



Launch of the West Africa Food System Resilience Program (FSRP)

Joining forces to sustainably reduce food insecurity in West Africa

15th June 2022 | Lome, Togo and Online

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Official Launch Event

09:00 – 12:00 GMT

Time (GMT)	Agenda Item	Speaker
Launch of the West Africa Food System Resilience Program		
Moderator: Kaja Waldmann, Agriculture Analyst, World Bank		
09:00 - 09:45	Opening Addresses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sékou Sangaré, Commissioner for Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources, ECOWAS ▪ Hawa Cisse Wague, Country Manager Togo, World Bank ▪ Antoine Lekpa Gbegbeni, Minister, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Rural Development of Togo
09:45 – 10:00	Keynote Presentation: Food system resilience and transformation	Robert Zougmoré, West Africa Regional Leader, CGIAR AICCRA
10:00 – 10:15	The Food Systems Resilience Program for Transforming Food Systems in West Africa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chakib Jenane, Practice Manager for West and Central Africa Region, Food and Agriculture Global Practice, World Bank ▪ Katie Kennedy Freeman, Senior Agriculture Economist, World Bank



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10:30 - 11:00	Panel Discussion Digital Advisory Services, Adaptive Capacity Measures and Regional Food Markets: How will FSRP increase Food System Resilience Across West Africa?	Moderator: Ana Maria Loboguerrero, Interim Director, AICCRA Panelists: ▪ Alain Sy Traore, Director of Agriculture and Rural Development, ECOWAS ▪ Mahalmoudou Hamadoun, General Director, CILSS ▪ Abdou Tenkouano, Executive Director, CORAF
11:00 –11:30	Live Q&A	
11:30 - 12:00	Closing Remarks	▪ Boutheina Guermazi, Director, West and Central Africa Regional Integration Unit, World Bank ▪ Simeon Ehui, Regional Director for Sustainable Development for Africa, World Bank ▪ Sékou Sangaré, Commissioner for Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources, ECOWAS
12:00 - 12:30	Press Conference	<i>Invitation Only</i>
12:30 – 1:30	<i>Lunch break</i>	

Lightening Learning Sessions - powered by the West Africa Food System Resilience Facility (FSRF)

13:30 – 18:00 GMT

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Lightening Learning Session 1:		
Boosting Regional Food Trade to Enhance Food System Resilience		
Abstract: To promote intraregional food trade and market integration, ECOWAS is currently developing an agriculture trade and market scorecard in collaboration with Akademyia2063 and with support from FSRF. Bringing together regional stakeholders from governments, regional organizations, technical partners and civil society, the event will provide an overview of the status, trends and importance of regional food trade against the backdrop of the ongoing war in Ukraine before discussing the role and potential of the ECOWAS Trade and Market Scorecard as a monitoring and advocacy tool to support a better implementation of regional trade policies.		



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1:30-2:10	<p>Enhancing Food System Resilience Through Trade and Market Integration</p> <p>Presentation Intra-Regional Trade of Agricultural and Food Commodities: Status and Progress</p> <p>Comments by discussants</p> <p>Facilitated Q&A</p>	<p>Moderator: Ernest Ruzindaza, Senior Agriculture Economist, World Bank</p> <p>Speaker: Christopher Mensah-Yawson, Program Officer Trade & Development, ECOWAS</p> <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brahim Cissé, Trade Expert, CILSS ▪ Ismael Fofana, Director, Capacity and Deployment, AKADEMIYA2063
2:10-3:00	<p>Boosting Regional Trade Through Mutual Accountability</p> <p>Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EATM-Scorecard project • Review of past and ongoing experiences related to accountability mechanisms • The West African perspective on the CAADP Biennial Review <p>Facilitated Q&A</p> <p>Closing remarks</p>	<p>Moderator: Abdou Tenkouano, Director, CORAF</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alain Sy Traoré, Director of Agriculture and Rural Development, ECOWAS ▪ Ernest Ruzindaza, Senior Agriculture Economist, World Bank ▪ Mbaye Yade, Director for Western and Central Africa, AKADEMIYA2063
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm Break		
<p>Lightening Learning Session 2: Weather-proof Decisions - Critical Ingredients for Delivering Producer-centric Climate Information</p>		
<p>Abstract: Scaling up the use of digital climate and weather information services is a promising approach to safeguard producers' livelihoods in times of climate change. This session will present results from a FSRF study on effective mechanisms for the delivery of digital climate information and agriculture advisory services, which provide evidence-based decision support to farmers. Panellists will discuss ways through which FSRP can encourage the development and dissemination of innovative climate information services that are co-produced with the private sector.</p>		



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3:15 – 3:20	Opening remarks	<p>Moderator: Cécile Lorillou, Disaster Risk Management Specialist, World Bank</p> <p>Speaker: Eline Vanuytrecht, Agro-climatological Expert, VITO</p>
3:20 – 3:40	Presentation of study results	<p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Abdou Ali, Head of Information and Research, CILSS AGRYHMET ▪ Patrick Delmas, Technical Assistant, RECA
3:40 – 3:55	Comments by discussants	
3:55 – 4:25	Facilitated Q&A	
4:25 – 4:30	Closing	
4:30 pm – 4:45 pm Break		
Lightening Learning Session 3:		
Acute on Chronic: Assessing and Managing Regional Agriculture Risks in West Africa		
<p>Abstract: The new publication ‘Regional Risks to Agriculture in West Africa: Agricultural Risk Impacts, Management Measures and Financing Mechanisms Through a Regional Lens’ provides a regional perspective on agriculture risks and possible risk management options. During this session, the report’s authors will present key findings and lessons learned for assessing agriculture risk impacts on food security. In addition, the event will discuss promising short- and mid-term avenues for reducing West Africa’s vulnerability to agriculture risks both in the context of FSRP and beyond.</p>		
4:45 – 4:50	Opening remarks	<p>Moderator: Diego Arias Carballo, Practice Manager for Latin America and the Caribbean, Food and Agriculture Global Practice, World Bank</p>
4:50 – 5:15	Presentation of the report	<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ramiro Itturioz, Agricultural Risk Management Specialist, World Bank ▪ Felix Lung, Social Protection Specialist, World Bank ▪ Cristina Stefan, Disaster Risk Finance Specialist, World Bank <p>Discussants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alain Sy Traoré, Director of Agriculture and Rural Development, ECOWAS ▪ Tenin Fatimata Dicko, Financial Sector Specialist, World Bank
5:15 – 5:30	Comments by discussants	
5:30 – 5:55	Facilitated Q&A	
5:55 – 6:00	Closing	