



**FORTY THIRD ORDINARY SESSION OF THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS
OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT**

Abuja, 17 – 18 July 2013

**DECISION A/DEC.4/07/13 RELATING TO THE ALLOCATION OF THE
POSTS OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR-
GENERAL OF THE WEST AFRICAN HEALTH ORGANISATION
(WAHO) TO MEMBER STATES**

THE AUTHORITY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT;

MINDFUL of Articles 7, 8 and 9 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended establishing the Authority of Heads of State and Government and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Protocol A/P.2/7/87 of 9 July 1987 on the establishment of a West African Health Organisation (WAHO);

MINDFUL of Article IX of the above stated Protocol relating to the post of Director-General of WAHO;

MINDFUL of new Article 18 of the Supplementary Protocol A/SP1/06/06 of 14 June 2006 relating to the appointment of Statutory Appointees of Community Institutions;

MINDFUL of Supplementary Act A/SA.2/06/07 allocating the posts of Director General and Deputy Director General of the West African Health Organisation (WAHO) to the Republic of Guinea Bissau and Liberia respectively, for a four (4) year non-renewable period;

CONSIDERING that the tenures of the aforementioned States to those positions expired on the 1st April 2012;

CONSIDERING the need to immediately allocate these posts to other Member States and thereby set in motion the process of recruiting qualified personnel from those States to fill those positions;



CONVINCED of the need for an accelerated recruitment process into the positions of Director General and Deputy Director General of WAHO in order to ensure continuity in the administration and management of this Institution, given the importance of its mandate;

DESIROUS therefore of allocating the posts to member States;

AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION by the Authority of Heads of State and Government at its 43rd Session held in Abuja on the 17th and 18th July 2013 of allocation proposals of certain statutory positions into Community Institutions.

DECIDES:

ARTICLE 1

The post of Director-General of the West African Health Organisation is hereby allocated to the Republic of Niger.

ARTICLE 2

The post of Deputy Director-General of the West African Health Organisation is hereby allocated to the Republic of Benin.

ARTICLE 3

1. The positions referred to under Articles 1 and 2 of this Decision shall be filled in accordance with the modalities provided in Supplementary Act A/SP.4/02/12 of 17th February 2012.
2. The President of the ECOWAS Commission shall however establish an accelerated process of recruitment in order to ensure that the allocated position which fell vacant on the 30th June 2012 is filled in the shortest possible time.

ARTICLE 4

The appointment shall take effect on the day the Officers assume duty, following receipt of letters of appointment by the Officers and acceptance thereof and shall be for a four (4) year non-renewable period.



ARTICLE 5

This Decision shall be published by the ECOWAS Commission in the Official Journal of the Community, within thirty (30) days of its signature by the Chairman of Authority. It shall also be published by each Member State in its Official Journal, within thirty (30) days after its notification by the Commission.

DONE AT ABUJA, THIS 18TH DAY OF JULY 2013



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H.E. ALASSANE OUATTARA

CHAIRMAN

FOR THE AUTHORITY