

A ECOWAS GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

A.1 Introduction.

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) comprises three arms of governance, namely, the Executive, the Legislature and the Judiciary. At the helm of the organization structure is the Chairman of the Authority of Heads of State and Government. The Chairman is the current Head of State and Government appointed by other Heads of State and Government to oversee the affairs for a period of one year. The Minister in charge of ECOWAS affairs in the country of the Chairman of the Authority automatically becomes the Chairman of Council of Ministers; similarly, that country presides over all other ECOWAS statutory meetings for the year (ministerial and senior level, such as the Technical Committees).

At the helm of the Executive arm of the Community is the President of ECOWAS Commission appointed by the Authority for a non-renewable period of four years. He is assisted by a Vice President and 13 Commissioners, respectively in charge of (1) Finance, (2) Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources, (3) Infrastructure, (4) Social Affairs and Gender, (5) Macroeconomic Policy and Economic Research, (6) Political Affairs, Peace and Security, (7) Trade, Customs and Free Movement, (8) General Administration and Conference, (9) Human Resources management, (10) Education, Science and Culture, (11) Energy and Mines, (12) Telecommunication and Information Technology, (13) Industry and Private sector Promotion.

The legislative arm of the Community is the Community Parliament headed by the Speaker of the Parliament. The administrative functions of the Parliament are directed by the Secretary General of the Parliament. Pending elections by direct universal suffrage in future, parliamentarians are seconded by national Parliaments to the Community Parliament for a period of four years.

The judicial arm of the Community is the Community Court of Justice, headed by the President. They are all seconded by the Supreme Courts of their respective Member States to fill the country positions. The Court ensures the interpretation and application of Community laws, protocols and conventions. The administrative functions of the Court are handled by the Court Registrar who is assisted by other professionals.

A.2 Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS

The Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS for the year 2014 comprises the following:

S/N	Country	President
1	Benin	H.E. Patrice Talon
2	Burkina Faso	H.E. Roch Marc Christian Kaboré
3	Cabo Verde	H.E. José Carlos Da Fonseca
4	Côte d'Ivoire	H.E. Alassane Dramane Ouattara
5	The Gambia	H.E. Alhaji Dr. Yahya A.J.J. Jammeh
6	Ghana	H.E John Dramani Mahama
7	Guinea	H.E. Alpha Condé
8	Guinée-Bissau	H.E José Mário Vaz
9	Liberia	H.E. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf (President)
10	Mali	H.E. Ibrahim Boubacar Keita
11	Niger	H.E. Issoufou Mahamadou
12	Nigeria	H.E. Muhammadu Buhari
13	Senegal	H.E Maky Sall
14	Sierra Leone	H.E. Ernest Bai Koroma
15	Togo	H.E. Faure Essozimna Gnassingbe

A.3 Annual Ordinary Sessions of the ECOWAS Authority of Heads of State and Government (1975-2016)

S/N	Date	Venue	President
1	November 1976	Lomé	H.E. Général Gnassingbé Eyadema
2	22 April 1978	Lagos	H.E. Général Olusegun Obasanjo
3	29 May 1979	Dakar	H.E. Léopold Sedar Senghor
4	28 May 1980	Lomé	H.E. Général Gnassingbé Eyadema
5	29 May 1981	Freetown	H.E. Dr. Siaka P. Stevens
6	29 May 1982	Cotonou	S.E Mathieu Kerekou
7	29 May 1983	Conakry	H.E. Ahmed Sekou Toure
8	23 November 1984	Lomé	H.E. Général Gnassingbé Eyadema
9	6 July 1985	Lomé	H.E. Général Gnassingbe Eyadema
10	1 July 1986	Abuja	H.E. Général Ibrahim B. Babangida
11	9 July 1987	Abuja	H.E. Général Ibrahim B. Babangida
12	25 June 1988	Lomé	H.E. Général Gnassingbe Eyadema
13	30 June 1989	Ouagadougou	H.E. Capitaine Blaise Compaore
14	29 May 1990	Banjul	H.E. Alhaji Sir Dauda Jawara
15	6 July 1991	Abuja	H.E. Général Ibrahim B. Babangida
16	29 July 1992	Dakar	H.E. Abdou Diouf
17	24 July 1993	Cotonou	H.E. Nicéphore D. Soglo
18	6 August 1994	Abuja	H.E. Général Sani Abacha
19	28 July 1995	Accra	H.E. Lieutenant Vaiss. Jerry J. Rawlings
20	26 July 1996	Abuja	H.E. Général Sani Abacha
21	28 August 1997	Abuja	H.E. Général Sani Abacha
22	30 October 1998	Abuja	H.E. Général Sani Abacha
23	9 December 1999	Lomé	H.E. Général Gnassingbe Eyadema

S/N	Date	Venue	President
24	15 December 2000	Bamako	H.E. Alpha Oumar Konaré
25	21 December 2001	Dakar	H.E. Abdoulaye Wade
26	31 January 2003	Dakar	H.E. Abdoulaye Wade
27	19 December 2003	Accra	H.E. John A. Kufuor
28	19 January 2005	Accra	H.E. John A. Kufuor
29	12 January 2006	Niamey	H.E. Mamadou Tandja
30	14 June 2006	Abuja	H.E. Mamadou Tandja
31	19 January 2007	Ouagadougou	H.E. Blaise Compaore
32	15 June 2007	Abuja	H.E. Blaise Compaore
33	18 January 2008		H.E. Blaise Compaoré
34	23 June 2008	Abuja	H.E. Blaise Compaoré
35	19 December 2008	Abuja	H.E. Umaru Yar'Adua
36	22 June 2009	Abuja	H.E. Umaru Yar'Adua
37	16 February 2010	Abuja	H.E. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan
38	2 July 2010	Sal	H.E. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan
39	24 March 2011	Abuja	H.E. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan
40	16 February 2012	Abuja	H.E. Alassane Dramane Ouattara
41	29 June 2012	Yamoussoukro	H.E. Alassane Dramane Ouattara
42	27 February 2013	Yamoussoukro	H.E. Alassane Dramane Ouattara
43	17-18 July 2013	Abuja	H.E. Alassane Dramane Ouattara
44	28-29 March 2014	Yamoussoukro	H.E. Alassane Dramane Ouattara
45	10 July 2014	Accra	H.E. John Dramani Mahama
46	15 December 2014	Abuja	S.E John Dramani Mahama

S/N	Date	Venue	President
47	15 December 2014	Accra	S.E John Dramani Mahama
48	17 December 2015	Abuja	S.E. Maky Sall
49	03 June 2016	Dakar	S.E. Maky Sall
50	16 December 2016	Abuja	H.E. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

A.4 ECOWAS Technical Committees

- i. Administration and Finance ;
- ii. Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources;
- iii. Human Development and Gender;
- iv. Infrastructure;
- v. Macroeconomic Policy;
- vi. Political Affairs, Peace and Security;
- vii. Trade, Customs and Free Movement of Persons ;
- viii. Legal and Judicial Affairs;
- ix. Communication and Information Technology.

A.5 Executive Secretaries and Presidents of the ECOWAS Commission (1977 – 2014)

PHOTO	YEAR	NAME	COUNTRY
	1977 -1985	Dr. Aboubakar DIABY-OUATTARA	Côte d'Ivoire
	1985 – 1989	Alhaji Momodu MUNU	Sierra Leone
	1989 – 1993	Dr. Abass BUNDU	Sierra Leone
	1993 – 1997	Mr. Edouard BENJAMIN	Guinée
	1997 – 2002	Ambassador Lansana KOUYATÉ	Guinée
	2002 – 2010	Dr. Mohamed Ibn CHAMBAS	Ghana
	2010-2012	Ambassador James Victor Gbeho	Ghana

PHOTO	YEAR	NAME	COUNTRY
	Since 2012	Ambassador Kadré Désiré OUEDRAGO	Burkina Faso
	2016- to date	Marcel A. de SOUZA	Bénin

B. STATUS OF RATIFICATION OF ECOWAS REVISED TREATY PROTOCOLS AND CONVENTION AS AT 5th February 2017

B.I TABLE OF RATIFICATION OF THE ECOWAS REVISED TREATY AS AT 5th February 2017

COUNTRY	DATE OF RATIFICATION
1. BENIN	14 DECEMBER 1995
2. BURKINA FASO	24 JUNE 1994
3. CAP VERT	15 JULY 1996
4. COTE D'IVOIRE	5 NOVEMBER 1996
5. THE GAMBIA	26 AUGUST 1997
6. GHANA	29 JUNE 1995
7. GUINEA	18 JULY 1994
8. GUINEA BISSAU	21 NOVEMBER 14
9. LIBERIA	29 DECEMBER 1993
10. MALI	14 JULY 1994
11. NIGER	23 AUGUST 1995
12. NIGERIA	1 ST JULY 1994
13. SIERRA LEONE	10 MAY 1994
14. SENEGAL	14 JUNE 1994
15. TOGO	27 OCTOBER 1995

The ECOWAS Revised Treaty was signed in Cotonou on 24 July 1993. It entered into force on the 23rd August 1995

.B II TABLE OF RATIFICATION OF PROTOCOLS AND CONVENTIONS OF THE ECOWAS

NUMBER OF PROTOCOLS AND CONVENTIONS SIGNED FROM 1978 TO 5th February 2017= 54

COUNTRY / PAYS	NOMBRE DE PROTOCOLES & CONVENTIONS RATIFIES AU 05 FEVRIER 2017 NUMBER OF PROTOCOLS & CONVENTIONS RATIFIED AS AT 05 FEBRUARY 2017	NON-RATIFICATION AU 05 FEVRIER 2017 NON-RATIFICATION SITUATION AS AT 05 FEBRUARY 2017
1. BURKINA FASO	52	2
2. LIBERIA	52	2
3. NIGER	48	6
4. GHANA	44	10
5. GAMBIE	44	10
6. TOGO	43	11
7. SENEGAL	43	11
8. MALI	43	11
9. SIERRA LEONE	42	12
10. NIGERIA	41	13
11. BENIN	38	16
12. GUINEE	37	17
13. GUINÉE BISSAU	34	20
14. COTE D'IVOIRE	31	23
15. CAP VERT	26	28

C. STATISTICAL ANNEXES

Tableau 1: Annual Growth rate (%)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016**
Benin	3.0%	4.6%	6.9%	6.5%	5.0%	5.0%
Burkina Faso	6.6%	6.5%	6.6%	4.0%	4.0%	5.4%
Cabo Verde	4.0%	1.1%	0.8%	1.9%	1.5%	3.6%
Côte d'Ivoire	-4.2%	10.1%	9.3%	8.5%	9.2%	9.3%
The Gambia	-4.3%	5.9%	4.8%	0.9%	4.7%	2.3%
Ghana	14.0%	9.3%	7.3%	4.0%	3.9%	3.3%
Guinea	3.9%	3.9%	2.3%	1.1%	0.1%	3.8%
Guinea Bissau	8.1%	-1.7%	3.3%	2.3%	6.1%	5.4%
Liberia	7.9%	8.4%	7.3%	0.7%	0.3%	2.0%
Mali	3.2%	-0.8%	2.3%	7.0%	6.0%	5.4%
Niger	2.3%	11.8%	5.3%	7.0%	3.6%	4.6%
Nigeria	5.3%	4.2%	5.5%	6.2%	2.8%	-1.7%
Senegal	1.8%	4.4%	3.5%	4.3%	6.5%	6.6%
Sierra Leone	6.0%	15.2%	20.1%	7.0%	-21.1%	4.3%
Togo	4.8%	4.8%	4.0%	5.9%	5.4%	5.0%

Source: ECOWAS** 2016 Estimate

Tableau 2: Public deficit to GDP (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016**
Benin	-1.5%	-1.7%	-0.4%	-2.6%	-1.9%	-7.9%	-3.9%
Burkina Faso	-4.4%	-2.3%	-3.1%	-3.5%	-1.8%	-2.0%	-3.3%
Cabo Verde	-10.6%	-7.7%	10.3%	8.9%	7.3%	3.8%	-3.3%
Côte d'Ivoire	-1.7%	-4.0%	-3.2%	-2.2%	-2.2%	-2.9%	-4.0%
The Gambia	-4.5%	-4.6%	-4.6%	-8.7%	-9.6%	-6.3%	-9.8%
Ghana	-5.9%	-1.0%	-5.7%	-8.6%	-6.4%	-4.7%	-3.8%
Guinea	-14.3%	-1.2%	4.0%	-3.3%	-4.3%	9.0%	-1.9%
Guinea Bissau	1.2%	1.9%	-2.6%	-3.1%	-2.6%	-2.7%	-3.3%
Liberia	1.7%	-4.0%	3.8%	-1.1%	0.2%	1.6%	-7.1%
Mali	-2.3%	-3.0%	-0.1%	-2.2%	-3.8%	-2.1%	-4.3%
Niger	-2.4%	-0.6%	-1.1%	-2.6%	-8.1%	-9.1%	-7.7%
Nigeria	-3.1%	-1.4%	-1.4%	-1.4%	1.5%	-0.8%	-4.6%
Senegal	-5.2%	-6.7%	-5.8%	-5.5%	-5.2%	-4.8%	-4.3%
Sierra Leone	-5.1%	-4.6%	-5.2%	-1.6%	-3.3%	-4.1%	-5.0%
Togo	0.3%	-1.1%	-5.8%	-4.6%	-3.4%	-6.3%	-2.2%

Source: ECOWAS ** 2016 Estimate

Table 3: Inflation (annual average) in %

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016**
Benin	0.9%	2.7%	6.8%	1.0%	-1.1%	0.3%	-1.1%
Burkina Faso	0.1%	2.8%	3.8%	0.5%	-0.3%	0.9%	-0.1
Cabo Verde	1.2%	4.5%	2.5%	1.5%	-0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Côte d'Ivoire	6.7%	4.9%	1.3%	2.6%	0.4%	1.2%	0.6%
The Gambia	17.7%	4.8%	4.3%	5.7%	6.9%	6.7%	8.3%
Ghana	8.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	17.0%	17.7%	17.0%
Guinea	1.4%	21.4%	15.2%	11.9%	9.7%	8.2%	8.2%
Guinea Bissau	7.8%	5.3%	2.1%	0.7%	-1.0%	1.4%	1.3%
Liberia	1.5%	8.5%	6.9%	7.6%	9.8%	7.8%	8.6%
Mali	1.0%	3.0%	5.3%	-0.6%	0.9%	1.5%	-1.9%
Niger	9.0%	2.9%	0.5%	2.3%	-0.9%	1.0%	0.6%
Nigeria	0.1%	10.8%	12.2%	8.5%	8.0%	9.0%	15.4%
Senegal	8.1%	3.4%	1.4%	0.7%	-1.1%	0.1%	0.8%
Sierra Leone	1.8%	0.0%	0.0%	10.4%	7.2%	8.1%	9.7%
Togo	1.4%	3.6%	2.6%	1.8%	0.2%	1.8%	0.7%

Source: ECOWAS **2016 Estimate

Table 4: Public debt to GDP in %

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016**
Benin	28.5%	29.9%	26.8%	25.4%	30.9%	41.6%	50.0%
Burkina Faso	28.6%	31.4%	28.0%	28.2%	30.4%	34.2%	36.4%
Cabo Verde	72.1%	78.5%	90.4%	101.6%	114.0%	121.2%	119.0%
Côte d'Ivoire	60.2%	65.1%	31.9%	32.0%	35.6%	42.2%	41.8%
The Gambia	72.2%	76.5%	78.0%	88.1%	104.1%	101.1%	99.0%
Ghana	37.8%	39.7%		56.8%	70.2%	71.6%	66.0%
Guinea	86.8%	74.3%	52.9%	54.5%	89.2%	43.4%	53.0%
Guinea Bissau	164.0%	47.6%	48.9%	47.8%	47.6%	48.0%	45.2%
Liberia	42.0%	32.4%	34.1%	30.2%	37.7%	31.9%	43.0%
Mali	0.0%	23.9%	24.3%	26.0%	27.1%	30.8%	35.0%
Niger	24.2%	20.2%	21.2%	23.1%	25.6%	36.2%	40.6%
Nigeria	0.0%	8.8%	9.0%	8.8%	10.6%	10.9%	15.0%
Senegal	35.0%	39.8%	43.0%	45.7%	54.4%	57.1%	57.0%
Sierra Leone	47.1%	42.0%	36.7%	30.8%	35.4%	29.1%	48.0%
Togo	46.7%	47.1%	44.0%	45.3%	52.6%	76.8%	76.0%

Source: ECOWAS ** 2016 Estimate

Table 5: Tax revenue to GDP in %

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016**
Benin	15.2%	14.5%	14.4%	14.8%	14.8%	14.2%	14.1%
Burkina Faso	12.7%	13.7%	15.6%	16.6%	15.2%	14.2%	16.5%
Cabo Verde	18.9%	20.0%	18.3%	18.3%	17.3%	19.0%	
Côte d'Ivoire	15.6%	12.3%	16.2%	15.6%	15.2%	15.6%	16.7%
The Gambia	13.0%	14.0%	14.2%	14.0%	15.8%	16.8%	
Ghana	14.0%	16.3%	16.6%	15.3%	17.0%	17.3%	
Guinea	14.2%	14.6%	17.2%	15.8%	15.5%	16.5%	
Guinea Bissau	7.9%	7.8%	7.7%	6.8%	8.5%	10.2%	11.1%
Liberia	18.8%	19.5%	22.5%	19.3%	19.6%	19.0%	
Mali	12.9%	12.1%	12.1%	13.1%	13.3%	14.0%	14.9%
Niger	12.8%	13.4%	14.0%	15.2%	15.5%	16.2%	14.6%
Nigeria	6.3%	7.3%	6.9%	5.9%	1.5%	1.5%	
Senegal	18.7%	19.0%	18.7%	18.4%	19.6%	19.8%	20.4%
Sierra Leone	8.6%	9.2%	9.3%	8.7%	8.2%	9.1%	
Togo	15.7%	16.4%	16.6%	20.0%	20.7%	21.4%	22.0%

Source: ECOWAS ** 2016 Estimate

Table 6: Salary mass to Tax revenue in %

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Benin	45.4%	47.4%	46.7%	44.9%	45.3%	48.2%
Burkina Faso	43.5%	40.5%	37.3%	35.8%	46.5%	50.4%
Cabo Verde	50.8%	47.2%	52.4%	53.7%	57.9%	54.4%
Côte d'Ivoire	41.5%	48.2%	42.2%	43.1%	46.0%	45.1%
The Gambia	43.6%	45.5%	43.3%	46.9%	34.4%	30.4%
Ghana	49.5%	46.4%	53.3%	57.6%	49.1%	43.7%
Guinea	40.4%	35.3%	24.8%	28.2%	30.1%	32.5%
Guinea Bissau	79.3%	71.3%	62.6%	68.9%	71.1%	50.1%
Liberia	41.4%	49.9%	42.0%	52.1%	54.3%	58.7%
Mali	34.0%	35.7%	37.8%	36.4%	33.0%	33.0%
Niger	34.7%	33.3%	31.3%	32.6%	33.9%	36.5%
Nigeria	39.6%	34.5%	36.2%	38.7%	132.7%	140.1%
Senegal	32.8%	33.2%	34.1%	34.6%	32.7%	32.9%
Sierra Leone	60.9%	58.4%	60.9%	57.0%	77.6%	78.4%
Togo	33.5%	35.9%	36.7%	32.4%	31.3%	33.2%

Source: ECOWAS

Table 7: Total Revenue and grants to GDP (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Benin	18.9%	18.8%	19.2%	18.6%	17.4%	16.9%
Burkina Faso	19.8%	20.7%	22.4%	24.1%	21.3%	19.5%
Cabo Verde	28.6%	25.6%	24.4%	24.5%	22.8%	26.4%
Côte d'Ivoire	18.5%	14.2%	19.2%	19.7%	19.5%	20.6%
The Gambia	18.2%	20.9%	25.1%	18.3%	22.0%	20.7%
Ghana	19.1%	21.4%	22.1%	20.8%	21.8%	22.9%
Guinea	15.4%	19.4%	20.2%	20.0%	18.7%	19.2%
Guinea Bissau	13.3%	12.5%	14.7%	11.8%	20.4%	20.7%
Liberia	25.4%	24.9%	28.7%	28.2%	28.5%	29.8%
Mali	17.8%	17.3%	14.7%	18.4%	18.2%	19.1%
Niger	18.2%	18.1%	21.4%	24.6%	22.9%	23.7%
Nigeria	12.5%	13.1%	11.9%	9.2%	6.1%	4.0%
Senegal	21.9%	22.5%	23.0%	22.7%	25.5%	25.2%
Sierra Leone	15.1%	17.0%	15.2%	13.2%	14.0%	15.7%
Togo	22.9%	22.6%	21.3%	25.9%	24.9%	26.0%

Source: ECOWAS

Table 8: Total expenditure and let lending to GDP (%)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Benin	20.3%	20.5%	19.7%	21.2%	19.4%	24.8%
Burkina Faso	24.2%	23.0%	25.5%	27.6%	23.1%	21.5%
Cabo Verde	39.2%	33.3%	34.7%	33.9%	30.3%	30.2%
Côte d'Ivoire	20.3%	18.2%	22.3%	21.9%	21.7%	23.6%
The Gambia	22.7%	25.6%	29.7%	27.0%	31.5%	27.0%
Ghana	25.0%	22.5%	27.8%	29.4%	28.2%	27.6%
Guinea	29.7%	20.6%	16.2%	23.2%	23.0%	28.2%
Guinea Bissau	12.1%	10.6%	17.2%	14.8%	23.0%	23.9%
Liberia	23.7%	28.9%	24.9%	29.4%	28.3%	28.2%
Mali	20.1%	20.3%	14.9%	20.6%	22.1%	20.9%
Niger	20.6%	18.6%	22.6%	27.2%	31.0%	32.4%
Nigeria	15.6%	14.5%	13.3%	10.6%	4.6%	4.8%
Senegal	27.0%	29.2%	28.8%	28.1%	30.7%	30.0%
Sierra Leone	20.2%	21.6%	20.4%	14.8%	17.3%	19.8%
Togo	22.6%	23.7%	27.1%	30.5%	28.3%	32.3%

