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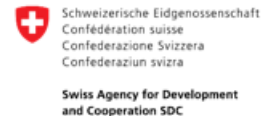


Legal & institutional frameworks for transboundary cooperation in Africa: SDG indicator 6.5.2 progress & challenges

The establishment of a legal and institutional framework for cooperation on the Senegal-Mauritanian Aquifer Basin (SMAB)” The Gambia

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Legal Framework of the Water Sector in The Gambia

1978 Gambia River Basin Organisation (OMVG) Convention

2002 Charter of the Water of the Gambia River

1979 National Water Resources Council Act (NWRC Act)

1993 Draft Water Act (proposed by HSI)

2001 Draft Water Bill

2004 Draft Water Bill

2006 National Water Policy

2008 West Africa Water Resources Policy

2009 IWRM Road Map

2011 Water Sector Reform Programme

2012 Gambia Country Water Partnership

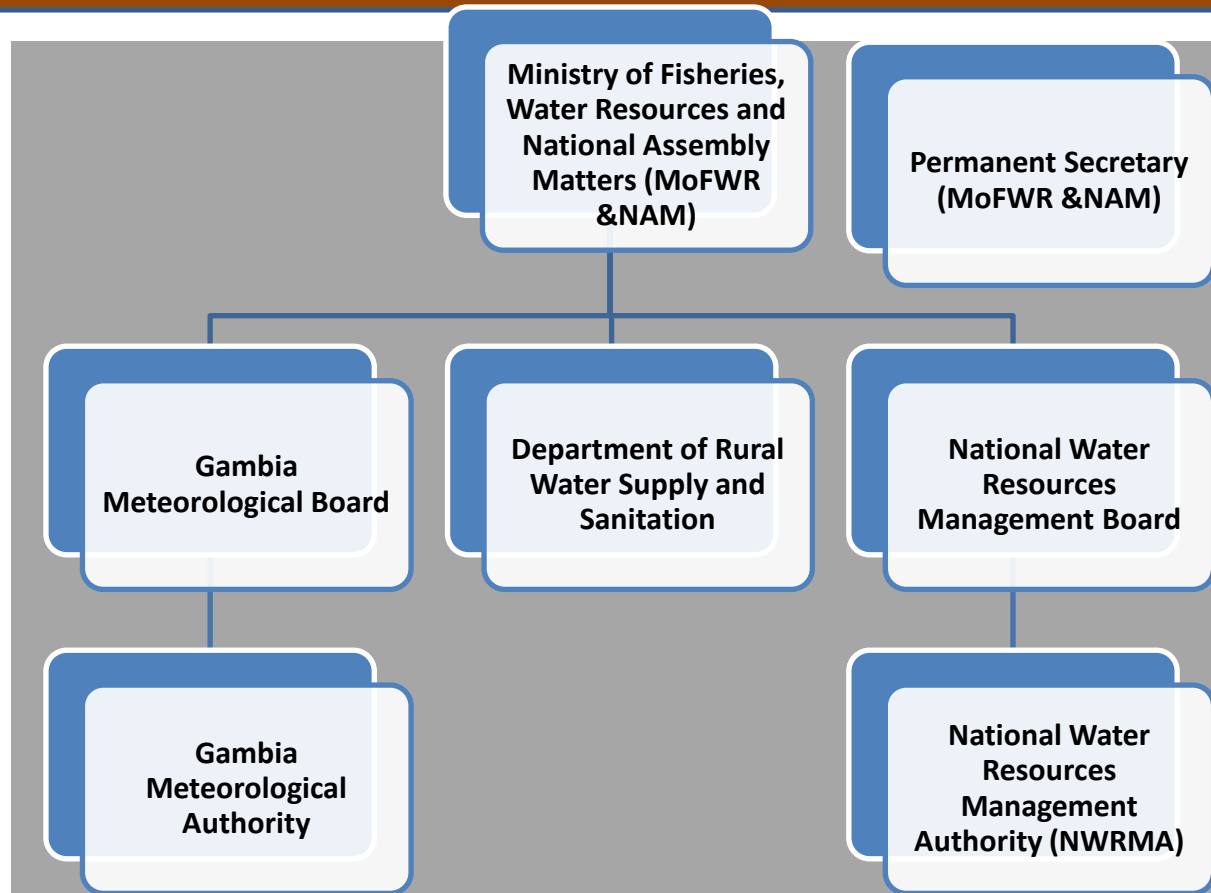
2012 Intention to accede to UN Watercourses Convention



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Water Sector Reform in The Gambia [2011 – 2015]



- Gambia Water Bill 2014
- National Water Resources Management Authority Bill (2014)
- Gambia Meteorological Authority Bill (2014)
- National Water Resources Management Strategy (2015)



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Senegalo-Mauritanian Aquifer Basin (SMAB)

Member States

- Gambia
- Guinea Bissau
- Senegal
- Mauritania

Senegal River Basin Organisation (OMVS)

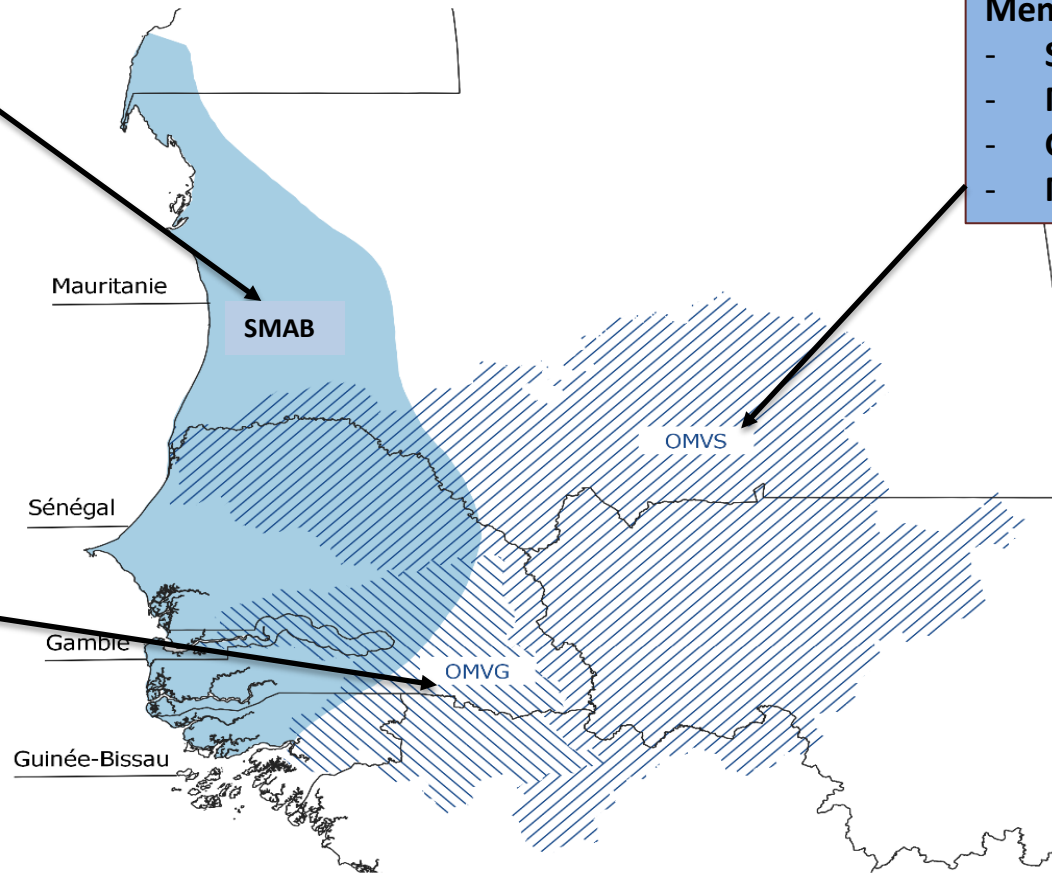
Member States

- Senegal
- Mauritania
- Guinea Conakry
- Mali

River Gambia Basin Organisation (OMVG)

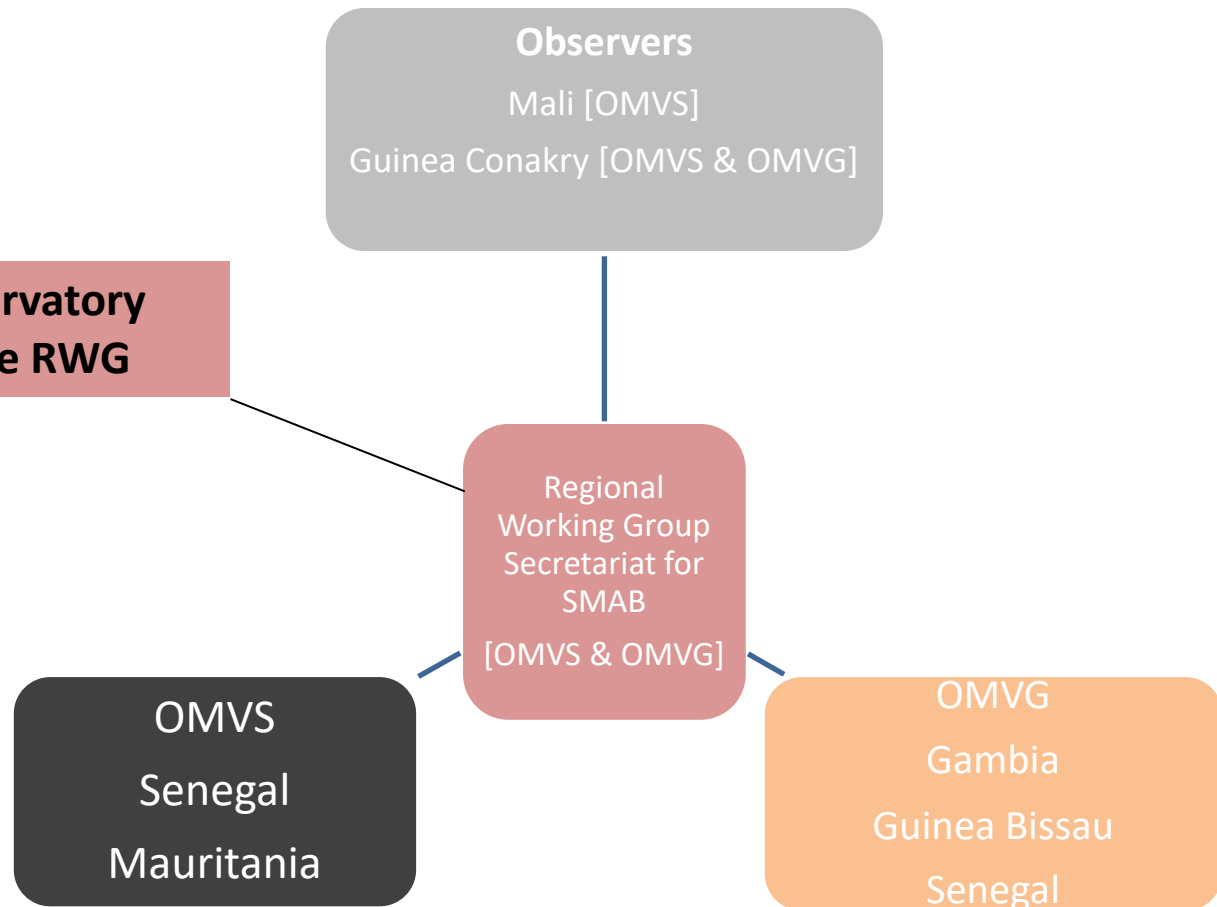
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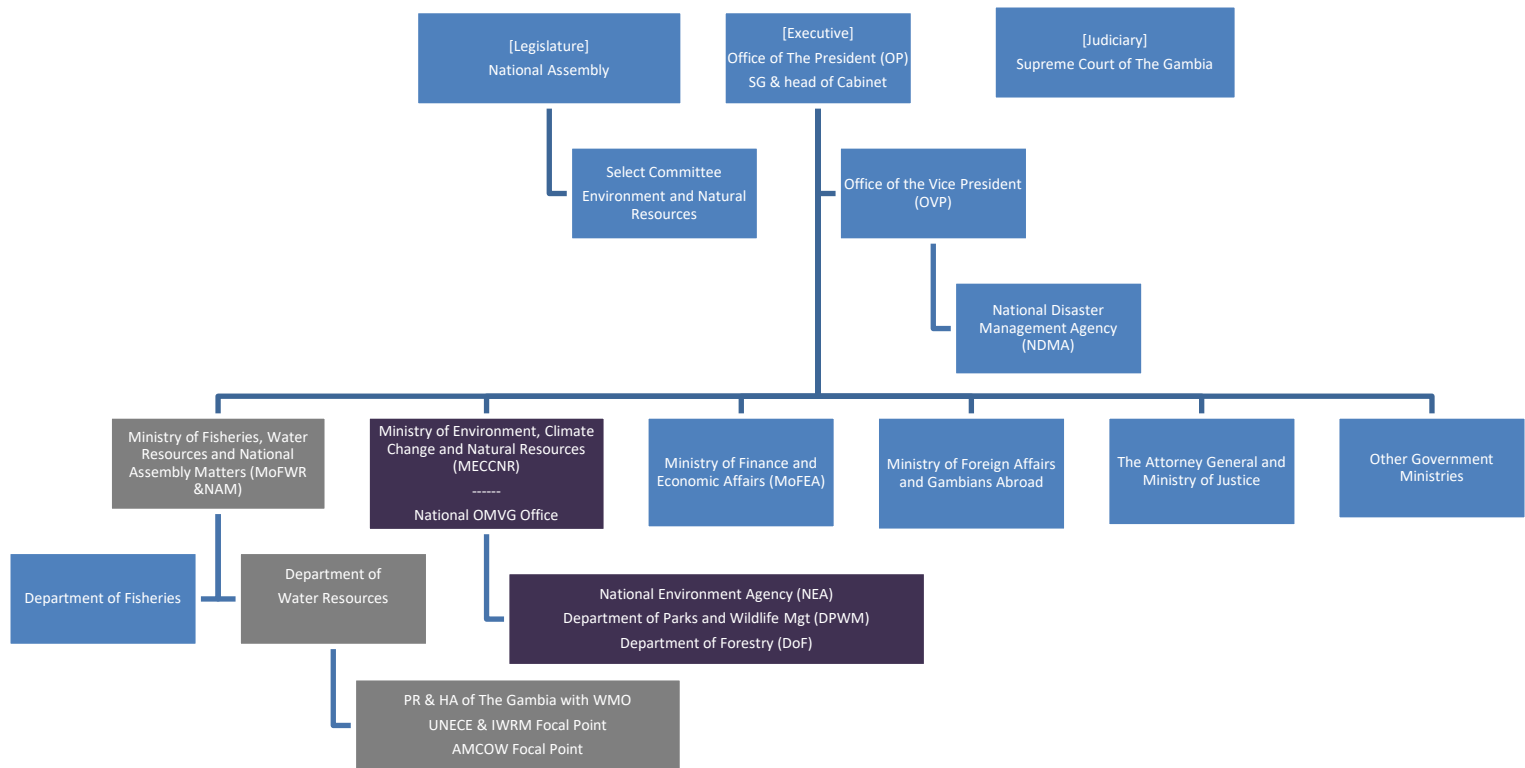


Regional Institutional Framework for the SMAB

Sahel and Sahara Observatory (OSS) is now part of the RWG



Institutional Framework of the Water Sector in The Gambia





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Challenges, Achievements and Way forward

- Weak Legal and Institutional in most of the SMAB Member States
- The Covid 19 Pandemic adversely impacted the work of the RWG
- Good will support from Technical and Financial partners
- Overall commitment to Transboundary Cooperation
- Building new partnership with OSS and UNEP
- Strengthening the operation of the RWG to serve as an Intergovernmental mechanism of Cooperation for SMAB



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