



4th Ordinary Session of the Steering Committee

Summary of main conclusions and decisions

On 7 April 2022, 15:00 - 17:10 (Paris time), the fourth ordinary session of the Steering Committee COR-RPCA took place by videoconference and in person, with the following agenda:

- ▶ Preparing the response for the food and nutrition crisis in 2022;
- ▶ Other business

The participants are listed in the annex.

The meeting was co-chaired by Commissioners Sékou SANGARE of ECOWAS and Kako K. NUBUKPO of UEMOA.

Preparing the response for the food and nutrition crisis 2022

Recalling the magnitude of the food and nutrition crisis and the socio-political tensions in some countries, Members of the COR-RPCA emphasised the need for action and agreement on the following decisions.

>>>Decisions

1. Strengthen the watch :
 - a. As in 2020, the CILSS will activate the monitoring mechanism of the Technical Committee of the Cadre harmonisé (CT-CH) to follow the evolution of the crisis, including the impacts of the conflict in Ukraine, in order to enable States to anticipate and readjust their response plans if necessary; an update of the Cadre harmonisé analysis could be considered for this purpose in June 2022 ;
 - b. The SWAC/OECD Secretariat and CILSS, co-hosts of the RPCA, will continue to operate the Food Crisis 2022 platform on the Network's website;
2. Monitoring of commitments :
 - c. Establishment by ECOWAS, UEMOA and CILSS, leaders of the RPCA, of a mechanism to follow up on the commitments made at the high-level consultation on food and nutrition crises on 6 April, organised by the Sahel and West Africa Club, the European Union and the Global Network Against Food Crises; a first review will be made in December 2022 at the 38th RPCA annual meeting;
3. Strengthening political mobilisation and action :
 - d. Statutory meetings of the ECOWAS Ministerial Technical Committee and the UEMOA (High Level Committee on Food and Nutrition Security / CHN-SAN) shall be organised during which the alert on the food crisis 2022 will be amplified, including concrete actions informed by the RPCA policy brief 2022.
4. Intensify communication :
 - e. Establishment by regional organisations (ECOWAS, UEMOA and CILSS) of a "Communication and Action" Task Force, including the implementation of intensive communication and regional mobilisation activities to address chronic food and nutrition challenges in the region.

In order to strengthen the analysis and monitoring work of the RPCA, USAID, a founding Member of the Network, expresses its availability for possible financial support.

Other business

5. As a side issue, lessons learned from the SWAC/OECD Secretariat's participation in the meetings of the Special Envoys for the Sahel on security issues were briefly discussed.

Annex: Participants at the 4th ordinary session of COR-RPCA

CEDEAO	CILSS	USAID	Société civile
Mr Sékou SANGARE Mr Jonas HEMOU	Mr Abdoulaye MOHAMADOU Mr Mahalmoudou HAMADOUN Mr Issoufou BAOUA	Mr Abderhamane DICKO Ms. Halima OUATTARA-AYANOU	Mr Ousseini OUEDRAOGO, ROPPA Ms. Kady FALL TALL, AFAO
UEMOA	Secrétariat du Club	UE	Groupe Système NU Dakar
Mr Kako K. NUBUKPO Mr Amadou MBODJ	Mr Laurent BOSSARD Mr Sibiri Jean ZOUNDI	Mr Philippe THOMAS Mr Benoit COLLIN Ms. Nicoletta AVELLA Mr Amadou HEBIE	Ms. Coumba SOW



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Created in 1984 and under the political leadership of ECOWAS and UEMOA, the RPCA's objective is to build a consensual view of the food and nutrition situation and promote dialogue and co-ordination to facilitate decision-making and the effectiveness of interventions. It is co-facilitated by CILSS and the Sahel and West Africa Club Secretariat (SWAC/OECD).