

Dear participants,

Hereby, the organizing committee of the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Conference on "Hydrology of large African river basins" held in Cotonou (Benin) from November 13 to 20, 2021, thank you for your attachment to the research and your effective participation in the said conference despite the constraints related to the Covid 19 pandemic currently underway in the world. The committee thanks you for the moments spent together in peace and friendliness. He is also happy to know that you have all returned well to your respective countries and to your different families.

He also wishes to tell you that all the participants coming from abroad have tested negative for the PCR test of Covid 19 from Cotonou, which is to the credit of everyone for having respected the barrier measures against this pandemic. We would like to tell you that this conference registered more than 120 people face-to-face and 62 people away from home with more than 220 scientific communications along with the orientations of sustainable development in the context of environmental and global changes. In addition to this, the researchers followed three training courses in two falling within the framework of the updating of hydrological and hydraulic standards including hydrometry, hydrological modeling with the GR (Rural Engineering) model at the daily time step under the packages. airGR and access to spatial hydrology data. These trainings were led by Experts from WMO, INRAE, EDF, IRD and Experts from the universities of Yaoundé I and the Bergenville Center of Excellence in Abidjan (Ivory Coast).

Furthermore, the organizing committee would like to thank all the partners of FRIEND Water PHI UNESCO and the various sponsors who invested and worked effectively for the effective organization of the Cotonou conference.

For documentation or even photos and some videos, please visit the conference website <https://friendgrandsfleuvesafriquecotonou2020.org/friend/>

Dear participants, the Organizing Committee reiterates its gratitude to you and asks you to receive its sincere thanks.

The Organizing Committee