Nutrition issues will be at the heart of the 34th RPCA annual meeting. While food availability and access to food still remain key challenges, it is also essential to look more closely at food utilisation in a region that is experiencing a nutritional transition with dietary changes that often come with rapid urbanisation. The Banjul meeting will also be an opportunity to share the findings of the second external evaluation of the Charter for Food Crisis Prevention and Management (PREGEC Charter), which focused on assessing the effectiveness of responses to food and nutrition crises.

At the end of each year, the Network members review the preliminary results of the current agropastoral season, the status of food markets, the macro-economic environment and assess the possible impact of these factors on the region’s food and nutrition situation. Drawing on this analysis, they make recommendations about measures that should be taken to deal with any possible food and nutrition crisis.

Discussions will focus on nutrition-related issues associated with agricultural systems, agri-food industries and food security, as well as the business environment and sustainable and sovereign funding mechanisms for nutrition.

The nutrition situation remains a cause of concern in this region where prevalence of acute malnutrition in several areas regularly exceeds the emergency threshold of 15%. New nutrition-related risk factors, such as those associated with overweight and obesity, magnify the challenges that governments are already facing and that could have enormous health and economic consequences. This is why the Network has dedicated this year’s thematic session to nutrition issues, under the theme “scaling up good nutrition practices.”

Organised as part of the 2018 edition of the Sahel and West Africa Week, the meeting offers many opportunities for informal exchange, networking and building partnerships. It has become “the place to be” for the region’s food security stakeholders.
07:30-08:30 Welcome, registration and seating of participants
08:30-09:00 Preliminary announcements by the master of ceremonies

09:00-09:40 OPENING CEREMONY

→ H.E. Mr Lamin N. Dibba, Minister of Agriculture, The Gambia
→ Mr François-Xavier De Donnea, SWAC President
→ H.E. Mr Attila Lajos, Ambassador, Head of EU Delegation to The Gambia, spokesperson for the FTP-AGIR Platform
→ Mr Daniel Moore, Mission Director, USAID West Africa
→ Mr Djibo Bagna, Spokesperson for Civil Society and the Private Sector

Cultural show

→ Mr Ibrahim Lumumba Idi-Issa, Deputy Executive Secretary, CILSS
→ Mr Jonas Gbian, Commissioner for Agriculture, Water Resources and the Environment, UEMOA
→ Mr Alain Sy Traoré, Director of Agriculture and Rural Development, ECOWAS Commission

Cultural show

→ H.E. Mr Ousainou Darboe, Vice-President of the Republic of The Gambia

09:40-10:00 Group photo and coffee break

10:00-13:00 Session 1: AGRICULTURAL, FOOD AND NUTRITION SITUATION

Chair: Mr Ibrahim Lumumba Idi-Issa, Deputy Executive Secretary, CILSS

The food and nutritional outlook will be examined in light of the provisional results of the 2018-19 agro-pastoral campaign, state of markets and overall macroeconomic context in the region. Lessons learned in implementing national response plans will also be shared.

10:00-11:10 Introductory presentations

Consolidated presentation: Provisional results of the 2018-19 agro-pastoral campaign in the Sahel and West Africa → Mr Sy Martial Traoré, CILSS (20 min)

West African and international food markets → Mr Sy Martial Traoré, CILSS (15 min)

Food and nutrition situation (results of the Cadre harmonisé) → Mr Issoufou Baoua, CILSS (20 min)

Towards a better response to food and nutrition crises: Assessment of 2018 country response plans’ implementation → Mr Ector Houssou, CILSS (15 min)

11:10-12:30 Discussion and summary of main recommendations

12:30-13:00 SWAC EVENT

13:00-14:30 Lunch break
**Session 2: APPLICATION OF THE PREGEC CHARTER - HIGH-LEVEL PANEL ON KEY FINDINGS OF THE 2ND EXTERNAL EVALUATION**

Moderator: DR YAMAR M'BODJ, Executive Director, Hub Rural

**Sequence 1: INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATIONS**

The 2nd external evaluation - key policy messages and recommendations
→ MR OUSMAN TALL, SWAC/OECD Secretariat (10 min)

**Sequence 2: HIGH-LEVEL PANEL ON THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE 2ND EXTERNAL EVALUATION**

Panellists
- Governments' Representatives
  → H.E. MR GILBERTO CORREIA CARVALHO SILVA, Minister of Agriculture and Environment, Cabo Verde
  → H.E. MR LAMIN N. DIBBA, Minister of Agriculture, The Gambia
- IGO Representative
  → MR SÉKOU SANGARÉ, Commissioner for Agriculture, the Environment and Water Resources, ECOWAS
- Civil society and private sector representative
  → MR. DODO BOUREIMA, Permanent Secretary, RBM
- Technical and financial partners' representative
  → MR PHILIPPE THOMAS, European Union

Introduction by the moderator: Brief summary on the main recommendations of the evaluation and questions to panellists (10 min)

Short comments by panellists (5 min maximum each)

Discussion

Summary by the moderator

16:30-16:45 Coffee break

**Event: EVALUATION OF THE DAMAGE BY FALL ARMYWORM**

Chair/Moderator: MR IBRAHIM LUMUMBA IDI-ISSA, Deputy Executive Secretary, CILSS

16:45-17:15 Introduction & presentation of the evaluation results
→ M. ALAIN SY TRAORÉ, Director of Agriculture and Rural Development, ECOWAS Commission

17:15-18:30 Discussion & summary of recommendations

18:30-19:00 CILSS-ARC EVENT: Memorandum of Understanding on co-operation
08:30-17:30  Session 3: **SCALING UP BEST NUTRITION PRACTICES**  
Chair: **DR NANGO N. DEMBÉLÉ**, Minister of Agriculture, Mali

08:30-09:20  Sequence 1: **INTRODUCTION**

08:30-09:00  Introductory presentations

- Lessons learned and implications for the promotion of strongly preventive nutrition approaches  
  → **MS MARIE-PIERRE POIRIER**, Director, Regional Office, UNICEF

- Spatial analysis of nutriments for the development of nutrition-sensitive agricultural systems  
  → **DR JOHN M. ULIMWENGU**, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI

09:00-09:20  Discussion

09:20-16:00  Sequence 2: **DISCUSSION PANELS**

09:20-11:00  Panel 1: **NUTRITION-SENSITIVE AGRICULTURE, FOOD SYSTEMS AND FOOD SECURITY**

Moderator: **MS CLAUDIA ANTONELLI**, European Union

Panellists

- **H.E. DR HIPOLITO DJATA**, Head of Cabinet, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Livestock, Guinea-Bissau
- **PROF ROCH L. MONGBO**, Permanent Secretary CAN, Focal point, SUN Benin

Introductory presentations

- **MR MOUDOU C. PHALL**, Focal point, SUN The Gambia
- **MR BAKARY BAGAYOKO**, Focal point, SUN Mali

Questions to the panellists

Discussion & summary by the moderator

11:00-11:15  Coffee break

11:15 - 13:00  Panel 2: **INSTITUTIONAL BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT & PARTNERSHIPS FAVOURING NUTRITION AND/OR NUTRITION-SENSITIVE INTERVENTIONS**

Moderator: **MR PHILIP DIVE**, SUN Movement Secretariat

Panellists

- **MS SIMONE ZOUNDI KAFANDO**, President, FIAB Burkina Faso
- **DR NOËL ZAGRÉ**, Regional Advisor, UNICEF
- **H.E. MR MOHAMED BOUCHA**, Deputy Minister to the Minister of State, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock, Niger
Introductory presentations

→ MR ROLAND ALEXANDRE COMBASSÉRÉ, Focal point, SUN Burkina Faso
→ DR CHRIS OSA ISOKPUNWU, Focal point, SUN Nigeria
→ MR ABOUBACAR DJIMRAOU, Advisor, HC-3N Niger

Questions to the panellists

Discussion & summary by the moderator

13:00–14:30 Lunch break

14:30-16:15 Panel 3: SOVEREIGN AND SUSTAINABLE FUNDING MECHANISMS FOR NUTRITION
Moderator: MR ABDOUN AZIZE DIALLO, Vice-President for Africa, IFRC

Panellists

→ MR K. LATIFOU FRANCK DJIGLA, Technical Advisor to the budget, Ministry of Economy and Finance, Benin
→ DR DJIBRIL BAGAYOKO, Focal point, SUN Mali
→ HON. ALHAGIE DRAMMEH, Member of the Finance and Public Accounts Committee, The Gambia
→ MS HAJRA HAFEEZ-UR-REHMAN, WFP-REACH

Introductory presentations

→ PROF ROC H L. MONGBO, Permanent Secretary CAN, Focal point, SUN Benin
→ MR ABDOUNAYE KA, Focal point, SUN Senegal

Questions to the panellists

Discussion & summary by the moderator

16:15-16:30 Coffee break
08:30-09:30 **ECOWAS/UEMOA/CILSS EVENT**

Official launch of the project "Improving the governance of resilience, food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture in West Africa" (PAGR-SANAD) financed by the European Union under the 11th EFD

- Summary presentation of the project: objectives, components, implementation process
- Intervention by the European Union
- Intervention by the inter-governmental organisations (ECOWAS, UEMOA, CILSS)
- Intervention by the civil society representatives

09:30-12:30 **Session 4: SEG-AGIR: SHARING SENEGAL'S EXPERIENCE IN RESILIENCE-BUILDING**


09:30-12:00 **Sequence 1: SENEGAL'S COMMITMENT TO BUILDING RESILIENCE OF MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS**

Following the adoption of the AGIR regional roadmap in 2013, countries are developing multiple activities to implement their respective resilience priorities. This offers the opportunity to share experiences and lessons learned and to advance the regional resilience agenda. Following Niger in April 2018, it is now Senegal’s turn to share progress in the implementation of its "National Resilience Priorities" (PRP-AGIR) and to demonstrate the government’s commitment to strengthening food and nutrition resilience of the most vulnerable populations.

- Capitalising on best practices in building resilience in Senegal
  - **Introduction**
  - **MS SOUKEYNA CHIMÈRE DIAW**, Executive Secretariat of the National Council for Food Security (SE-CNSA), Senegal
  - Video on best practices in resilience building
- "New Resilient Terroirs" (NTR) approach
  - **Introduction**
  - **DR JEAN-PIERRE SENGHOR**, Executive Secretary, SE-CNSA, Senegal
  - Video on the NTR approaches
  - Discussions and summary of main lessons learned

12:00-12:30 **Sequence 2: CALL OF CIVIL SOCIETY TO RISE ABOVE SECURITY CHALLENGES IN ORDER TO INVEST SUSTAINABLY IN BUILDING RESILIENCE OF MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS**

**Introductory presentation** (10 min)

Securing does not necessarily mean development: Invest sustainably in building resilience and food and nutrition security of Sahelian communities

- **MS AURORE MATHIEU**, Sahel Regional Advocacy Advisor, OXFAM
12:30-13:00 **CLOSING CEREMONY**

Chair: **MR FRANÇOIS-XAVIER DE DONNEA**, SWAC President

Summary of conclusions → **MR SEYNI HAMADOU**, Director in charge of Agriculture, UEMOA

Declaration on nutrition → **MS FATOU JANNEH MBYE**, GRTS The Gambia

**Closing remarks**

→ **H.E. MR LAMIN N. DIBBA**, Minister of Agriculture, The Gambia
→ **MS SIMONE ZOUNDI KAFANDO**, Spokesperson for Civil Society and Private Sector
→ **MR PHILIPPE THOMAS**, EU Representative for the FTP-AGIR Platform
→ **MS SANDRA LATTOUF**, Resident Representative, UNICEF, Representative for the United Nations System
→ **MR IBRAHIM LUMUMBA IDI-ISSA**, Deputy Executive Secretary, CILSS
→ **MR IBA MAR OULARÉ**, Resident Representative, UEMOA, Brussels
→ **MR SÉKOU SANGARÉ**, Commissioner for Agriculture, the Environment and Water Resources, ECOWAS

13:00-15:00 Lunch break

15:00-18:00 **EVENT ON THE GAMBIA**
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