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 RPCA annual meeting brought 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) organised the meeting.

12 APRIL: AGROPASTORAL, FOOD AND NUTRITION SITUATION & MOBILISATION IN THE FACE OF RECURRENT FOOD CRISIS

13 APRIL: POLICIES AND STRUCTURING INVESTMENTS IN FAVOUR OF FOOD SYSTEMS, RESILIENCE AND FNS GOVERNANCE

14 APRIL: INSTRUMENTS FOR RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE OF AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION IN RESPONSE TO FNS CHALLENGES

Members of the Food Crisis Prevention Network will meet to review food and nutrition situation and mobilise all stakeholders to address the major food crisis stakeholders in the face of the major food crisis in the region.

The Sahel and West Africa region is experiencing a major food crisis with an estimated 42.5 million people who could be affected by the lean season in June-August 2023 if appropriate measures are not taken.

Meeting in a hybrid format, members of the Food Crisis Prevention (RPCA) will examine the final results of the 2022-23 agropastoral season 2022-23 and the food and nutrition situation.

The meeting will also provide an opportunity to take stock of the 2021-2022 responses, the prospects and above all to share the progress made by the countries on the various commitments made, including the implementation of the Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus.

Participants will also deepen the dialogue on food systems in the Sahel and West Africa, including the catalytic role of the regional food security reserve in their transformations.

During the Senior Expert Group (SEG) session, members of the Global Alliance for Resilience (AGIR) will exchange on the experience of Guinea Bissau in building the resilience of vulnerable populations as well as best practices.

Finally, participants in the restricted meeting will discuss on the instruments risk management and governance of agricultural innovation in response to the food and nutrition challenges, as well as various projects of the Network contributing to the strengthening of the regional governance of food and nutrition security (FNS), in particular the progress of the exercises of self-assessment of the leadership of FNS governance in some countries (Benin and Côte d’Ivoire).

In the margins of the restricted meeting, various consultations will take place, including the ECOWAS agricultural policy (ECOWAP) partners group meeting.
08:30-09:00 Welcome and registration of participants

09:00-09:30 WELCOME CEREMONY

→ MR MATHIAS CORMANN, Secretary-General, OECD
→ MRS HADIZATOU ROSINE SORI-COULIBALY, Honorary President, SWAC
→ Spokesperson for CIVIL SOCIETY AND PRIVATE SECTOR ACTORS
→ Representative of TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL PARTNERS
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09:30-10:00 Coffee break & family photo

10:00-16:45 SESSION 1: AGROPASTORAL, FOOD AND NUTRITION SITUATION & EFFECTIVENESS OF FOOD CRISIS RESPONSE INSTRUMENTS

This session presents the food and nutrition situation and discusses concrete measures to address food and nutrition insecurity affecting the region. It is based on the final assessment of the 2022-2023 agro-pastoral season, the evolution of food prices in the region as well as overall macroeconomic factors.

Chair: DR ABDOULAYE MOHAMADOU, Executive Secretary, CILSS

10:00-12:30 Sequence 1: Agropastoral, food and nutritional situation

10h00-11h00 Introductory presentations

- Final results of the agro-sylvo-pastoral campaign and the situation of regional markets, MR SY MARTIAL TRAORE, CILSS (20 mn)
- International markets situation, MARTIN NAINDOUBA, FAO (5 mn)
- Food and nutritional situation (Results of the Cadre harmonisé) MR ISSOUFOU BAOUA, CILSS (15 mn)
- Assessment of the implementation of the 2022 food crisis response plans and examination of the 2023 response projects MR MAWULI AMEWUAME, CILSS (15 mn)

11:00-12:30 Discussions

12:30-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-17:30 Sequence 2: Mobilisation in the face of recurrent food and nutrition crises

14:00 – 14:30 Follow-up to the financial commitments of the April 2022 High Level Meeting

Introductory presentation on the status of financial commitments, EU/ECHO (10 mn)
Discussions (20 mn)

14:30 – 16:55 Implementation of the HDP Nexus in the ECOWAS, UEMOA, CILSS plus Cameroon area:

14:30 – 14:40 Introductory presentation on the main advances in the implementation of the regional dashboard, MR ISSOUFOU BAOUA, CILSS (10 mn)

14:40 – 15:40 Group 1 countries (Chad, Mali, Niger):
Introductory presentation (10 mn per country)
Discussions and main orientations (30 mn)

15:40 – 15:55 Coffee break

15:55 – 16:55 Group 2 countries (Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Mauritania):
Introductory presentations (10 mn per country)
Discussions and main orientations (30 mn)

16:55 – 17:30 Main summary
08:30-12:30 SESSION 2: POLICIES AND STRUCTURING INVESTMENTS FOR FOOD SYSTEMS, RESILIENCE AND GOVERNANCE OF FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY (FNS)
Chair: DR SEYNI HAMADOU, Technical Adviser to the President in charge of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Environment, UEMOA

08:30 - 10:30 Sequence 1: Transformations of food systems: the catalytic role of the regional food security reserve
Moderator: MR SY ALAIN TRAORÉ, Director, Agriculture and Rural Development, ECOWAS

08:30-08:45 Introductory presentations
Building better policies for food systems: The West African Context, MR KOFFI ZOUGBEDE, SWAC/OECD Secretariat (5 mn)
Perspectives of the EU support to the Regional Food Security Storage Strategy in West Africa, MR TRISTAN LE COTTY, CIRAD, (10 mn)

08:45-10:30 Panel discussion
08:45-09:30 Intervention of the panelists
→ Civil society (ROAC, ROPPA, RBM): Regional reserve of food security and food system transformations: What opportunities for professional agropastoral and fisheries organisations, civil society and the private sector? (5 mn per speaker)
→ IGO (ECOWAS/UEMOA): Support to the reserve in its role as a catalyst for food system transformations: What prospects and financial commitments of ECOWAS and UEMOA? (15 mn)
→ Partners (EU, AFD, AECID, World Bank): Support to the reserve in its role as a catalyst for food systems transformations: What perspectives and commitments from technical and financial partners (AFD, EU, Spain, World Bank)? (15 mn)

09:30-10:30 Discussion and synthesis
10:30-10:45 Coffee break

10:45 - 12:30 Sequence 2: Guinea Bissau’s experience in building resilience
Minister’s introductory remarks (10 mn)
Presentation (20 mn)

11:15-12:30 Discussions

12:30-14:00 Lunch break
14:00 - 17:00 SESSION 3: STRENGTHENING SAN GOVERNANCE AND OTHER RPCA ISSUES

This session examines the progress made in strengthening the governance of food and nutrition security in the region. The results of a self-diagnosis on the leadership of States as well as some progress in monitoring and advocacy on food issues will be discussed. The following topics will also be discussed: (i) prospective analysis of climatic and environmental disasters and their impacts on agro-pastoral value chains, food and nutritional security, as well as instruments managing these risks; (ii) the regional agricultural innovation mechanism for FNS and the resilience of the most vulnerable.

Chair: UEMOA
Moderator: DR MAHALMOUDOU HAMADOUN, Director General, Agrhymet Regional Center, CILSS

14:00-14:05 Brief introduction by the moderator, (5 mn)

14:05 - 17:00 Sequence 1: Strengthening States' FNS Governance Leadership (Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal)

14:05-14:35 Country FNS Governance Self-Diagnostic Results
   Benin (15 mn)
   Côte d'Ivoire (15 mn)

14:35-15:35 Discussions

15:35-15:50 Coffee break

15:50-17:00 Civil society watch and action committees:
   Watch and action committee on the PREGEC Charter
   Observatory of family farms

15:50-16:10 Introductory presentations, ROPPA Executive Secretariat

16:10-17:00 Discussions (50 mn)

17:00 – 17:30
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08:30-10:40 SESSION 4: RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE INSTRUMENTS FOR AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION IN RESPONSE TO FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY CHALLENGES

08:30-08:50 Introductory presentations

Assessments and forecasts of climate disasters and their impact on agropastoral value chains and food and nutrition security in the Sahel and West Africa, DR SEYDOU TRAORÉ, CILSS (10 mn)

Regional Climate Strategy: challenges and perspectives of climate insurance, MR RAOUl KOUMAE, ECOWAS (10 mn)

08:50-09:35 Panel of discussions

→ Agricultural risk management instruments, investment projects and mobilisation of financial resources: experiences in Africa, MS FRANCESCA NUGNES, PARM platform (15 mn)
→ Global Risk Financing Facility (GRiF), MR SY ALAIN TRAORÉ, CEDEAO (15 mn)
→ Regional agricultural innovation system for food and nutrition security: Progress and policy issues, DR ABDOU TENKOUANO, WECARD (15 mn)

09:35-10:40 Discussions

10:40-10:50 Main summary by the moderator

10:50-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-12:00 Theme and venue of the 39th RPCA annual meeting

Introductory presentation, MR SIDY GUÈYE NIANG, SWAC/OECD Secretariat (5 mn)

Discussions

12:00-12:45 CLOSING CEREMONY

Chair: MRS HADIZATOU ROSINE SORI-COULIBALY, Honorary President, SWAC/OECD

Closing remarks

Reading of the summary of the conclusions of the restricted meeting, MR ISSOUFOU BAOUA, CILSS

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12:45-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 16:30
ECOWAS Agricultural Policy (ECOWAP) Partners Group Meeting
(Session reserved for members only)
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