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● **39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**  
**DRAFT AGENDA**

**Members of the Food Crisis Prevention Network will meet to assess the evolution of regional food and nutrition issues and to mobilise all relevant stakeholders, given the current disquieting situation.**

The 39<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Food Crisis Prevention Network (RPCA) will be held in hybrid format in Praia, Cabo Verde. Network's members will examine the food security and nutrition situation in the region, including the provisional results of the 2023-2024 agropastoral season, the situation on agricultural markets, and the security and socio-political context. There will be an assessment of the crisis responses implemented in 2023, as well as a discussion on measures to improve their effectiveness in strengthening the food resilience of the most vulnerable populations.

The region's food systems are subject to rapid transformation through the combined effect of population growth, urbanisation and rising incomes. Faced with this situation, participants will consider in detail the central theme of "Transformations of diets, markets and prices in the Sahel and West Africa". The objective is to: 1) highlight the transformation of diet and changes in the food environment; 2) discuss the growing importance of markets in understanding food and nutrition security, 3) and finally identify policy implications and actions to be considered with stakeholders.

During the structuring investments in resilience in food and nutrition security session, members will be able to exchange on the experience of Guinea in strengthening the resilience of vulnerable populations, while reviewing the good practices adopted. Discussions will also focus on innovative approaches, the inclusion of poor people in agri-food value chains, the role of social protection mechanisms in agriculture, and the results of the self-assessment of food and nutrition security governance leadership in Senegal.

Finally, the Government of Cabo Verde will showcase various experiences in investing in food and nutrition security and resilience building.

On the sidelines of the 39th RPCA annual meeting, various consultations will be held, including the meeting of the ECOWAS Agricultural Policy Partners Group (ECOWAP) and the CILSS Committee of Partners (CPC-CILSS).

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 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) organise the meeting.

● **5 DECEMBER :**

Provisional results of the 2023-24 agropastoral campaign & food and nutrition situation

● **6 DECEMBER :**

Thematic session "Transformations of diets, markets and prices in the Sahel and West Africa: Implications for food policies".

● **7 DECEMBER :**

Structuring investments in resilience, inclusion and food systems governance

● **8 DECEMBER :**

Cabo Verde responses to food crises and strengthening the resilience of the agri-food systems

## DAY 1

5 DECEMBER - 2023

09:00 – 09:40

### OPENING CEREMONY

- Mrs **Hadizatou Rosine SORI-COULIBALY**, President, SWAC
- Spokesperson for civil society and private sector actors
- Representative of technical and financial partners
- Representative of the inter-governmental organisations (ECOWAS, UEMOA, CILSS)
- Prime Minister, Head of Government of the Republic of Cabo Verde

09:40 – 10:00

### Family photo & Coffee Break



10:00 – 17:30

### SESSION 1: Agropastoral, Food and Nutrition Situation & Effectiveness of Food Crisis Response Instruments

This session analyses the food and nutrition situation in the region, based on the provisional results from the 2023-2024 campaign, market conditions, and the security and socio-political crises and their impact on the population's ability to access adequate food. Finally, it examines the food and nutrition response status and effectiveness.

**Moderator:** Dr Abdoulaye MOHAMADOU, SE-CILSS

10:00 – 13:00

### Sequence 1: Agropastoral, food and nutrition situation

10:00 – 10:45

#### Introductory presentations

- Provisional results of the 2023-24 agropastoral season and market situation, Mr Sy Martial TRAORÉ (CILSS), Mr Martin NAINDOUBA (FAO) – 25 mn
- Food and nutrition situation: Cadre Harmonisé results, Dr Issoufou BAOUA (CILSS) – 20 mn

10:45 – 11:00

#### Coffee Break



11:00 – 13:00

#### Discussion

13:00 – 14:30

#### Lunch break



14:30 – 15:40

### Sequence 2: Implications of the security and socio-political crises on the food and nutrition situation

14:30 – 15:00

#### Introductory presentations

- Geography of Civil Insecurity in the Sahel and West Africa, (SWAC/OECD) – 10 mn
- Impact of the security and socio-political context on food and nutrition security:
  - Overview, SWAC/OECD Secretariat and CILSS – 10 mn
  - Focus on the pastoral economy, RBM – 10 mn

15:00 – 15:40

#### Discussion & synthesis

15:40 – 18:00

### Sequence 3: Mobilisation in the face of recurrent food and nutrition crises

15:40 – 16:15

#### Introductory presentations

- Video projection: Humanitarian Nexus Development and Peace – 5 mn
- Key HDP implementation progress in frontline security countries, Dr Issoufou BAOUA (CILSS) – 10 mn
- Review of 2023 implementation status and 2024 response plans, and joint initiative to enhance the response effectiveness, Mr Mawuli AMEWUAME (CILSS) – 10 mn
- Follow-up of the external evaluation of the PREGEC Charter and RPCA recommendations, (CILSS & SWAC/OECD) – 10 mn

16:15 – 17:15

#### Panel discussion: Increasing the effectiveness of food and nutrition crisis responses

- M. Matthieu LEFEBVRE, World Bank
- European Union
- UEMOA/ ECOWAS Peace and Security Department
- M. Mamadou DIOP, Regional Director, Action Against Hunger

17:15 – 18:00

#### Discussion and synthesis

18:00 – 19:00

#### EVENT

## DAY 2

6 DECEMBER - 2023

08:30 – 16:30

### SESSION 2: Transformations of diets, markets and prices in the Sahel and West Africa: Implications for food policies

The session examines the growing importance of markets, changes in nutritional habits and the changing food landscape, as well as their implications for agri-food policies and access to healthy and nutritious food.

**Moderator :**

08:30 – 08:45

#### Introduction to the thematic session

Introduction on the importance of monitoring food markets, prices and diet transformations (SWAC/OECD)

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08:45 – 11:00

### Sequence 1: Transformations of diets, Food Environment and Healthy Eating

08:45 – 09:20

#### Introductory presentations

- Analysis of diets transformations and changing food environment, (SWAC/OECD and Michigan State University) – 20 mn
- Urban food environment – the case of Ziguinchor, Mrs Julia REROLLE (GRDR) – 15 mn

09:20 – 10:20

#### Panel discussion

- Ghana Urban Food Environment Coalition
- Mr Ibrahim Laouali (FEWS NET)

10:20 – 11:00

#### Discussion and synthesis

11:00 – 11:20

Coffee break 

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11:20 – 13:00

### Sequence 2: Role, importance and functioning of markets

11:20 – 12:00

#### Introductory presentations

- Market and prices, spatial analyses, SWAC/OECD – 20 mn
- Constraints and challenges on the functioning of markets and accessibility to a healthy and nutritious diets in the central Sahel, Dr Soufianou MOUSSA (Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar) – 20 mn

12:00 – 13:00

#### Discussion and synthesis

13:00 – 14:30

Lunch break 

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14:30 – 16:30

### Sequence 2: Role, importance and functioning of markets (continued)

14:30 – 15:45

#### Panel discussion: Policy implications

- ECOWAS/UEMOA
- CILSS
- Government Representative (TBC)

15:45 – 16:30

#### Discussion, synthesis and recommendations

16:30 – 18:30

EVENT

## DAY 3

7 DECEMBER - 2023

08:30 – 15:30

### SESSION 3: STRUCTURAL INVESTMENTS IN RESILIENCE AND GOVERNANCE OF FOOD SYSTEMS

The session will present the various structuring investments in the governance of food and nutrition security. It will be an opportunity for sharing experience and good practices in the SEG-AGIR framework and on innovative approaches to economic inclusion in agri-food value chains. This will be followed by a debate on citizens' and parliamentarians' scrutiny and interpellation in line with the application of the PREGEC Charter, as well as the results of the self-assessment of government leadership in food and nutrition security governance.

**Co-Presidence** : ECOWAS-UEMOA

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08:30 – 09:30

#### Sequence 1: SEG-AGIR – Guinea Commitment to Resilience

- Introductory remarks, Mr Mamoudou Nagnalen BARRY, Minister for Agriculture and Livestock – 5 mn
- Presentation – 20 mn

08:55 – 09:30

#### Discussion

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09:30 – 10:30

#### Sequence 2: Innovative approaches to economic inclusion in the agri-food sector

09:30 – 10:00

##### Introductory presentations:

- Inclusive Agriculture, Senegal Experience, M. Mamadou Alhadji LY, (General Delegation for Social Protection) – 15 mn
- Responding differently to food & nutrition insecurity: experience of economic inclusion in agri-food value chains in Ethiopia, Mr Sidy Guèye NIANG (SWAC/OECD) – 15 mn

10:00 – 10:30

##### Discussion and synthesis

10:30 – 10:45

##### Coffee break

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10:45 – 12:00

#### Sequence 3: Food and nutrition governance

10:45 – 11:20

##### Self-evaluation of the FNS governance exercise

- Brief introduction, CILSS – 5 mn
- Presentation of the results of the C-GovSAN self-diagnostic exercise (Senegal), Mr Malick BA, (CNSA) –15 mn

11:20 – 12:00

##### Discussion

12:00 – 13:30

##### Lunch break



13:30 – 15:20

#### Monitoring and interpellation on food and nutrition issues

13:30 – 14:10

##### Introductory presentations:

- Citizen and Parliamentary monitoring Committee on the PREGEC Charter, ROPPA –10 mn
- Parliamentary monitoring of food and nutrition security policies: experience of the Parliamentary Front against Hunger and Malnutrition – 30 mn

14:10 – 15:30

##### Discussion and synthesis

15:30 – 17:30

##### CILSS EVENT: Meeting of the CILSS Partner's Committee (CPC)

## DAY 4

8 DECEMBER - 2023

09:00 – 12:00

### CABO VERDE DAY:

**Theme: Cabo Verde's responses to food crises and strengthening the resilience of the agri-food systems:**

- Short-term measures (cyclical crises)
- Medium- and long-term measures (structural crises)
- Social measures: social protection, school canteens

12:00 – 12:30

### CLOSING CEREMONY

**Presidence: Mrs Hadizatou Rosine SORI-COULIBALY**, President, SWAC

→ Reading of the conclusions, Dr Issoufou BAOUA (CILSS)

#### Closing Remarks:

- Representative of civil society and the private sector
- Representative of technical and financial partners
- Representative of the intergovernmental organisations (ECOWAS, UEMOA, CILSS)
- Prime Minister, Head of Government of the Republic of Cabo Verde or his Representative

14:30 – 16:00

### ECOWAS EVENT: ECOWAP Partners Group Meeting



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