Held under the patronage of the Commissions of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA), the restricted meeting of the RPCA brings together the region’s key food and nutrition security stakeholders. The Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) and the Sahel and West Africa Club Secretariat (SWAC/OECD) are organising the meeting.

Members of the Food Crisis Prevention Network (RPCA) will gather in Brussels to examine the final results of the 2018-19 agro-pastoral season and take stock of the implementation of response plans in the Sahel and West Africa. Despite an overall good harvest and many social protection measures, several thousands of vulnerable people will require urgent food and nutrition assistance during the next lean season in June-August 2019. The Network’s consensual approach to improving food and nutrition security inspired the creation of a Global Network against Food Crises, which will hold a high-level event on 2-3 April on “Food and agriculture in times of crisis”. It aims to mobilise support for long-term solutions to eradicate hunger worldwide and will launch the Global Report on Food Crises 2019.

The RPCA meeting will start on 1 April with a restricted group who will discuss how to improve the quality of information that feeds into the Cadre harmonisé analysis and how to better incorporate gender dimensions. They will also explore possible themes for the 3rd evaluation of the Charter for Food Crisis Prevention and Management (PREGEC Charter) and reflect on the theme of the 35th RPCA annual meeting, which will be held on 2-4 December in Conakry, Guinea. The second session of the RPCA Steering Committee will be an opportunity to examine several issues related to the functioning of the Network and its tools.

Following the high-level event, all RPCA participants will come together on 4 April. The RPCA will provide consensual information on the food and nutrition situation in the 17 member states of ECOWAS, UEMOA and CILSS, and discuss the state of implementation of national response plans. Members will make recommendations on how to improve assistance to protect the most vulnerable populations.

A key focus will be placed on the Liptako-Gourma zone and the multidimensional risks and fragilities linked to food and nutrition security, with a view to improving co-ordination efforts and responses. RPCA members will also examine key outcomes from the high-level event and possible implications for the region.

On 5 April, the Senior Experts’ Group of the Global Alliance for Resilience (SEG-AGIR) will showcase Gambia’s experience in resilience-building, highlighting some key success stories and best practices. AGIR stakeholders will also discuss integrated approaches to resilience-building in insecure areas of the Sahel and share lessons learned on the use of local food stocks.

The Brussels meeting will be an opportunity to showcase the Network’s work and share its success stories and experiences with a large international audience beyond its usual sphere.
MONDAY 1 APRIL 2019

08:00 – 08:30 Welcome and registration of participants

08:30 – 09:45 Sequence 1: STRENGTHENING GENDER DIMENSIONS OF THE PREGEC TOOLS

   Chair: MS MATY BA DIAO, PRAPS Co-ordinator

   Presentation: Strengthening gender dimensions of the PREGEC tools
   → MS ANALEE PEPPER, Bettine Pepper Advising

   Discussion

   09:45 – 10:00 Coffee break

10:00 – 12:00 Sequence 2: AVAILABILITY AND QUALITY OF INFORMATION ON FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY

   → Cadre harmonisé challenges
   → Key findings of the study on the availability and reliability of information
   → Taking into account pastoral vulnerability in PREGEC analyses

12:00 – 13h00 Sequence 3: OTHER BUSINESS

   → Second evaluation of PREGEC Charter: follow-up of implementation of recommendations
   → Third evaluation of PREGEC Charter: selection of theme
   → 35th RPCA annual meeting: consensus on central theme

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 16:00 RPCA STEERING COMMITTEE (COR/RPCA)

TUESDAY 2 APRIL–WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL 2019

HIGH-LEVEL EVENT:
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE IN TIMES OF CRISIS
08:00 – 09:00 Welcome and registration of participants

09:00 – 10:00 OPENING CEREMONY
   → DR IBRAHIM ASSANE MAYAKI, SWAC Honorary President (video message)
   → M. MAMADOU CISSOKHO, Spokesperson for Civil Society and the Private Sector
   → M. PHILIPPE THOMAS, TFP-AGIR Platform Representative, EU
   → H.E. MR SALIFOU OUÉDRAOGO, Minister of Agriculture and Hydro-agricultural Infrastructure, Burkina Faso and CILSS Co-ordinating Minister
   → MR JONAS GBIAN, Commissioner of the Department for Agriculture, Water Resources and the Environment (DAREN), UEMOA
   → MR SÉKOU SANGARÉ, Commissioner for Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources (AERE), ECOWAS

10:00 – 10:30 Group photo

10:30 - 18:00 Session 1: AGRICULTURAL, FOOD AND NUTRITION SITUATION
   Chair: DR DJIMÉ ADOUM, CILSS Executive Secretary

10:30 – 11:10 Sequence 1: ANALYSIS OF THE FOOD AND NUTRITION SITUATION 2018-19
   Results of the 2018-19 agro-sylvo-pastoral campaign and regional markets
   → MR SY MARTIAL TRAORÉ, CILSS
   Supplementary information on international markets → FAO
   Cadre harmonisé analysis of the food and nutrition situation → MR ISSOUFOU BAOUA, CILSS

11:10 – 11:30 Sequence 2: STRENGTHENING THE EFFICIENCY OF RESPONSE PLANS
   Overview and lessons learned from implementing the 2017-18 response plans
   State of play of the 2018-19 response plans → MR ECTOR HOUSSOU, CILSS

11:30 – 12:30 Discussion

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 15:15 Discussion (continued) and main recommendations

15h15 - 16h15 Sequence 3: FEEDBACK FROM THE HIGH-LEVEL EVENT « FOOD AND AGRICULTURE IN TIMES OF CRISIS » : LESSONS LEARNED FOR THE REGION
   Moderator: MR LAURENT BOSSARD, Director, SWAC/OECD Secretariat

   Panellists:
   → H.E. MR ALBADÉ ABOUBA, Minister of State, Minister for Agriculture, Niger
   → H.E. MR GILBERTO CORREIA CARVALHO SILVA, Minister for Agriculture & Environment, Cabo Verde
   → MR SÉKOU SANGARÉ, Commissioner, AERE, ECOWAS
   → MR MAMADOU CISSOKHO, Honorary President, ROPPA
   → MS KHADY FALL TALL, President AFAO/WAWA

16h15-16h30 Coffee break

16h30 – 17h30 Sequence 4: LIPTAKO-GOURMA: RISKS, VULNERABILITIES AND CAPACITY FOR RESILIENCE
   Introductory remarks
   → MR SAIDOU OUA, Director-General, ALG
   Results from a study led by the working group on resilience (FAO, OCHA, WFP, UNICEF) in partnership with ALG
   → MR GILLES CHEVALIER, UNICEF
   → MR ERIC BRANCKAERT, WFP
   Discussion and wrap up by the moderator

LAUNCH: SWAC REPORT

17:30-18:00 Women and trade networks in West Africa
   → MR LAWALI DAMBO, University of Niamey
   → MS MARIE TRÉMOLIÈRES, SWAC/OECD Secretariat
   → MR LAURENT BOSSARD, Director, SWAC/OECD Secretariat

Using social network analysis, this report demonstrates the role of women in the food economy and proposes policy options to reinforce the social capital of women and better coordinate initiatives to empower them and strengthen their resilience.
Session 2: **SENIOR GROUP OF EXPERTS OF THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR RESILIENCE (SEG-AGIR)**
Chair: **MR JONAS GBIAN**, Commissioner of the Department for Agriculture, Water Resources and the Environment (DAREN), UEMOA

**08:30 – 09:15 Sequence 1: FOCUS ON GAMBIA: EXPERIENCES IN IMPLEMENTING NATIONAL RESILIENCE PRIORITIES (NRP-AGIR)**
Introduction
Video projection: Four examples of Gambia’s investment in resilience-building, WARI programme
Discussion

**09:15 – 10:45 Sequence 2: INTEGRATED APPROACHES TO RESILIENCE-BUILDING: FOCUS ON BURKINA FASO**
Moderator: **MS MATY BA DIAO**, PRAPS Co-ordinator
Panellists:
- **MR MICHEL SAVEL**, Co-ordinator, Inter-Consortia, Burkina Faso
- **MS MAR POZUELO CASTILLO**, Humanity & Inclusion, Co-ordinator, RESA project
- **DR LAMOURDIA THIOMBIANO**, Executive Secretary, CNSA, Burkina Faso

Introductory presentation
- **MS HELENE BERTON**, Food security and nutrition advisory services, European Commission
Discussion and wrap-up by the moderator

**10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break**

**11:00 – 12:45 Sequence 3: LOCAL FOOD STOCKS: A TOOL FOR STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE**
Moderator: **MR SY ALAIN TRAORÉ**, Director, Agriculture & Rural Development, ECOWAS
Panellists:
- **MR NADJIROU SALL**, ROPPA Vice-President
- **MR SOUMABERE DIOMA**, UGCPA, Burkina Faso
- **MR SOUMANA LADAN**, Mooriben, Niger
- **MR YOUSSOUF MAIGA**, OPAM CEO & RESOGEST President
- **MS BÉNÉDICTE PEMOU**, SONAGESS

Introductory presentation
- **MR MALICK LOMPO**, ARAA/ECOWAS
Discussion

**12:45 – 13:15 CLOSING CEREMONY**
Chair: **MR LAURENT BOSSARD**, Director, SWAC/OECD Secretariat
Summary of conclusions
- **MR SEYNI HAMADOU**, Director of Agriculture, UEMOA
Closing remarks
- **MS SIMONE ZOUNDI KAFANDO**, Spokesperson for Civil Society and the Private Sector
- **MR DIDIER VERSÉ**, TFP-AGIR Platform Representative, EU
- **MR FRANÇOIS-XAVIER DE DONNEA**, Former SWAC President
- **MS. ELVIRA PRUSCINI**, United Nations Representative
- **H.E.MR SALIFOU OUÉDRAOGO**, Minister of Agriculture and Hydro-agricultural Infrastructure, Burkina Faso and CILSS Co-ordinating Minister

**13:15 – 14:00 Lunch break**

**14:00 – 16:00 ECOWAP partners meeting (only for concerned participants)**