Guinea is Back in the Multilateral Cooperation

The Senegal and Niger Basins are two development backbones in West Africa. The Senegal River basin covers 1.6% of the African continent and spreads over four countries according to the proportion shown on the map. The Manantali and Diama dams were built jointly and co-owned through the Organisation pour la mise en valeur du fleuve Sénégal (OMVS).

The Niger River basin covers 7.5% of the African continent. Although its catchment is spread over ten countries according to the proportions shown on the map, more than 80% is situated in Mali, Niger and Nigeria. Mali and Niger are almost entirely dependent on the River for their water resources. One must understand the asymmetry between the many riparian states regarding their relation to the River. There are a dozen major dams implemented in the Basin but energy production comes mainly from Kainji, Jebba and Lagdo dams situated in the inferior Niger course. Since 2008, the Autorité du bassin du Niger (ABN) has authorised the construction of three multi-purpose dams: Fomi, Touassa and Kandadji.