in Sudan, the country is facing challenges to build strong economic, and industrialization and modernization cannot be achieved without proper access to electricity. People living in Khartoum are subjected to regular power outage, as a result of the fast-growing communities and urbanization level which over load the old notational grid.

OBJECTIVES
The global objective of the study is to assess the electricity demand-supply gap and its impact on socio-economic development of the livelihood of the capital Khartoum, Sudan.

METHODOLOGY

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Urbanization

CONCLUSION
➢ The results of study indicated that income level, is medium and low level, the majority of the citizens are living far from the capital’s centre.
➢ Over 80% of the respondents are willing to adopt the renewable energy.
➢ The results indicated that Urbanization is one of the main reasons of the electricity demand-supply gap.
➢ The study showed the economic impact on the electricity sector because it has a direct effect on the electricity plan in terms of extension networks and the addition of new generation to meet the increasing demand for electricity by providing the necessary money to implement the required development projects in the electricity sector.
➢ The study revealed the significant usage of system dynamics approach in energy systems, the successful analysis for the interactions among the subsystems and their variables.

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The Impact of Innovation on Renewable Energy Consumption in Nigeria

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Abstract

This study investigates the impact of innovation on renewable energy consumption in Nigeria using a time series data of 1996Q1-2017Q4. The empirical result indicated that for objective one, GDP, Innovation and trade openness had a positive relationship with renewable energy consumption while, CO2 emission and Oil rent had a negative relationship with renewable energy consumption. The result of objective two indicated no causality among the variables however, there was a unidirectional causality from oil rent to renewable energy consumption and also a unidirectional causality from innovation to carbon dioxide emission.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

Energy undergirds civilization and has powered worldwide economic changes over the last two and a half centuries (World Economic Forum, 2013). The energy sector of Africa is crucial to its sustainable development process, yet it is deemed as being one of the most poorly developed energy systems in the world (Annual Energy Outlook, 2014). Though Nigeria is abundantly blessed with both conventional and non-conventional energy sources, yet the country still suffers from inadequate supply of energy. Due to population boom, inevitable industrialization, rural-urban migration, more agricultural production and improving living standards, the demand for energy in Nigeria continues to increase. Satisfying this rapid growth in energy consumption with fossil fuels can have a significant impact on the climate. The role of innovation on energy is very important in not just increasing access to energy but also addressing the issue of high energy consumption resulting in the negative influence on the environment. The country needs to develop a technologically driven renewable energy sector that will harness the nation’s resources to complement its fossil fuel consumption and guarantee energy security, thus this study seeks to investigate the impact of innovation on renewable energy consumption.

OBJECTIVES

1. To what extent does innovation affect the renewable energy consumption in Nigeria?
2. What is the causal and long-run relationship among innovation, renewable energy consumption and economic growth in Nigeria?

METHODOLOGY

Model for Objective 1.

\[
\text{REG}_1 = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{GDP} + \beta_2 \text{INNO} + \beta_3 \text{CO}_2 + \beta_4 \text{T}_0 + \beta_5 \text{OR}_1 + \epsilon
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Model for Objective 2.

\[
\text{REG}_2 = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{GDP} + \beta_2 \text{INNO} + \beta_3 \text{CO}_2 + \beta_4 \text{T}_0 + \beta_5 \text{OR}_1 + \epsilon
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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

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Dynamic Ordinary Least Squares (DOLS)

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Abstract

This study assesses the impacts of climate change on water related ecosystem services (WRES) including hydropower potential in the Kandadjì catchment in West Africa using the conceptual rainfall-runoff modeling HBV-Light and two regional climate simulation datasets (GCM-RCMs) retrieved from WASCAL high resolution regional climate simulation under RCP 4.5.

Keywords: Climate change impact; Hydrological modeling; ecosystem services, bias correction, water resources.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

Water related ecosystem services are the services the community benefits from having a water resources. Water related ecosystem services contribute in the development of the individuals, community or nation taking into account the value and its importance but there are a lot of challenges occurring when it comes to water resource management, allocation and use.

There is a concern that climate change and variability will have negative effect on both economic development and human development of the community around Kandadjì catchment in Niger River -West Africa. The current integrative study aims to assess the impact of climate change on three major water related ecosystem services, namely domestic water supply, crop water availability, and hydropower generation using hydro-climatic modelling tools and climate scenario application at Kandadjì catchment in Niger River, West Africa.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION

Recently, studies have shown a temperatures increase by more than 0.7°C across Niger, with typical rates of warming greater than 0.15°C per decade (USAID and USGS., 2010). The Niger River is currently facing challenges to provide water related services and is to be aggravated as a result of climate change and variability.

KEY QUESTION: What is the expected impact of climate change on the hydrological regime of the catchment?

OBJECTIVES

To assess the impact of climate change on water related ecosystem services (WRES) including hydropower potential on Kandadjì catchment in West Africa.

METHODOLOGY

- A drainage area of about 596,795 km²
- A transboundary catchment
- Niger country is the primary user of the water resource is located at the outlet of the catchment where there is also a big hydropower dam
- Its a CIREG project area out of three basins of the project (Volta, Mono and Niger)

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The SPI for the period indicates that 1987-1995 both calibration and validation periods are near normal with index values ranging from -0.99 to 0.99

Model Goodness of fit criteria was very good for both validation and calibration of the model.

Temperature increase signal is projected for the periods 2020-2049 and 2070-2099 by both RCM-RCMs in the catchment.

Projected increase in future discharge, increase remain lower than the additional water demand due to population growth.

Annual hydropower, Ecological flow and crop water supply will increase but their annual pattern will show a mixed trend as a decrease in projected for some months.

CONCLUSION

- The bias collection was necessary for historical observed and historical model simulated data
- Both GCMs show that Temperature is projected to increase slightly during the near-future (2020-2049) and increase more future (2070-2099)
- A reduction in precipitation during the rainy season projected by GFDL-ESM2M and a significant increase of the precipitation is projected by HadGEM2-ES.
- The catchment indicates a large potential of the hydropower production and irrigated land for agriculture.
- The water supply for the community seems to face challenge since the addition water demand was greater than the additional water use which explains the fact that there will be shortage in water supply.

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AASSESSMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT ON WATER RELATED ECOSYSTEM SERVICES (WRES) INCLUDING HYDROPOWER POTENTIAL IN THE DANO CATCHMENT (VOLTA BASIN)

This study assesses the impact of future climate variability and change on stream water related ecosystem services (WRES) including hydropower potential in the Dano catchment (Volta basin). The study utilized a modelling approach. It was used the representative concentration pathways 4.5 (HadGEM2-ES, GFDL-ESM2M) of WASCAL high-resolution regional climate simulation between a reference period and two future periods (2020-2049 & 2070-2099). The projected annual discharge change signals, show an increase of 25% to 68% by 2049 and at the end of the century this increase reaches 80.65% to 109%. The analysis shows that the precipitation, temperature and evapotranspiration change indicated that streamflow is more related to precipitation than to temperature. The projected discharge increase will translate in an increase of all explored WRES in the future except the satisfaction of additional domestic water use that will decrease because of population growth. These results imply adopting efficient water use techniques and harnessing the highlighted WRES potential in the catchment.

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Assessing the Sustainability of Drainage System in Irrigated Agricultural Land: A Case Study of Kano River Irrigation Scheme in Nigeria

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Abstract
The Kano River Irrigation Scheme is the largest Public Irrigation Project in Nigeria covering an irrigable area of about 16,000 ha as at the 2019 records. The scheme is operated 100% by gravity with the Tiga Reservoir upstream of the command area as the only source of water. The study assessed the agricultural water management putting forward the agricultural drainage system using a multidisciplinary and systematic approach to highlight opportunities and problems in the irrigated agricultural land. Qualitative, GIS and Remote Sensing techniques, and Socio-economic analysis were employed. Based on the analysis, drainage is misused causing 48% of the irrigated area to be waterlogged and seepage through unlined canals of 29.18% was observed. Although, the agricultural benefits shows positive output, drainage systems are critical to the sustainability of the irrigation scheme.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT
Agriculture was and is still the cornerstone of the Nigerian economy employing about 65% of its labor force irrespective of its crude oil dependence. Nigeria recorded 325,000 ha of irrigated areas (ICID, 2018). Yet, less than one-tenth of irrigation potential in the country. Out of the 62 public irrigation schemes in Nigeria, three projects account for 90% of the irrigated area. In all cases, none of the irrigation schemes is operating effectively; not even the top-ranked, which is the Kano River Irrigation Project.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION
Irrigation and drainage practices have been found to be the key issues of the direct (water ponding, waterlogging and salinity) onsite and indirect effects (pollution, depletion and destruction) off-site of the kano River Irrigation command area.

Overarching question: What is the role of agricultural land drainage in agricultural water management to sustain irrigated agriculture in the Kano River Irrigation Scheme?

OBJECTIVES
The objective of the study is to highlight the potential of agricultural drainage for sustaining irrigated agriculture in the Kano River Irrigation Project by assessing the typology, impacts and agricultural benefits of drainage system management.

METHODOLOGY

- Location: latitudes 11 30‘ and 12 03’N and longitudes 8 30‘ and 9 40‘E
- Planned area: 74860 ha; Irrigated area: about 16,000 ha
- Water Source: Tiga Reservoir
- Abstraction Method: Gravity
- Annual Evapotranspiration: 1016 mm
- Annual Rainfall: 750 mm

Economic and Financial analysis:
- Crop yield response function: \( Y_z = 100 - b \cdot (EC_z - a) \)
- Net Farm Income: NFI = GFI - VC – FC

The DRAINFRAME was used as a tool to direct the research using qualitative method in problem identification.

Impact Assessment
- Satellite data acquisition (Landsat 5 TM, Landsat 8 OLI & DEM 30m)
- NDVI, NDWI & NDMI determination
- LULC classification
- Accuracy assessment
- Mapping of Waterlogged areas

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

- PS: NFI = GFI
- FW Project: NFI = 12, 113.4% ISF
- FW Project: NFI = 235, 96.5% ISF
- PS = Present Situation
- FW = Future Without Project
- ISF = Irrigation Service Fee
- The economic and financial analysis indicate higher NFI with increasing ISF for PS and FW. But NFI decreased for FW despite increasing ISF.

CONCLUSION

- Based on the problem identification analysis, drainage canals surveyed are in obiteration, mostly silted up, weed infested and regarded as "extra fertile" cultivable lands.
- NDVI, NDWI & NDMI indices for water moisture ranged from (-0.46 to +0.76), (-0.84 to +0.64) & (-0.86 to +0.96) respectively providing a suitable range for waterlogging areas estimation.
- Participatory Irrigation Management (PIM) exists traditionally as "aikin gdaya" and can easily be scaled up using the tacit knowledge of the water users, especially farmers.
- Based on waterlogging area estimation within the command area, 48% (279.79 km²) of the area considered (1217.91 km²) is waterlogged including off - command cultivated areas.
- DRAINFRAME is a useful tool for drainage related studies.

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A Study of Hydroelectric Power Supply in the West of Algeria

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Abstract
Algeria has enough hydrocarbon reserves that cover its present energy needs. Alternative energy resources, namely renewable energies have to be developed in order to both provide for its future energy needs and as alternative sources of income as well. In this thesis, a study is presented of the performance of a micro-hydropower plant by using supply water system. A water supply network in the west of Algeria with high enough piezometric head is considered to be an important source of hydroelectric power generation. Both design and cost analyses have been carried out of a micro hydropower station mounted on this supply system. If 100% efficiency is considered, the generated power reaches 136 kW.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT
- Africa has the weakest power per capita of 620 kWh/year, which drops to 153 kWh/year when Sub Saharan Africa (SSA) is considered.[4]
- Using micro hydropower in the water supply system (WSS) can reduce the cost to 40% from total amount. This distribution must be compatible with the demand in both quantity and quality. [5]

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION
Presently, Algeria has enough hydrocarbon reserves that cover its present energy, alternative energy resources. One of the renewable energy resources that can be developed is hydroelectric energy from water supply networks.
- What is the approval process to install the micro-hydropower system?
- And which type of turbine may be used in our case study?
- How much will it cost to develop the micro-hydropower system?

OBJECTIVES
This work is to estimate the quantity of energy that can be produced by using this type of installation for a specific area to provide more energy stability, reliability and increase the power output delivered.

METHODOLOGY
In water supply line, the pressure head could be removed from the system without causing pressure below the minimum at any other point by installing a hydro-turbine. Then, the excess energy will be converted into useful energy by means of electricity.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION
The turbine is the main part of a hydropower plant. It is the part which delivers the machine to produce electrical energy. In the present study an impulse Pelton turbine is used. The design of the turbine in table below:

Table1: Dimensions of the Pelton wheel components

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| Pelton wheel | 621 m
| Net Head | 36 m
| Velocity of water through the nozzle | 36.4 m/s
| Number of the nozzle | 8.74 km
| Power output of the turbine Ps | 131.4 kW
| Speed of the turbine | 719 rpm
| Width of the buckets | 0.4 m
| Number of buckets a | 21
| Specific speed, Ns | 15.13 rpm

Cost estimate of the electromechanical components
According to Giovanna, a new methodology proposed to estimate the cost of electro-mechanical equipment; this methodology decomposes the cost of electro-mechanical equipment into three terms:

\[ C_{est} = a \times H_{total}^{c} + c \times Q_{max}^{d} + e \times P_{total}^{f} + g \]

Where a, b, c, d, e, f and g are correlation constants and depend on the type of turbine.

Table 2: Depreciation of the installation

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<td>Sale price to SONEGAZ</td>
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<td>Amortization (purchase price / selling price) year</td>
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CONCLUSION
- In order to make investment decisions for the development of small hydropower projects, both technical feasibility and financial viability are considered to be the foremost requirements.
- The installation of the hydroelectric power plant at the 2.4 km level downstream of the Belghaid reservoir on the Kristel supply line allowed us to generate an estimated power of 1.191360 GWh/year, this recovered energy will allow us to relieve in electricity the towns of Ain Franie and Kristel both situated at the Daira of Bir Eldjir.
- Despite the low power recovered and estimated at 136 kW, our goal is to sensitize the public authorities, policymakers, politicians to opt for this renewable and inexhaustible energy coming from water which is in abundance in our region.

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Flood Inundation Modeling in the Gourou Watershed of Côte d’Ivoire, West Africa

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Abstract
Since 1989, Côte d’Ivoire has experienced floods in 1996, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2014, 2015, 2016, and recently in 2017 and 2018. Their occurrences and amplitudes will increase due to climate change and the increasing urban population. The study was conducted to construct hydrological and hydrodynamics models couple with GIS for flood inundation mapping in Gourou watershed in Côte d’Ivoire. HEC-HMS and HEC-RAS models were used to achieve the specified objective. The result of hydrological modeling showed that the HEC-HMS model simulated fairly well the peak discharges. The result showed peak discharges of 347.6, 322.2, 283.4, 250.5, 234.7 m³/s for 100, 50, 20, 10 and 5 years return periods respectively. From the result of hydrodynamics model, it was obvious that the floodplain inundated areas increase slightly with an inundated area of 21.05, 20.24, 19.47, 18.79 and 18.32 Ha for 100, 50, 20, 10 and 5 years return period respectively. The WSE profile showed a great variability as water is moving from upstream toward downstream. The maximum water depth reached by water in the overbanks is 2m.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT
• According to the Emergency Events Database (EM-DAT, 03 Jan 2019), Africa is the third continent most affected by floods events in terms of occurrence, total deaths, injured, affected and homeless.
• Abidjan which is the capital city of Côte d’Ivoire faced urban flood on 11th May 2018 and 19th June 2018. The flood originated from a heavy rainfall event.
• The case of Abidjan is very critical. In fact, due to the uncontrolled urbanization process, the population used to settle in flood-prone areas. Several studies pertaining to the flood hazard problem of Gourou watershed have been done. Nevertheless, research on the integration of GIS and hydrologic modeling has not been done in the area.

RESEARCH QUESTION
• How accurate can the observed peak discharge be simulated by the selected modeling approach?
• How does the inundation pattern vary along the canal?
• What are the causes of the frequent occurrence of flood in Gourou watershed?
• What type of measure (structural and non-structural) would work best to alleviate the flood risk in the study area?

OBJECTIVES
Main objective: To construct hydrological and hydrodynamics models couple with GIS for flood inundation mapping in Gourou watershed.
Specific objectives:
• To calibrate and validate HEC-HMS model for Gourou watershed
• To estimate the flood hydrographs in the watershed and used them as the inputs of the hydrodynamics model;
• To develop floods extent map for a return period of 5, 10, 50 and 100 years with associated water depth;
• To recommend mitigation measures for flood disaster risk management in the watershed.

METHODOLOGY
• Location: 5°10’N and 5°38’ North & long. 3°4’ West and 5°21’ West.
• Drainage Area: 27 km²
• Shared between 5 municipalities: Abobo, Cocody, Atotcoumbé, Adjame, Plateau.
• The watershed is highly urbanized.

Field work and Data acquisition phase
Hydrologic Modeling (HEC-HMS 4.2)
Extraction of the watershed characteristics (ArcGIS and HEC-GeoHMS)
Hydraulic modeling (HEC-RAS 5.7)

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION
• Hydrologic Modeling
  •NSE: 0.74 for calibration and 0.92 for validation.
  •RMS Error: 13.5 for calibration and 12.2 for validation.
  •Coefficient of correlation (CORR): 0.91

CONCLUSION
• Flood extent has been estimated and inundation mapping was performed satisfactory but many difficulties were encountered about the quality of data.
• Sensitivity analysis was performed for the hydrologic model and the effects are acceptable.
• HEC-HMS and HEC-RAS are suitable for flood study in the watershed.
• Use of a long series of discharge data to improve the quality of the calibration of the model parameters.
• To calibrate the Manning’s roughness value.

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Hydrological Modelling for Water Balance Components and Flood Hazard Assessment under Climate Change in Mono, Lower Basin, Benin and Togo

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Abstract

Climate change is expected to increase both the magnitude and frequency of extreme precipitation events, which may lead to more intense and frequent river flooding. This study evaluated the impact of climate change on water balance components and flood hazard in the Lower Mono river Basin through rainfall-runoff modelling (HBV-light model). The projection from two WASCAL, high resolution Climate model GFDL-ESM2M and HadGEM2-ES under RCP 4.5 were used to force HBV-model. The projected climate change signal for the Basin indicated an average increase for both climate model, 17% and 32.5% for precipitation; 0-3.83°C then 3.83-5.30°C for temperature; 0.5% and 29% for discharge respectively by 2050 and 2100 relative to 1983-2005.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

Flood is the most common form of natural disaster that disturbs human activities, causes loss of human lives and destroy properties (Asumadu-Sarkodie & Owusu, 2016). It has been reported that flood hazards events will increase under conditions of climate change and put a heavy burden on people’s lives, livelihoods and on the economy (Waltz & Sasson, 2019). Many urban and rural areas located within the Mono River Basin, the largest river shared between Togo and Benin are hit almost every year by flooding which is caused by the overflow of the River.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION

Flood is predicted to become more frequent, dominant and serious in the coming years (Mureithi et al., 2015). The vulnerability with these natural risks is high in West Africa and Togo and Benin in particular, where the populations living in the Mono, Lower Basin tend to occupy the most exposed zones. Past and recent scientific researches undertaken in the Basin focused more on Flood characteristics, flood risk and vulnerability (Ago et al., 2005; Amoussou, 2010; Fernando, 2014; Ntajal, 2016).

OBJECTIVES

Evaluate the impact of climate change on water balance components and flood hazard in Mono, lower basin through rainfall - runoff modelling

METHODOLOGY

- Extends over 560 km from North to South
- Drainage area: 23119 km²
- Population: <2 millions
- Annual max rainfall (1405.47 mm) and min (840.56 mm)
- Mean max temperature 27.95°C

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Hydrological modeling: HBV-light

Climate Change signal detection

Climate Change impact on flood frequency

CONCLUSION

- Both models, GFDL-ESM2M and HadGEM2-ES, exhibits an overall increase in future precipitation and temperature. As for discharge, HadGEM2-ES indicates an increase whereas GFDL-ESM2M shows a decrease. The opposite signals in discharge based on different climate products make it difficult to consider the results for decision making.
- The finding also underlines While HadGEM2-ES simulations under RCP 4.5 illustrate an increase in flood frequency, GFDL-ESM2M depicts a decrease.
- Results suggest for future flood management under climate change in Mono river basin to consider both increase and decrease in the flood frequency as the study shows that both trends are plausible.

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Management of a Sewerage Network in an Urban Area by Coupling GIS and Hydraulic Modeling: Case Study of Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (Ghana)

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Infrastructures are very important in the socio-economic development of a country and the protection of the environment. Their deterioration is more or less rapidly over time and faces serious challenges in term of management in many developing countries. The study coupled GIS and a Hydraulic modeling (MOUSE) to elaborate the geodatabase for the KNUST Sewerage network and analyze it management problem. The network was simulated in dry and rain period. In dry period the result has shown that about 99.62% of the network have the normal circulation of the sewage. A self-cleansing condition was not met by 0.38% of the network. During rain period, 16% of the network had overflow as well as some of the manholes. In general the management problem that KNUST sewerage faces is the undersized of some of the pipe and manholes, the invert slope and the non coverage of some of the manholes.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT
Sewerages are essential sanitation infrastructures in urban area and have to be carefully maintained and managed (Ana & Bauwens, 2007). They contribute to the sustainability management of water and protected the environment. Most of the sewer line in Africa have been existed since colonial time and most of them are under-designed. Rapid urbanization is the factor that influence most both the quantity and the quality of the sewage discharge (Hussein Abed Obaid & All, 2014). In Ghana, conventional wastewater treatment plants are underused because of the poor sewage collection system. Only the small proportion of the sewage generated from urban area are generally connected to a sewer line [Adu-Ahyiah & Ernest Anku, 2001]

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION
Lifetime of the infrastructure: Most of the sanitation infrastructures in Africa are out of date. Data availability: difficult access to the sewerage data, their components are under-ground and their management are behind.
Sizing: Most of the sewerage network are undesign.
Research key question: is the sewerage network of KNUST is well conveying the overall sewage to the wastewater treatment plant?

OBJECTIVES
To elaborate model of the database and analyze the management system of KNUST sewerage network by coupling GIS and hydraulic modeling.

METHODOLOGY
➢ The largest university of Kumasi Metropolis, (Ghana)
➢ Located in the Eastern part of Kumasi.
➢ 16 km² area
➢ Students population 42 590 in 2016
➢ Tropical climate type with an average temperature of 26.3°C

CONCLUSION
➢ Generally, the management problem of the KNUST sewerage network is due to the invert slopes that cause stagnation in the pipes,
➢ The high flow rate generation in wet period, and the non-coverage of some manholes, to these, it is added the under-sizing of some pipes and some manholes as well and some section of the pipe do not meet the self cleansing condition due to the low slope.

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Modelling the Impact of Climate Change on Water Resources in Ghana:
A Case study of the Densu River Basin

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Abstract
Climate change continues to pose a threat to the sustainability of water resources. In this research, the Water Evaluation and Planning (WEAP21) system was used to assess the impacts of future climate change on water resources in the Densu River Basin. The results indicate that the Densu River Basin will experience a temperature rise and reduction in rainfall. These changes will lead to a reduction in the river streamflow. Consequently, the water demand for domestic and irrigation uses will not be met for the study period. It is recommended that research on climate change adaptation for water management in the Densu River Basin should be conducted to ensure proper management of the water resources.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT
Adequate freshwater supply is fundamental for sustaining social and economic activities (Marques, Bangash, Kumar, Sharp, & Schuhmacher, 2013). However, the sustainability of the freshwater sources is a great challenge due to several factors such as high rate of population growth, increased socio-economic activities and especially climate change (Sun, McNulty, Cohen, & Myers, 2005; Li, Deng, Huang, Zhang, & Huang, 2013; Arisso, Tsidua, Stoffberg, & Tadesse, 2017). The African continent in the past years has seen a rise in the earth temperature and it is expected to be warmer [3-6°C] with variation in rainfall by end of 21st century (Niang, et al., 2014; Syla, Nikkiema, Gibba, Kebe, & Klutse, 2016) as a result of changing climate. These changes is likely to affect the hydrological cycle, and it could have significant impacts on the availability (quality and quantity) and distribution of water resources (IPCC, 2014; Hrdinka, Vlasak, Havel, & Mlejnska, 2015; Arisso, Tsidua, Stoffberg, & Tadesse, 2017) in Africa.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION
Climate change is predicted to impact the availability and quality of water resources. However, the extent to which the hydrology of the Densu River Basin will be altered as a result of Climate Change is unknown due to limited climate studies on the river basin.

OBJECTIVES
The main objective is to assess the impact of future climate change on water resources in the Densu River Basin for irrigation and domestic water supply.

METHODOLOGY

CONCLUSION
❖ The Densu River Basin is expected to be warmer (8.2%) with reduced rainfall (-17%) in the future
❖ The streamflow of the river is expected to decline by -58%
❖ There will be extreme water shortages in the future for both domestic and irrigation water use
❖ From the results of this research, it can be established that climate change will have a devastating impact on water resources in the Densu River Basin

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Rainfall-Intensity Duration Frequency Analysis and Peak-flow Estimations for Flood Risk Management options within Gountiyena basin in Niamey, Niger.

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Abstract

Information on peak discharge and related probabilities is essential for engineering structure designs. Many basins are ungauged and therefore, data for statistical analyses are missing and input for sophisticated hydrological modeling is insufficient. Design storm estimations based on intensity duration frequency analysis and peak discharge estimations is an essential component for planning water management interventions. The study aims to contribute to flood risk reduction within the Gountiyena basin in Niamey/Niger through intensity duration frequency analysis and peak discharge estimations based on a 5-minutes interval rainfall from 1990 to 2017 for two stations. The Gumbel distribution was applied for the intensity duration frequency analysis while the Rational and the Soil Conservation Service-Curve Number methods were used for peak discharge estimations. Short rainfall durations produced high rainfall intensities with increasing return period. The intensities varied from 100mm/hr to 226mm/hr for both stations for 1-year and 50-years return period respectively. Estimated average peak discharges vary from 84m3/s (1-year return period) to 290m3/s (50-years return period). The results can serve as basis for decision making for planning water management interventions. Alternatives on appropriate flood management options were summarized and described.

BACKGROUND

Cities are social hubs and its life depends on services and utilities (transport, electricity, water, education, housing and employment. Today, 55% of total population live in urban areas and will reach 68% by 2050 (United Nations, 2017). Increased urban population means increased surface sealing, less infiltration and increased runoff generation. Increased urbanization and rapid urban population growth are said to have contributed significantly to the increased urban flooding.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Niamey is a rapidly growing and developing metropolitan city. The city has seen massive rural-urban migrations of people fueled by extreme events such as droughts mostly notable from the 1971 drought. Most recently, the city has experienced frequent flooding. The increased urban flooding can be attributed to increased urbanization and insufficient drains. Engineering designs are based on estimations. The current research aims to generate fundamental information with intention to transform current flood situation of the Gountiyena basin.

OBJECTIVE

To contribute to flood risk reduction within Gountiyena basin through Intensity Duration Frequency analysis and Peak Discharge Estimations.

STUDY AREA

Population 1, 302, 910
Bound by longitude 2°2"30' E & 2° 7" 30' E and Latitude 13° 30' 0" N & 13° 35' 0" N
Elevation 160m - 250m amsl
Annual average temperatures 30°C
Hottest month April, 45°C
Annual average rainfall 500 mm (May to August)

METHODOLOGY

Intensity duration frequency analysis
 Extraction of the AMS from the raw data from 1990 to 2017
 The fitting AMS into selected distributions (EasyFit and Ms. Excel)
The goodness-of-fit test (Chi-square and Kolmogorov-Smirnov tests)
 Distribution parameter estimations
 Gumbel frequency factor KT computation

Peak Discharge Estimations
 The Rational and SCS-CN methods were applied for Peak Discharge Estimations

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Short rainfall duration gave high rainfall intensities with increasing return period. The goodness of fit (Chi-square and Kolmogorov-Smirnov) test confirmed our sample data obey the gumbel distribution.

The average peak discharge for the entire period is 140m3/s and 105m3/s for both methods. The Rational projected an increasing peak discharge with increasing return period.

CONCLUSION

IDF curves for the study area were developed and peak discharges were estimated for the future up to 50 years return period.
The discharge estimations and the IDF analysis indicates an increasing trend in both rainfall intensity and peak discharges.
The results tally with West Africa climate projections which predict an increasing trend in the frequency of rainfall events (Akumaga & Tarhule, 2018; New et al., 2006; SYLLA et al., 2015).
The results can serve as basis in flood management and the overall engineering structure designs for development projects.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Instrumentation of the study area, which can later allow in-depth study of the intensity duration frequency analysis within the basin
Development of an integrated flood risk management
Development of early warning system
Increase awareness on the causes and impacts of flooding, and riparian area management

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Spatial and Temporal Drought Characterization in View of the Best Irrigation Practices in Central Malawi

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Abstract
This study sought to characterize the temporal and spatial variations of droughts in view of the best irrigation practices in Central Malawi. Hydro-meteorological data from 1977 to 2017 was processed in DMAP, CROPWAT, XLSTAT, and ArcGIS 10.3 to determine drought indices, crop water requirements and best irrigation practices for the region. This study used different drought monitoring indices in DMAP. Results showed that Central Malawi experienced mild and moderate meteorological droughts, frequent moderate agricultural droughts and extreme hydrological droughts. This study recommends growing of cassava as a drought resistant crop, rainwater harvesting and usage of drip and micro-sprinklers irrigation systems.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT
✓ Malawi has been experiencing different types of disasters which are increasing in frequency, duration and severity. Droughts are the most recurring (Chavunguma et al., 2014). These have caused havoc in agriculture production, water resources and the economy of the country (Malawi Government, 2006).
✓ Inadequate knowledge of drought characterization and distribution about best crops to grow and best ways of irrigation has led to poor choices of disaster risk management strategies in Central Malawi.
✓ Kasungu Agricultural Development Division (ADD) in Central Malawi experiences uneven rainfall distribution both spatially and temporally leading to food insecurity as most people depend on rainfed agriculture.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION
✓ Many drought indices to aid drought monitoring exist but the utilization of these indices in drought analysis in Malawian setting has necessarily not been done sufficiently.
✓ Despite this vulnerability to drought conditions, no study has ever been done in the region to characterize droughts.

OBJECTIVES
✓ To characterize spatial and temporal drought characteristics in Kasungu ADD in Central Malawi.
✓ To determine ETo, CWR, IR and best irrigation practices and drought risk management strategies in the region

METHODOLOGY
Drought Monitoring in DMAP
-Indices calculation: SPI, SPEI, PDSI, ETDL, ARI, SWSI, SDI
Calculating ETo, CWR, IR, Irrigation Scheduling in CROPWAT + Irrigation System Analysis
Spatial Analysis using Kriging in ArcGIS

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

CONCLUSION
✓ Kasungu ADD has experienced more of moderate and mild droughts (meteorological and agricultural) and extreme hydrological droughts.
✓ Mann-Kendall test in corroboration with linear regression analysis revealed decreasing trends in the rainfall patterns of most areas in the ADD.
✓ Climate-smart irrigation technologies such as drip irrigation and micro-sprinkler irrigation are not largely practiced in the ADD.
✓ Most high yielding crops grown in the ADD require frequent irrigation but during longer periods of time as shown by the crop water requirements and scheduling.
✓ No single drought index is sufficient because they give different results which need a very critical analysis.

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User Friendly Numerical Hydraulic Model for Complex Pipe Networks: Case Study of Mbale School Zone Uganda

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Abstract

Whenever there are substantial variations in quantity of demands within a metropolitan water network, it is necessary to assess the pipe network. The present study aims at developing a user-friendly numerical hydraulic model for analysing compound pipe networks: the case study of Mbale School Zone in Uganda. The model was developed by the V-Model approach, written in visual basic language, to implement improved hardy cross Algorithm. The model has been developed to analyze steady flows, velocities, head losses and pressure at the nodes for a network with a maximum of four (4) loops. Costing of the pipes is also done by the model. The model was tested, validated and results compared with EPANET software. It was found that the discharge results from the program and EPANET showed consistency as coefficient of determination $R^2$, was found to be unity (1), thus reliability of the model.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

Worldwide, all languages have a word for water. In Swahili, a language widely spoken in East Africa, Water is called “Maji”. However we say it, water is a very essential resource for the existence of all life forms on earth (Sonajoe & Joshi, 2015). Water plays voluminous central roles such as navigation, irrigation, power production, recreation, machine cooling and raw material cleaning in factories and receiving wastewater (Ahmed, 1997). Its delivery to communities is by branched, looped or combined pipe network. The population of Uganda has continually enlarged at an average annual growth rate of 3.0 percent. By mid-year 2017, Uganda Bureau of Statistics (UBOS) projected the population to be 37,730,300. This has led to high demand and low pressures in the water networks. Therefore, development of reliable user friendly water network model can help engineers and scientists quantify the head losses and flow in the water distribution system.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION

According to UBOS, Mbale district population census in 2002 was estimated at 332,571 persons, with the population projection figures of 568,800 in 2019. The ever increasing population has led perpetual growth in water demand and low pressures in pipe networks. This will necessitate rigorous analysis of flows and pressure before more customers get connected to the network. Therefore, this study aims to develop a user friendly numerical hydraulic model to efficiently analyse and cost complex pipe network.

OBJECTIVE

To design and implement a user friendly numerical model for complex pipe networks.

METHODOLOGY

The V-Model Approach was adopted for this study.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

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CONCLUSION

In the face of the challenges encountered during the model development, the:

- Main AIM was achieved.
- Model was tested and Validated
- Coefficient of determinant $R^2 = $ Unity (1) for the computed flows for the single, two, three and four loops considered.

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Water Harvesting Structure Sustainability

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Abstract

WH involves the collection of rain that falls onto the roofs, grounds and runs off. Abougoudam District in Chad has only three months of rainfall with a very long dry season. The objective was to analyse WH practices in arid regions and propose sustainable structures that incorporated the technical feasibility and design, economic and socio-cultural acceptability to be implemented in Abougoudam district and other arid regions of Africa. A field survey in Chad and literature review were conducted. The results revealed that rain with a probability of more than 50% might be considered to supplement water. The soil map showed 40 to 60% of vertisols to be avoided for WH. 100% of the local community were ready to adopt WH. Water spreading weirs, Hafir systems, Sand dam and combination of the zai pit and stones lines were proposed. The sustainability of these structures could be achieved through a national policy.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

Over the last decade, climate change has influenced changes in the frequency of droughts and precipitation trends in arid and semi-arid areas of Africa.

Two hundred (200) million African population suffer from chronic water shortages and one-quarter(1/4) lack food. Chad was point out as a country suffers from a very high food insecurity according to the hunger map 2018 of the World Food Program(WFP) hunger map.

It will not be possible to achieve the SDGs (end hunger, food, poverty, health, water, and sanitation) without an African water revolution (green water).

Water harvesting (green water) is the collection and storage of rainwater and runoff in a natural or artificial storage facility to be used instantly or before the beginning of next season to provide water needs for humans and livestock consumption, the irrigation of annual crops, pastures and trees and for groundwater recharge.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION

Abougoudam District has nine months without rainfall but water is only available in the month of july,august and september. Water Harvesting structures could be adopted to bridge the gap between dry and rainy season.

OBJECTIVES

The objective of this study is to analyse the various water harvesting practices in arid regions and propose sustainable structures that incorporated the technical feasibility and design, economic and socio-cultural acceptability to be implemented in Chad and other arid parts of Africa.

METHODOLOGY

The district of Abougoudam is located about 20 km south-west of Abéché in Ouaddaï region. It is between 13 ° and 14 ° North latitude and 20 ° and 21 ° East longitude. Its area is estimated at 2320 Km² with a population of 62 161 inhabitants.

The area has an estimated domestic livestock population of 36542.

Result and discussion

Rainfall variability in Abougoudam District

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Domestic Water Supply

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CONCLUSION

Water spreading weirs, Sand dams, zai pits and stone lines have proven to regenerate land and improve crop yields which is a way to fight food insecurity and improve water supply for humans and livestock and off season irrigation. The local communities got most of their drinking water from the wells in the wadi which has become part of their culture. Therefore, the above water harvesting structures were proposed for the District of Abougoudam.

The government has the responsibility to provide water for her population and the population also have the responsibility to provide water for themselves. The future of WH in Chad will depend on public-private partnership through sponsorship by donor organization especially the United Nations and IsDB in their attempt to eradicate poverty and foster environmental sustainability in order to achieve the SDGs (goal number 2and 6).

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Assessing Climate Change and Variability Impacts on Water Resources and Smallholder Agriculture in the Offin Sub-Basin of Ghana

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Abstract

Climate change and variability have become issues of global and regional concern. Ghana’s over-dependence on climate-sensitive sectors has greatly contributed to the high vulnerability of the country. This study assessed climate change and variability impact on water resources and smallholder agriculture in the Offin Sub-Basin of Ghana. Negative trends were identified for rainfall and streamflow, whereas a positive trend was observed for temperature. Changes in rainfall and temperature in the basin, to an extent steered changes in streamflow. Farmers and indigenes in the basin did have a general knowledge of climate change and the challenges it poses on their farming activities. Various means by which these farmers had been coping with the impacts of climate change and variability were assessed, even as a means of contributing to building resilience in these climate-sensitive sectors.

BACKGROUND

- The effects of climate change and variability are significantly evident especially in Sub-Saharan Africa, Ghana inclusive, where resources are not sufficient for effective adaptation and mitigation strategies.
- Sub-Saharan Africa countries continue to exhibit vulnerability to variability and change in climatic factors such as temperature, rainfall, as well as extremities bringing about events like droughts, dry spells, and floods, which are becoming highly pronounced in the region with time.
- Ghana as a country, relies heavily on ecosystem services, in terms of food, water, raw materials, and others. These services are disadvantaged and limited by climate change and variability impacts.
- Meanwhile, Water resources and smallholder agriculture inevitably do contribute largely to socio-economic development in Ghana.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION

- Water serves as a fundamental input to most economic activities in the country, yet water resources have experienced first-hand harshness from climate change and variability.
- Agriculture is undoubtedly a pillar of the economy of Ghana, as it serves as the greatest employer in the country, employing about 60% of the population, the majority of whom are small-holders. Climate change and variability have however contributed to stagnating growth in this sector.

OBJECTIVES

- To evaluate climate trends and smallholder farmers’ perceptions of climate change and variability in the Offin sub-basin.
- To examine the effects of rainfall and temperature on river flow for the period of 1980 to 2009 at annual and monthly scales.
- To identify challenges faced by smallholder farmers due to the changing climate and evaluate adaptation strategies practiced in water management and smallholder agriculture in the basin.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

- Temperature, rainfall, and streamflow were positively correlated with each other.
- Rainfall and temperature were significantly correlated, indicating that changes in one are likely to affect the other.
- The correlation analysis shows that temperature and rainfall have a significant impact on streamflow, with temperature having a stronger effect.

CONCLUSION

- Changes in rainfall and temperature do influence changes in streamflow.
- Respondent farmers generally had knowledge on climate change and variability, as well as the challenges posed on their farming activities by these phenomena. This can be used as basis to enhance their adaptation capacity.
- With over 50% of farmer respondents consenting to relying on the river for their crop water needs, it is key to look into water management strategies that would foster the sustainability of water resources in the country.

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Assessment of Hydrological Water Balance in Lower Nzoia Sub-catchment: Towards Improved Water Governance in Kenya

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This research examines how water availability in a given area can be linked to Land Use Land Cover (LULC) changes and water balance. Having operational adaptive capacity of water governance systems can therefore enable community resilience in case of changing environment and climate. Image differencing technique was adopted in carrying out LULC change detection using the from-to analysis. Estimation of hydrological water balance of 2018 LULC was determined as a way of understanding the hydrological characteristics of the area. The finding shows that there is increasing urban/built-up area as well as population over thirty years time period while with no or limited focus on adaptive capacity. If the current state of things continue, addressing cases of water disasters may be challenging.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

Hydrological information of the catchment systems is of great use in conflict management, planning water conservation, agricultural design, drainage and flood control. Over the years, studies on comparative analysis between water balance and other influences such as the climate, morphology, land use and soil have been conducted in various parts of the world. Water balance study is becoming extremely important in helping water practitioners and civil society to make informed decisions. Hydrologic responses are dependant on decisions that are accurate and reliable in order to facilitate planning and managing water resources Source: Bao, et al., 2012; Alam, M. A., Rajat, K., & Janmeet, S., 2016

OBJECTIVES

- To assess hydrological water balance of Lower Nzoia Sub-Catchment in order to determine how Land Use/Land Cover change and water balance can influence or be influenced by adaptive capacity constraints of water governance in the study area.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION

Increasing water demand; Lower Nzoia Irrigation Development Project (LNIDP) has already kicked off Pressure from increasing population while sustaining environmental flow Less focus on adaptive capacity; understanding how human and natural systems might influence water availability

Key Question: What will happen if these problems remains Business As Usual in coming years with changing climate?

METHODOLOGY

- Part of Nzoia Catchment
- Covers an area of about 534.24Km²
- Lies in an agriculturally productive area
- Wauruya River is one of the water sources
- The elevation is between 1179m & 1524m
- Ugunja and satellite towns in the study area continues to expand

Study Design Process

Methods: supervised classification approach for LULC; SWAT modelling for estimating water balance and water yield; unstructured questionnaires for conducting interviews

Datasets: United States Geological Survey (USGS), Soil and Terrain Database for Kenya (KENSOTER), Kenya’s Hydro-meteorological stations, and Global Weather Data for SWAT

The comparison between 1988 and 2018 LULC shows that there is increased built-up area and if this continues in the future, it may lead to a lot of environmental and ecological problems. More built-up land leads to increased impervious areas hence increased run-off and less water infiltration therefore in turn influencing water balance and water yield.

Modeling results of this study suggest that SWAT model is a useful tool in assessing hydrology of a river catchment as well as in predicting water yield. In addition, the embedded SWAT model in GIS environment ensures results to be highly productive as a tool to support policies and decision making.

Even though there is impressive water policy development in Kenya, adaptive capacity has not been incorporated into these policies.

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Assessment of Needs and Options for Sustaining Ecological Water Supply to Ruaha National Park in Tanzania through Damming Ndembera River in Iringa, Tanzania

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Abstract
Ndembera River is one of the rivers that flow its water into the Great Ruaha River (GRR) in Tanzania. Since 1993, GRR flow started to cease during dry period due to over-abbreviation of water for upstream irrigation activities. The study used WEAP system to analyze different options for restoring yearly flow of the river and ensuring sustainable access to clean water, energy, food, and ecosystem nexus. The improvement of irrigation systems was found to reduce the irrigation water demands from 33.2MCM (2018) to 22MCM (2050). Construction of Lugoda dam was found to increase irrigation water demand coverage from 80.87% to 98.17%. Also, impoundment of Ihefu swamp and construction of Ndembera reservoir ensured 100% water demand coverage for ecology and other demand sites in all periods of the year.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT
Globally, the recognition of the flow regime of the river for ecosystem management is gaining the priority, and the role of environmental flow has become ever more significant (Bhattacharjee, 2014; Ayele, 2016). The promotion of SDG 1, 2, 6, 7, 13 & 15 has aggravated the competition over water access from the river. Over abstraction of water for irrigation activities conducted in Great Ruaha River (GRR) Basin has been resulting in seasonal drying of the river. This has been affecting the livelihood of ecosystems in Ruaha National Park (RNP) and other sectors. Hence, this thesis is meant to give insightful information about available options for restoring ecological water flow in RNP.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION
Despite the abundant water resources available in Ndembera river in Tanzania during wet season, many sectors particularly RNP found in the basin suffer from lack of water in the river during dry season. Lack of water for ecology in the RNP and other water demand sectors results into loss of ecosystems and sectoral conflicts.

OBJECTIVES
To analyze engineering and other options suitable for addressing the challenges currently associated with water requirements for ecological sustenance of the Ruaha National Park in Iringa, Tanzania.

CASE STUDY AREA & METHODOLOGY
- Ndembera River flows into GRR throughout the year.
- Ndembera sub catchment covers 3190km² and GRR basin 68000km².
- Wet period (November – April) and dry period (May – October).
- The precipitation 500 - 700mm/year
- Average temperature range between 15 °C and 32 °C

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION
Scenario I: Irrigation system improvement
- Agricultural water abstraction decreased from 33.2Mm³ (2018) to 22Mm³ (2050)
- Increase in the total annual domestic water demand from 0.75Mm³ (2018) to 1.49Mm³ (2050)

Scenario II: Construction of 350Mm³ Lugoda Reservoir
Increase in water demand coverage for agriculture sector in November from 80.87% to 98.17%

Scenario III: Introduction of EFR for RNP

Construction of ndembera reservoir & impoundment of Ihefu swamp Ensures 100% water coverage for EFA & other demand sites to be met from 2020 to 2050

CONCLUSION
- The thesis work has been devoted to the assessment of needs and options for sustaining ecological water supply to RNP in Iringa, Tanzania.
- Efficient use, abstraction practices and construction of reservoirs can ensure yearly flow of GRR, which is one of the most important ecological reserve and economic activities of the country.
- Meeting the ecological water supply in RNP can help to sustain ecosystems, boost socio-economic activities and alleviating the implications associated with lack of water in the river.
- WEAP system analysis results provided a basis for understanding needs and deriving practical and feasible options for restoring the yearly flow of GRR and hence enabling to sustain ecological water supply to RNP.

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Assessment of the Quality of Bottled Drinking Water Produced in African Cities. Case Study: Kigali City, Rwanda

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Abstract

The new trends of climate change and development which goes with industrialization, urbanization and intensive agriculture have tremendous effect on the quality drinking water sources. Hence in developing countries where financial capacity is low may affect the quality of drinking water produced for public supply, reason why bottled water demand keeps on increasing which may unfortunately have quality gaps. This research was carried out in Kigali city aiming to assess the physicochemical quality of bottled drinking water sold in Kigali by testing selected 15 parameters; pH, Turbidity, TDS, EC, Nitrate, Potassium, Calcium, Magnesium, Iron, Alfinium, Fluoride, Chloride, Sulfate, Total Alkalinity and Sodium.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

Water accounts 60% of the body weight and the average water intake of 2 liters per day for adults is needed for normal functioning. According to WHO-UNICEF-JMP, 2017; eight hundred forty four (844) million people globally in 2015 were living without access even to basic drinking water services and sadly 58% of 159 million people who were still collecting drinking water directly from surface water in 2015 lived in sub-Saharan Africa. National, Regional and International initiatives have been established to ensure full accessibility of safe drinking water (SDGs, Agenda 2063, Vision 2020, etc). Kigali, capital city of Rwanda, like some other African cities is experiencing a rapid development, which goes with potential sources of pollution to drinking water sources.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION

The global consumption of bottled drinking water has been increasing by an average of 12% per year in 2017. Unfortunately, bottled water’s safety also depends on factors. Moreover, diversity of bottled drinking water brands in Kigali where some of them do not bear the standardization mark from RSB pushed on to carry out this research. Moreover, water supply coverage is not yet at 100%.

OBJECTIVES

To test the physicochemical parameters of bottled water and tap water, To compare the physicochemical parameters of bottled water and tap water with concentration presented on bottle labels. To compare the quality of bottled and tap water with RSB and with WHO drinking water quality standards and brand among themselves.

METHODOLOGY

Research Design
Primary and secondary data have been collected.

Sampling
A total number of 24 water samples were collected by a completely randomized research design method. A triplicate of 7 brands bottled water and a triplicate of tap water.

Water Analysis and Data Processing
Spectrophotometer machine was used for analysis of some parameters; titration and direct reading on appropriate equipment for others. Analysis of Variance (AoV) in Statistix 10 Analytical Software has been done to test the significance of concentrations between water brands. Microsoft excel was used for graphical comparison and representation of parameter concentration in brands, WHO & RSB standards values and concentration written on bottle labels.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Water supply

CONCLUSION

All brands of bottled drinking water and tap water produced and sold in Kigali city were found within permissible limits of RSB and WHO guidelines for drinking water quality. However some brands had a little lower pH and slightly higher turbidity but did not affect the overall drinking quality. Discrepancies were also found on the labelled mineral contents to the measured ones even though they had no impact on RSB and WHO limit.

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Defeating Fluorosis in Rural Kenya using the Kilimanjaro Concept: A Feasibility Study in Naivasha

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Abstract

The only feasible sources of water that the local communities in Naivasha have been forced to sort after, is ground water and rainwater. Data on the quality of water is not readily available, the local population do not have the power to know and be in control of the fluoride concentrations they consume in their drinking and cooking water. The study aimed at providing possible simple and sustainable non treatment options easily implementable in the rural areas that will enable universal safe drinking water provision in Naivasha a possibility. Findings reveal that, there’s need for formulation of corporate accountability policies that will ensure the multimillion horticultural industry, conference tourism, fishing, and geothermal exploitation in Naivasha reflect on the thriving capacity of the local population in terms of safe water provision.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

WHO | UNICEF JMP progress report had a special focus on inequalities and revealed that there’s a growing injustice with access to water and sanitation driven by personal wealth and the populations most at risk of being left behind in terms of basic services provision, are the poorest and fragile living in rural remote areas (WHO, 2017). Scientific and technical reports are increasingly predicting a strong probability of hard time ahead for the victims of high fluoride consumption in the African population and the three major arguments are: the lack of a frugal defluoridation technology, the insufficient education on water safety among the affected population and high poverty rate (Ndé-Tchoupé et al. 2019). Fluoride contamination of the groundwater in some parts of Naivasha Sub County has exposed the population to fluoride-related health hazards and this water challenge has resulted to serious socioeconomic implications.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION

The population in Naivasha Sub County is growing and will spur further in about five years upon the anticipated developments (CIDP 2018-2022). The proposed water networks (NTSUDP 2014-2034) run through the urban areas leaving out the rural areas. Among the fluorosis victims and their children, fluorosis coping strategies are close to none. There has been fluorosis eradication programmes on track, but they have not been delivering for the poor person in the remote areas of Naivasha.

OBJECTIVES

- To carrying out a hydrocensus assessment of drinking water sources in Naivasha
- To find out the water quality of the drinking water sources in Naivasha
- To understand the human health implications associated with drinking the groundwater with high level Fluoride
- To evaluate the performance of blending harvested rain water with water of high Fluoride concentration in reducing Fluoride in drinking and cooking water.

METHODOLOGY

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The suitability of water blending in lowering Fluorosis

- The blending ratio values reflect the extent of reduction of fluoride concentration in borehole water using the water blending technique. The findings prove that water blending is effective for reducing fluoride concentration in water as fluoride was diluted to the recommended WHO nontoxic level of below 1.5mg/L.
- There is a lack of professional help in terms of water safety.
- The education system has not been able to create awareness on fluorosis.

CONCLUSION

- Borehole water within Naivasha Sub-county has exposed the residents to higher fluoride levels.
- The study recommends the legislative to give legal right to safe water provision in Naivasha through the implementation of integrated policies between water and energy that will ensure community water projects are offered cheap electricity and water solutions, because the area is geothermal rich and Mount Longonot being the reason behind the geothermal potential is also the reason behind high fluoride aquifers in the area as a result of its previous volcanic activities.

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Population influx in African cities has caused the emergence of slums. Most urban slum dwellers depend on groundwater sources because of their availability and affordability. Due to the dense living conditions of the slums, wells and boreholes are situated in locations that expose the groundwater to possible contamination. A study was therefore conducted to determine the effects of urbanization on groundwater quality in Accra. Microbial analysis of 20 groundwater samples from 5 slums in Accra showed that there is faecal matter presence in the groundwater consumed. Physiochemical analysis also indicates 4 slums are experiencing lead poisoning with 3 communities exposed to increased levels of nitrate and manganese. Water quality indicators such (E.coli, total coliform, salt indicators, Pb, Mn and NO₃⁻) have exceeded the WHO safe limit.


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BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

Urbanization is at its peak in today’s Africa as most people migrate to cities for greener pastures. African cities accounts for the largest growth in urban population growth over the last two decades at 3.5% per year (Muggah 2018). The reality of the urban growth in Africa is just an expansion of urban land into peri-urban centres and proliferation of slums (Group 2012). Slum dwellers lack access to potable water and proper sanitation systems. The increase in water demand causes over dependence on groundwater. The Congestion in slums results in siting wells in unsanitary locations thereby compromising the water quality.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION

Population explosion in Accra has increased the dependency of slums on wells and borehole water. The vicinity of these slums are unsanitary due to the presence of landfills and improper waste management.

Main question: How does the quality of groundwater in urban slums relates to World Health Organization (WHO) standards.

OBJECTIVES

➢ To determine the extent of urbanization on the groundwater quality in Accra slums.
➢ To determine the geospatial distribution of water quality parameters in the slums of Accra.
➢ To compare the physiochemical and microbial water quality parameters to the standard guidelines of WHO.

METHODOLOGY

Accra-Ghana

Population: 4.6 million
Small land coverage: 225.7 kilometers square
Elevation: 61m above sea level
Weather: Tropical, warm and dry along the coast. Average temperature of 30°C, wet and dry seasons.

Landscape: Flat geographical terrrain

Slums under study: Nima (1), Abokobi (2), Chorkor(3), Jamestown(4), Pantang (5)

Field work
1. Sampled groundwater from 5 slums in Accra. 2. Surveyed information from groundwater users. 3. Picked the coordinate locations of wells.

Geospatial mapping
Mapping of well position and distribution of quality parameters in slums using ArcGIS 10.4.

Laboratory analysis
1. Physicochemical analysis: pH, Temperature, Turbidity
2. Hardness, mg, mg/l, alkalinity, Ca, Mg, Na, K, Cl, HCO₃, SO₄, EC, TDS, Turbidity, pH, Fe, Cu, Zn, Mn, NO₃, NO₂, Pb, Tot-Dissolved oxygen, Temp, Salinity, TSS
3. Microbial analysis: Counting colonies of E.coli, Total coliform.

Data analysis
1. STATISTIX 10.0 analysis of laboratory results and creation of ANOVA for quality parameters among slums.
2. Compared the quality parameters of slum water to WHO standards.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Comparison between the mean water quality parameters per slum and WHO standards

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The mean values in red have exceeded the WHO Standards indicated in green.

CONCLUSION

➢ The location of boreholes and wells in slums within the city of Accra have negative impacts on the quality of groundwater.
➢ All the groundwater samples from the selected slums are bacterially contaminated.
➢ Physiochemical analysis indicates that, all the coastal slums are experiencing possible salt water intrusion because all the salt indicators have exceeded the WHO safe limit.
➢ Four out of the five slums are experiencing lead poisoning and most of these slums are also exposed to nitrate and manganese hence the groundwater from the five studied slums is not safe for human consumption.
➢ Buffer zones should be created between landfills, pit latrines and the well locations in other to prevent further contamination of groundwater.

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Hydrological Response to Land use and Land Cover Change (LULC) in Katonga River Basin, Uganda

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Abstract:
Land use and land cover changes (LULC) in Katonga River basin have had a negative impact on the fresh water resources leading to the reduction on the quantity and flow characteristics of water. The study examined land use change impacts on the hydrology and hence produce the potential results based on the historical changes and the future scenarios of the river basin. The modelling of the basin focused on hydro-meteorological for a period 1990-2018 using HBV and the Eto calculator from FAO. To evaluate the model performance calibration and validation was performed using periods (1991-1995) and (2006-2010) respectively. The values obtained for the Model efficiency/NSE is 0.43, Criterion coefficient R2 0.57 and KGE 0.47 for the calibration period and 0.39, 0.41, and 0.54 respectively for the validation period. It was concluded that streamflow trend of the basin was greatly affected by land use/cover changes with more negative impacts evident.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Driving Questions:
i. How does the land use and land cover change occur for the period 1990 to 2018?
ii. How did the land use and land cover changes impact on the stream flow of River Katonga?
iii. How was the stream flow affected by future continuous land use and land cover changes of the river basin?

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

Most of the river basins in Africa face serious degradation (Cook et al., 2000). River catchment degradation is of concern in contemporary river basin management in tropical systems (Abell et al., 2008). This degradation is driven by increasing population pressure, which place a heavy burden on natural resources (Mosepele et al., 2018).

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION

Most of the anthropogenic activities in the country depend on the fresh water sources which are supplied from the lakes and rivers in various regions. But due to land use and land cover changes the hydrological cycle has been interrupted greatly because of human activities such as deforestation, increase in built up areas, more cultivated lands and several other land use changes. The changing use of land from sustainable agriculture to unsustainable agriculture, overgrazing, and unlimited forests exploitation is pointedly shifting the hydrologic characteristics of the Katonga River basin.

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OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this study was to predict and model the impact of land use/cover change on stream flow in Katonga River basin using HBV model.

METHODOLOGY

The River basin is located in the topography of 1500-2500 metres above sea level in south west side and 1100 metres above sea level towards Lake Victoria. The maximum temperature ranges from 28.6 to 28.7οC.

- Minimum temperature: 18.20οC
- Mean annual rainfall: 900-1500 mm
- River length: 220km
- Location: 0°13’N 30°39’E

CONCLUSION

The study satisfactorily estimated how changes in land use and cover changes affect the stream flow volumes of the Katonga river basin.

- The HBV model analyzed the basin characteristics eliminating the snow factor because it’s not applicable in the area of study.
- Before application the model was calibrated for 5 years events (1991-1995) using the parameters as provided by HBV model and then validated for five events (2006-2010).
- The streamflow trends were simulated, with a demonstrated increase in settlement of 10% deducting from natural land forest and wet lands by 5% and a significant increase in streamflow was recorded in the basin.
- The changing use of land from sustainable to unsustainable agriculture, overgrazing, and unlimited forests exploitation is pointedly shifting the hydrologic characteristics of the Katonga River basin.

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Impact of Community Participation on Sustainability of Water and Sanitation Projects in Rural Areas.

Case Study of Musanze District, Northern Province of Rwanda

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Abstract

This research was conducted to evaluate the impact of community participation on sustainability of water and sanitation projects in rural areas where the services are usually significantly low compared to cities. Data was collected using questionnaires with projects beneficiaries and water and sanitation District officials. It was observed that sufficient attention was not given to community involvement in different stages of projects implementation hence the recommendation of incorporating the user centered design methodology in projects initial stages in order to involve the community and ensure project sustainability.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

• Still today, 3 out of 10 people in the world are without access to safe water and 6 in 10 homes lack safely managed sanitation (UNICEF, 2017). This shows how progress remains difficult, no matter how essential water is for human life.

• There are large inequalities when it comes to water and sanitation, developing countries are lagging behind, a big difference between the urban and the rural, and the rich and the poor neighborhoods, gender inequalities also.

• Rwanda’s main challenge to achieve its 2020 target of 100% access to basic water supply and sanitation has been the funding gap for WASH services in scattered settlements in difficult and hilly terrain (MININFRA, 2017). In 2008, Musanze District as the case study, was among the least served districts in the country in terms of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services (Murtaza et al., 2017).

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION

Improved water and sanitation infrastructure that does not deliver is one of the major problems of the global water and sanitation challenge. However community participation is identified as one of the prerequisite for the improved performance of the services, hence this study.

OBJECTIVES

To assess the way sustainability of water and sanitation projects is being addressed at the initial stages, to assess community involvement in project planning, in project implementation and in project management.

METHODOLOGY

➢ Musanze District as the study focus is one of the 30 Districts of Rwanda, it has extremely challenging geographical conditions which make the implementation of water supply and sanitation facilities project activities very difficult.

➢ This study involved the primary data and secondary data: The primary data involved quantitative and qualitative data. The tools used to collect the primary data included:
   ➢ Closed and open ended questionnaires addressed to the users of the public water and sanitation facilities;
   ➢ Interviews to the District and Sectors’ water and sanitation officials

The primary data was analysed using SPSS software

The secondary data was collected using relevant reports

Sample Size Determination

\[ n = \frac{N \times e^2}{1 + N \times e^2} \]

N = the total population of the 3 villages
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n = sample size
Source: Yamane (1967)

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RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The literature suggested that the design of projects should include elements of sustainability at initial stages. In their study (R. C. Carter et al., 1999) they offer the “sustainability chain,” involving four essential links to achieve sustainability:

- Motivation
- Maintenance
- Cost Recovery
- Sustaining Support

It was noted that there are measures put in place at the District level to ensure community involvement and sustainability. However among all the respondents:

CONCLUSION

➢ Sustainability issues are inadequately addressed during initial stage of projects, and the sustainability of visited projects was at risk.

➢ Sufficient attention was not given to community involvement in different stages of projects implementation including design, construction as well as operations and maintenance.

➢ Rwanda has achieved one milestone by addressing sustainability and community participation in the water and sanitation policies, however much work is still needed to put that into effect.

RECOMMENDATIONS

➢ The planning stage should be given concerted efforts in order to incorporate the user centered design methodology for as to produce interventions that fully solve community problems.

➢ People should be mobilized to build interest in sustaining the initiated project services.

➢ Proper training and technical support at all levels and for all groups engaging in water and sanitation projects implementation and management should be given priority.

➢ More emphasis should be placed on institutional support (retraining, resourcing, and reform) of the local Government (districts and sectors) in order to ensure proper application of the policies.

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Measuring Innovation in the Water Sector to support Monitoring and Evaluation of Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa (STISA) 2024: The Case study of Sustainable Agriculture.

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Abstract

An Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) tool was developed to measure innovation in the water sector for sustainable agriculture, which is one of the flagship programs of Science, Technology and Innovation Strategy for Africa (STISA) 2024. To achieve that objective, a desk review was conducted for a better understanding of innovation in agricultural water management. Also, an innovation measurement framework was developed and tested through a survey based on the Community Innovation Survey (CIS) model with a focus on product and process innovation within a reference period 2016 to 2018 inclusive, to public and private sector units. The feedback of the survey helped to modify and adapt the CIS questionnaire in the context of measuring innovation in water management in agriculture (sustainable) at the supply and demand side. The results showed that the framework could be applied to measure innovation in the public and private sectors, in line with the latest definition in the Oslo Manual, 2018. A set of key success indicators was derived from the results, which would help to quantify the innovation progress in the concerned domain. This framework is designed to be used for innovation measurement at the national level, and a guideline was proposed for its good use.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) are known as a multifunctional tool, able to boost the achievement of the continental goals in Africa. STISA-2024 is an AUC ten-year program aiming to fill the gap of STI demand to impact essential sectors such as “agriculture, energy, environment, health, infrastructure development, mining, security, and water, etc.” At the same time, STISA-24 had been developed as a successor of the Consolidated Plan for Action (CPA) adopted in 2005. CPA suffered from the absence of a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) which made it difficult to demonstrate its achievements and the contribution of STI in addressing Africa’s challenges, especially the contribution of research to solving the needs in agriculture, food and nutrition security, infrastructure, health, human capacity development, and poverty reduction. While existing studies are framing the monitoring and evaluation system of economic sectors and private enterprises, there is no specific framework to measure innovation in agricultural water in Africa. This study aims to develop a monitoring and evaluation tool to measure the innovation progress in the water sector, especially the water management for sustainable agriculture.

RESEARCH QUESTIONS

What measurement framework is suitable to evaluate innovations of STISA flagship programs in the water sector for sustainable agriculture?

How to harmonized and validate the developed measurement framework?

What are the targeted key success and performance indicators that could be used to monitor and assess the agricultural water innovation in Africa?

OBJECTIVES

❖ To develop a monitoring and evaluation tool to measure innovation progress in the water sector for sustainable agriculture.

i. To develop a suitable framework for sustainable agricultural water innovation measurement in Africa;

ii. To test the framework through a case study measurement of water innovations for sustainable agriculture in Africa.

iii. To provide appropriate performance indicators for innovation measurement in the water sector for sustainable agriculture.

METHODOLOGY

❖ Framework development

❖ Survey test

CIS model questionnaire, with a focus on product and process innovation. The targeted populations are enterprises also called “units”. Reference period: three years from 2016 to 2018 inclusive. The survey was conducted by addressing the developed questionnaire by email under google form, by phone, and face to face interview in order to increase the percentage of the respondent. The countries where units/enterprises were found are Algeria, Togo, Benin, Chad, and Rwanda.

❖ Performance indicators were derived from the findings after the survey;

Also some reference documents were used as a guideline (OECD, 2013, 2015).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

❖ Developed Innovation Framework

❖ Test Survey Results

❖ Key success indicators

❖ Ongoing or abandoned innovation activities

❖ Public and financial support

❖ Innovation cooperation

❖ Unit with environmental benefits

CONCLUSION

STISA 2024 is set as part of the AU Agenda 2063, to meet the need of STI. Its expected outcome is to impact sectors like agriculture and water among others, but can not be measurable without an M&E tool. The M&E is composed of:

❖ Measurement framework

❖ Survey questionnaire based on the CIS model with a focus on product and process innovations, and

❖ Key performance indicators.

This tool is accompanied by a short guideline for its use. The logic model is a nonlinear model, we recommend a real engagement of all the stakeholders in order to avoid the risk of non-achievement.

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The Impact of Land Use and Land Cover Change on Water Resources and its Implication for Smallholder Farmers in Rwanda.
A case study of Lake Cyohohaka

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Abstract
Lake Cyohohaka North currently faces decline in water quantity and quality. Lake Cyohohaka is the primary source of irrigation water for the community and sustains other socio-economic benefits. The study utilized remote sensing approach to assess the impacts of LULC supplemented by socio-economic survey within the catchment. Remote sensing results reveal significant reduction in forests and open land and increase in agricultural land, -8.58%, -17.26% and 28.19% net change respectively which affected 61.04% and 29.37% decrease in wetland and the lake size. Also, socio-economic survey showed that reduction in crop and fish production, coupled with prolonged droughts, increased the number of local communities eating once a day to 80%. Finally, the DPSIR Framework was developed.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT
Anthropogenic activities have affected the quality and quantity of most lakes across Africa (Zhu et al., 2019) since the mid-twentieth century. In Rwanda, surface water quantity and quality depletion has been one of the major challenges for the population. Poor management of the lake Cyohohaka catchment, consequently, coupled with repeated droughts, enhanced degradation and food insecurity for farmers (UNEP, 2007).

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION
The problem has manifested itself through poor management of the catchment which promoted excessive growth of water hyacinth and other aquatic weeds to cover a wide surface of the lake and resulted in extreme reduction of the lake size and quality of water.

Question: What is the relationship between land use, land cover, and changes on Lake Cyohohaka between 2000 and 2018?

OBJECTIVES
To investigate the effects of LULC change on Lake Cyohohaka using remote sensing, in order to minimize unsustainable development practices and trigger better practices on the management of water resources.

METHODOLOGY

- Research design: Quantitative & qualitative method
- Sampling technique: Purposive sampling
- Sample size: 100 smallholder farmers, 10 sector land managers and 2 officers (RWFA&REMA)

Detection and analysis of drivers of LULC changes were conducted through a desktop study of LULC maps using Geographical Information Systems (GIS). Also, socio-economic survey was employed to study LULC change impact on smallholder farmers.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Gains and Losses between 2000 and 2018

- Net Change %
- Change 2010 -2018 %
- Change 2002-2010 %

LULC change of Lake Cyohohaka North Catchment 2002, 2010 & 2018

- Dryland
- Water Body
- Wetland
- Forest
- Agriculture
- Settlement

Driving factors of LULC change were grouped into proximate and underlying causes (adapted DPSIR framework, cfr thesis) as a fundamental prerequisite for developing effective policy responses.

CONCLUSION

- Open lands and forests had the highest loss (-17.26%) and (-8.58%) mostly due to the increased demand for food security because of population growth.
- Agricultural land had an increase up to 28.19%, owing to the government’s policy of subsidizing agricultural inputs and agriculture transformation to fight food insecurity.
- Analyses reveal that poor management practices of the catchment had negatively impacted the Muragro wetland and Lake Cyohohaka North, 61.04% and 29.37% decrease in wetland and the lake size.
- The overall production was 2-3 tons (62%) before 2000 and became 1-2 tons (79%) in 2018, which explains the reduction in number of meals per day where 80% eat once a day.

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**Abstract**

Utilization of water resources for the purpose irrigation could be a means of increasing agricultural productivity in Uganda other than depending on rain-fed agriculture in the face of climate change; to meet the ever-increasing demand for food and the need to eradicate poverty. In this study, a social survey was conducted, and a cross-sectional research design was adopted where 46 farmers and 64 farmer groups were randomly surveyed from 16 purposively selected Small scale Irrigation Schemes in Eastern, Northern and Western Uganda. It was observed that not all these schemes were exhibiting the same level of productivity and profitability with others not being able to recover the return on initial investment by means of their current production methods while others are able to recover the initial cost of investment after a period of just 3.2 years keeping all production factors constant.

**BACKGROUND/CONTEXT**

According to National Agricultural Census conducted between 2008 and 2009 by UBOS; it was reported that Irrigation was being practiced by only 0.9% of the approximately 3,600,000 Agricultural Households that responded. This implied that agriculture was predominantly rain-fed. Eastern region registered the highest number of Agricultural Households with 53.5% of all households surveyed.

**PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION**

Effects of global climate change on crop production is alarming; in the year 2010, drought accounted for 38% loss in beans production and 36% loss in maize production while in 2014, Uganda registered Uganda shillings 2.8 trillion loss of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) equivalent to 8% and 87% loss to agro-based industries (Mwaura et al. 2014).

Despite the low agricultural crop production being realized in most parts of Uganda as a result of relying on rain-fed agriculture, farmers have shown laxity in adopting irrigation yet the country has a huge irrigation potential that is evident with numerous fresh surface water sources consisting of lakes, rivers and swamps covering over 15% of her total surface area; on the contrary the ratio of cultivated area under irrigation to the irrigation potential is only 0.5%.

**OBJECTIVES**

i. To examine the profitability of using irrigation water in Uganda.

ii. To examine the sustainability of small-scale irrigation schemes in Uganda.

iii. To investigate the factors influencing productivity of irrigation water in Uganda.

iv. To determine farmers’ willingness to pay for Irrigation water in Uganda.

v. To assess the implications of water user rights and costs on adoption of irrigation in Uganda.

**METHODOLOGY**

**DATA COLLECTION**

- 46 Individual farmers 64 farmer groups
- 16 Small Scale Irrigation Schemes
- During Data collection

**DATA ANALYSIS**

- Descriptive statistics, Gross Marginal analysis, NPV and OLS using STATA and SPSS

**RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

- **Profitability analysis for watermelon and tomato crops in Andibo and Bukataabira SSIS**

  i. Out of the 46 model farmers surveyed, 76.09% were males while 23.91% were females. The low number of women may hinder the productivity, profitability and sustainability of SSISs.

  ii. Majority of the farmers (89.13%) were married.

  iii. Tomato crop is more profitable at Bukataabira SSIS while watermelon crop is more profitable at Andibo SSIS.

  iv. Factors such as family size, level of education, fertilizer use, type of irrigation system and farming experience have positive significant influence on productivity whereas factors like labor source, age, price of produce, distance to market and access to agricultural credit have negative significant influence on the productivity of irrigation water.

  v. Four factors namely; rate of rainfall, level of education, off farm income and access to credit significantly influenced farmers’ willingness to pay for irrigation water.

**CONCLUSION**

1. The high NPV of 1,905,395,295 shillings and BCR of 4.6 for tomato at Bukataabira SSIS and NPV of 3,366,040,000 shillings and BCR of 6.2 for watermelon at Andibo SSIS indicated that it was worth investing in irrigation water.

2. Factors such as affordable system, labor availability, quality of inputs used, benefit on farmer investments and access to investment funds have high significance and contribute positively to the sustainability of SSISs.

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Unlocking Finance for Advanced Irrigation Technologies in Chad

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Abstract

Agriculture in most of the countries in Sub Saharan Africa is rainfed and where irrigation is practiced inadequate surface method is used. This research used a mix method to analyzed current socio-economic and environmental setups of Djamarae scheme. Appraisal investment techniques were used to assess the sustainability of drip irrigation technology under high-value crop development. The results showed that 45% of the studied area is suitable for Advanced Irrigation Technology. The estimated NPV (positive) and C/B ratio (=2.76) at 12% discounted rate suggested that the investment in drip under tomato crop is economically viable and farmers would be able to recover the initial investment (IRR=25%) at the end of the third year. Moreover, Guerdane’s Public-Private Partnership (PPP) arrangement in Morocco was found to be suitable for the viability of Djamarae scheme from which best practices can be transferred to Chad.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

Nearly 236 million in Sub Saharan Africa (SSA) were undernourished in 2017 due to food shortages (FAO, 2018). The global crop production is estimated to double by 2050 to meet the pressing food demand and end global hunger (Nalin et al., 2014). Irrigation remains a crucial component of agriculture, where cereal production in the world would drop by 20% without it (Ja’germey et al., 2015). Most of previews studies have concentrated on the aspects of efficiency of irrigation systems; However, little have included translating the research into practice by critically assessing the adaptability of Advanced Irrigation Technologies together with an appropriate financial model.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION

In Chad, irrigation accounts for less than 1% (out of 6% of cultivated lands), despite the availability of fertile soils (39 million hectares) and abundant water resources (MARE, 2015). During the last decade, the government have initiated many large scale irrigation project, however, due to poor planning and implementation, inadequate financial model as well as high operation and maintenance costs and farmers inclusiveness, several completed and ongoing projects failed to reach their initial goals. Djamarae project, case study of the current research, is one of the schemes that faces these challenges.

OBJECTIVES

To develop a conceptual Advanced Irrigation Technology (AIT) under high-value crop development for adaptability in arid areas in Chad by critically analyzing the sustainability of the proposed AIT in Djamarae irrigation scheme.

METHODOLOGY

- Djamarae, located at 45 km North of the capital city of NDjamena.
- Accessible via NDjamena - Djamarae - Dandi National road.
- The project covers a total area of 20 000 ha located on both sides of the National road.
- The total area concerned by the case study is 3000 ha.

CONCLUSION

- The Chadian government can promote AIT for sustainable agricultural development by establishing regional programs encouraging farmers’ investment in such technologies. A strong institutional arrangement could highly attract and give confidence to private sector to involve in the country’s irrigation development programs.
- The establishment of a PPP framework in the irrigation sector requires a consistent technical assistance in creating an enabling environment for the private sector participation (policies, institutional and legal framework, risks and their mitigation, bank guarantees, insurance, etc.)
- The government of Chad, through the ministry of agriculture, can learn from the Guerdane PPP model in Morocco or the Megesh-Seraba in Ethiopia by initiating some capacity building programs with the support of its development partners.

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Chitungwiza is the third populated city in Zimbabwe, battling with high population pressure straining the dilapidated water and sanitation infrastructure. Influenza of urban population, straining the water and sanitation infrastructure. Poor surveillance systems on water quality monitoring as well as dilapidated water infrastructure coupled with shortage of water supply which has led to water rationing. Need to protect public health, aligns with SD1 & 6. Source: UNICEF, 2018; WHO, 2011

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION
Cholera outbreak deaths were 177 in Zimbabwe, need to break the cycle of cholera outbreak, through strengthening the water quality surveillance system. Growing population leading to increase in demand of water, inadequate public health knowledge on water collection, handling, transportation and storage.
What is the water quality status from the boreholes and shallow wells, what is the water quality status from the boreholes and shallow wells, and public sanitation is it exposing the community to cholera.

OBJECTIVES
To monitor water quality and recommend control mechanisms to protect community water supply sources and identify public sanitation problems and forward mechanisms to reduce vulnerability of the community to cholera outbreak.

METHODOLOGY
- Chitungwiza third populated city in Zimbabwe.
- population 330 310 census (2010)
- Water problems: water rationing, cholera outbreak

Water quality monitoring
- 13 shallow wells, bacteriological analysis, 7 boreholes chemical analysis

Proper water sources management: improved public health knowledge on water collection, transportation, storage practices

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Water Quality Indices as Important Tools for Water Quality Assessment in WWTP: The Case of the Waste-water Treatment Plan of Ain El Hout Tlemcen

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Abstract

The scarcity of conventional water resources represents for Algeria a major concern. Considering the vulnerability of available water resources to the impact of climat change, population growth as well as socio-economic factors, a situation of severe water scarcity occurs. This project seeks to study the feasibility of reusing the treated domestic wastewater for agricultural purposes as an adaptation measure to climate change. The reuse of treated wastewater represents the alternative for the preservation of the available water resources and the promotion of the agricultural sector. The present study is intended to calculate water quality index (WQI) of an urban wastewater treatment plan, in Ain El Hout in Tlemcen town, in order to ascertain the quality of water used in agriculture, to analyze the water quality parameters in discharged effluents and to assess the water quality indices for the effluents discharged from WWTP.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

In regions suffering from water scarcity, wastewater is no longer considered as waste to be disposed but as an integral part of potential water resources. Algeria is presently looking at improving water availability by adopting a new water resources policy and new alternatives that enable to ease the crisis. Treated wastewater represents a promising alternative that is not only constantly available but also increasingly available, with the development of cities, tourism and industry. In the agricultural sector, reuse of wastewater is a technique that adds to the value of the water resources while it protects the environment (Bahri et al. 2012). According to the National Sanitation Office (2013) the quantities of water treated and reused in agricultural irrigation, reached in 2013 a volume of 19 million m3 for the irrigation of 12,000 ha. Algeria has published in this framework a ministerial decree establishing the National standards of the use of treated wastewater for agricultural purposes.

PROBLEM STATEMENT/RESEARCH QUESTION

What is the physico-chemical quality of the treated wastewater from the WWTP of Ain El Hout? What are the hazardous material existing in the wastewater? And What is the water quality indices to detect the pollution level?

OBJECTIVES

The main objective of this project is to assess the performance of the WWTP with respect to the removal of physical and chemical pollutants and evaluate the quality of the water produced from it through comparison with the required standards using the WQI and then Propose the different processes for prevention and rehabilitation for WWTP.

METHODOLOGY

Case study: The wastewater The treatment plant of the city of Tlemcen is located north of the capital "Tlemcen Ville", west of Chetouane "Daira" on the Route of Ain El Hout designed for a population of 150,000 eq / hab of a capacity of 30,000 m3 / d, it is carried out National Office for Sanitation.

Water Quality Analysis:

In order to assess the quality of the treated wastewater, a series of analyzparameters were carried out. Sampling of the treated wastewater has been done using automatic samplers. The analyzes were carried out in the laboratory of the plant. The physico-chemical parameters that are usually analyzed in the laboratory are: Temperature, pH, Electrical conductivity, Total dissolved salts (TDS), Total suspended matter (TSM), Dissolved oxygen (DO), Biological oxygen demand (BOD5), Chemical oxygen demand (COD), Phosphates (PO4-3), Nitratenitrogen (NO3-N), Ammonium nitrogen (NH4+).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Physico-Chemical Parameters results (2016):

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Water quality index (WQI): Calculation: WQI=∑ qn/Wn

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CONCLUSION

The study focused on the interpretation of the physico-chemical data and from it we can conclude that the quality of the treated wastewater is satisfactory for the reuse in irrigation. But concerning the WQI calculations, we can conclude that the treated Water could not be used for drinking. However, this treated water could be used for irrigation according to Algerian standards. It is worthnoting that this treated water don't follow international WHO standards and it can not be used either for drinking or irrigation.

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