

- This said, it must be recognized that the donors also have different interests, leaving room for the Malian government to influence the interplay of forces.
- The tolerance and openness to differences which are a part of Malian culture played an important role in the trust which the donors and their representatives enjoyed.
- While basing themselves on a clear long-range vision, the decision-making bodies managed the situation without neglecting immediate circumstances. For example, in 1989 they agreed to let the government use two billion CFA francs from the common fund to meet structural adjustment program conditions for unblocking credits from that program.
- Last but not least, the project has now been in operation for 14 years, after 4–5 years of pre-start-up trials and fine-tuning.⁵