The 36th RPCA annual meeting will be held virtually in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. It will take stock of the 2020-21 agro-pastoral campaign, the food and nutrition outlook and the responses to the 2020 food crisis. It will also provide an opportunity to assess the implementation of the recommendations of the second PREGEC Charter evaluation and discuss next steps. Members of the Senior Experts Group of the Global Alliance for Resilience (SEG-AGIR) will discuss Burkina Faso’s experience in building resilience. Some governance and co-ordination tools will be presented. They aim to strengthen the coherence and effectiveness of interventions and the governance of food and nutrition security more broadly. They were developed within the framework of the Network with the support of the SWAC/OECD Secretariat.

The region experienced a severe food and nutrition crisis in 2020, exacerbated by persistent security tensions and the Covid-19 pandemic. In addition, heavy flooding during the rainy season led to the loss of human lives and enormous damage, particularly in Burkina Faso, Côte d’Ivoire, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria and Senegal, further weakening the livelihoods of vulnerable populations.

In response to this food crisis, the region’s stakeholders quickly reacted, notably through setting up a Regional Task Force, led by ECOWAS together with UEMOA and CILSS, in order to monitor and inform responses. In support of the Task Force, the RPCA set up a technical unit to facilitate information sharing among stakeholders and disseminate the work of the Cadre harmonisé Technical Committee. Furthermore, the SWAC/OECD Secretariat, in collaboration with CILSS, set up an information platform on the RPCA website. This helps stakeholders “work together in a co-ordinated manner” and contributes to improving the effectiveness of interventions.

The mobilisation of States and partners facilitated the implementation of different types of responses, including social protection programmes. Regional solidarity quickly came into play, bolstering countries’ efforts. For example, UEMOA supported its member states to the tune of CFA francs 3 billion (EUR 4.6 million) for the implementation of their national response plans. Similarly, the ECOWAS Regional Food Security Reserve was mobilised through the rapid release of 5 528 tonnes of cereal for the vulnerable populations in Burkina Faso (954 tonnes), Mali (793 tonnes), Niger (473 tonnes) and Nigeria (3 309 tonnes).
13:30-14:00 Audio and camera testing and registration of participants
   ▸ Facilitator: MR LAURENT BOSSARD, Director, SWAC/OECD Secretariat

14:00-14:15 OPENING REMARKS
   ▸ DR IBRAHIM ASSANE MAYAKI, CEO, AUDA-NEPAD and SWAC Honorary President
   ▸ IGO Representative (ECOWAS, UEMOA, CILSS)
   ▸ EU Representative, PTF-AGIR PLATFORM

14:15-16:25 Session 1: AGRICULTURAL, FOOD AND NUTRITION SITUATION
   Moderator: CILSS Executive Secretary

   Introductory presentations
   Provisional results of the 2020-21 agro-pastoral campaign and review of food market trends
   ▸ MR SY MARTIAL TRAORÉ, CILSS (20 min)

   Food and nutrition situation
   ▸ MR ISSOUFOU BAOUA, CILSS (15 min)

   Gender and food security
   ▸ GENDER, WEST AFRICAN CIVIL SOCIETY representative (5 min)

   Implementation of National Response Plans (NRPs) in 2020 & planned responses for 2021
   ▸ MR ECTOR HOUSSOU, CILSS (15 min)

   Country responses to the Covid-19 pandemic and the desert locust threat
   ▸ MR SY ALAIN TRAORÉ, ECOWAS (10 min)

   Discussion (65 min)

16:25-17:50 Session 2: SENIOR EXPERTS' GROUP OF THE GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR RESILIENCE (SEG-AGIR) AND OTHER RPCA WORK
   Co-moderators: MR SÉKOU SANGARÉ, ECOWAS Commissioner for Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources (AERE) and MR JONAS GBIAN, UEMOA Commissioner of the Department for Agriculture, Water Resources and the Environment (DAREN)

16:25-16:55 Sequence 1: SEG-AGIR

   Introductory presentation
   Overview of Burkina Faso’s National Resilience Priorities and best practices for resilience
   ▸ SE-CNSA BURKINA FASO representative (10 mn)

   Discussion (20 min)
16:55-17:30  **Sequence 2: APPLICATION OF THE PREGEC CHARTER**

**Introductory presentation**
State of play of the implementation of the recommendations of the 2nd evaluation of the PREGEC Charter and next steps

→ **MR OUSMAN TALL**, SWAC/OECD Secretariat (10 min)

**Discussion** (25 min)

17:30-17:50  **Sequence 3: TOOLS FOR IMPROVING FNS GOVERNANCE**

**Presentations**
Analytical tool for assessing leadership in the governance of food & nutrition security

→ **MR OUSMAN TALL**, SWAC/OECD Secretariat (10 min)

The food and nutrition programmes and projects database and next steps

→ **MS JULIA WANJIRU**, SWAC/OECD Secretariat (10 min)

17:50-18:00  **CLOSING REMARKS**
Moderator: **DR IBRAHIM ASSANE MAYAKI**, CEO, AUDA-NEPAD and SWAC Honorary President

→ **CIVIL SOCIETY AND PRIVATE SECTOR** representative
→ **MINISTERS’** representative
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