



SIXTY-NINTH ORDINARY SESSION OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

Abidjan, 30 November – 2 December 2012

REGULATION C/REG.17/12/12 ON STRENGTHENING THE EDUCATION MANAGEMENT AND INFORMATION SYSTEM

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS,

MINDFUL of Articles 10, 11 and 12 of the ECOWAS Treaty as amended, establishing the Council of Ministers and defining its composition and functions;

MINDFUL of Protocol A/P1/87 relating to the Cultural Framework Agreement of the Economic Community of West African States;

CONSIDERING the need to constantly consolidate the institutional and operational capacities of educational structures and stakeholders with a view to boosting the performance of the region's educational system to meet the goals and provide effective guidance for the education sector;

RECOGNISING the importance of promoting quality education in Member States through the creation of a regional Observatory and Statistical Database to revitalise the Education Management Information System;

DESIROUS of putting such tools in place for the ECOWAS region;

UPON RECOMMENDATION of the 4th meeting of ECOWAS Ministers of Education held in Abuja on 6 October 2012.

ENACTS:

ARTICLE 1

Member States and the ECOWAS Commission shall undertake necessary measures for the reinforcement of the Education and Information management system. EMIS

Article 2

Member States shall undertake the following tasks:

- a) adopt the ECOWAS EMIS norms and standards and integrate them into national education plants with regards to data collection and management to enhance culture of management information systems.
- b) develop clear national policy on EMIS which facilitate national coordination and integration of the education and training statistics across the different Ministries and Agencies involved in the sector;
- c) allocate more budgetary resources of EMS that are ring-fenced
- d) recruit, motivate and retain more specialized EMIS to ensure the use of appropriate statistical processes and the production of quality data for evidence based planning, decision-making, monetary and evaluation of service delivery

Article 3

The ECOWAS Commission shall establish an ECOWAS Regional Observatory which shall carry out the following functions

- a) propose norms and standards for the Education Management Information System (EMIS),
- b) undertake critical studies on the different areas of education,
- c) make policy proposals on EMIS

- d) propose new methods and/or instruments for gathering data on education statistics.

ARTICLE 4: ENTRY INTO FORCE AND PUBLICATION

This Regulation shall enter into force from the date of its signing by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers and shall be published by the Commission in the ECOWAS Official Journal within thirty (30) days. It shall also be published by each Member State in its National Gazette within the same timeframe.

DONE AT ABIDJAN THIS 2ND DAY OF DECEMBER 2012

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