
**Geneva Water Hub - Research Network
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**“Institutional Arrangements in the Regulation
of Access to Lake Chad Basin Resources: Formal
versus Informal Rules”**



Background

Dr Komlan Sangbana is a scientific collaborator at the Institute for Environmental Sciences, University of Geneva. He is responsible of the coordination of the Massive Open Online Courses (MOOC) project in International Water Law.

Scientific Interest

Dr Sangbana holds a PhD in Public International Law from the University of Geneva. His research interests include the analysis of features of the legal regulation of transboundary river basins. Dr Sangbana’s particular focus is on the interaction of normative and institutional components of the regulation regime and the implication of non-States actors in the water resource management.

Grant Project Description

Lake Chad is Africa’s largest inland water reservoir. It is located in the Sahel region and shared by four countries, Cameroon, Chad, Niger and Nigeria. However, the variability of the Lake’s extent and the densification of the population increase the pressure on the Lake resources and conflicts between activities escalate. These conflicts between activities underline rivalries among users in the access to water resources and undermine stability in the region. In this context, several types of institutions, formal and informal, play an important role in distributing rights to access and use water. This research project will analyse more closely interaction between this various corps of norms and assess their effect on the management of Lake Chad water resources.

Grant Project Quote

“Promoting regional peace and security by regulating access to Lake Chad's natural resources.”