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**Agenda 2023 of the Regional Steering Committees
Projects and Programmes implemented
in the framework of ECOWAP 2025,**

20 February to 3 March 2023

I. Context

Within the framework of the steering of ECOWAP projects and programmes and to allow for better coordination, convergence and institutional synergies recommended by the 2019 steering committees, ECOWAS, in collaboration with sister institutions such as UEMOA, CILSS, FAO and CORAF, plans to organise the regional thematic steering committees in hybrid from **20 February to 3 March 2023**.

As in 2022, these regional steering committees in 2023 will be organised by theme to analyse the areas of collaboration and synergy. They will also allow for the presentation of activity reports for the year 2022 and the 2023 PTBA, which will be validated by the members of the respective committees of the projects concerned. As a prelude to these committees, ECOWAS organised from 26 to 30 September 2022, technical monitoring committees (TMCs) of the projects which made it possible to discuss the achievements of the year and the PTBA 2023. These STCs were a framework for in-depth analysis of the status of project implementation and reflection on ways to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of activities.

The eight themes foreseen in the organisation of the regional project steering committees are

1. Livestock &, pastoralism;
2. Fisheries and Aquaculture;
3. Agricultural productivity and competitiveness;
4. Adaptation to climate change;
5. Environment, forests and biodiversity conservation
6. Pesticide management, plant pest control and SPS;
7. The resilience of food systems, food and nutrition security;
8. Employability of young people in the ASPH sector
9. Institutional and organisational capacity building.

II. Objectives

The regional thematic steering committees have the following objectives

- validate the 2022 activity reports for each project or programme;
- Validate the proposed annual work plans and budgets (AWPB) 2023 for each project;
- analyse the status of implementation of the 2022 Steering Committee recommendations and make new recommendations per project; and
- discuss synergies, convergences and complementarities between projects working on the same theme.

III. Expected results

The expected results of the regional thematic steering committees are as follows:

By project:

- the physical and financial implementation reports as of 31 December 2022 are adopted;
- The 2023 annual work plans and budget are approved;
- challenges and opportunities are identified;
- recommendations for improving the implementation of activities are made.

By theme:

- points of convergence, complementarity and synergy between projects are identified;
- challenges and opportunities are identified;
- recommendations are made.

IV. Agenda of the Regional Steering Committees for Projects and Programmes

Date 2023	Activities
Day 1 Monday 20 February	<p>09:00 - 09:30: Opening ceremony of all ECOWAP Regional Project and Programme Steering Committees</p> <p>Zoom link:</p> <p>https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEgfugppzMuGdRGs0EILgyzkzX1jat9_Q7p</p>
	<p><u>09h30 -10h30</u>: Introductory panel by the three IGOs - ECOWAS-CILSS-UEMOA</p> <p>Implications or challenges for ECOWAP, PAU and CFS of the current context in the Region: soaring food prices, effects and impacts of COVID, the war in Ukraine and insecurity on production, productivity and competitiveness and the functioning of the market for ASPH products.</p> <p><u>Theme 1: Livestock and pastoralism</u></p> <p>https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEgfugppzMuGdRGs0EILgyzkzX1jat9_Q7p</p> <p><u>10:30-12:30</u>: Regional steering committee of the PRAPS (financed by the World Bank and the States): CILSS - ECOWAS</p> <p><u>12:30 - 14:30</u>: Regional steering committee of the PREDIP (financed by the European Union): CILSS + ECOWAS</p> <p><u>14h30 -15h00</u>: Break</p> <p><u>15:00-17:00</u>: PEPISAO + FAPS-PRIDEC regional steering committee (financed by AFD): ECOWAS + CILSS</p>

<p>Day 2 Tuesday 21 February</p>	<p>09h00 - 11h00: Regional steering committee of the PACBAO (financed by SDC-Switzerland) - ECOWAS</p> <p>11:00 - 12:00: Briefing notes on initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ECOWAS: SDC-funded Small Ruminant Pests Project; ▪ CORAF: Study on cultivated fodder for CILSS/PRAPS; ▪ FAO- Global Network Against Food Crises Partnership Programme_ EU funding; ▪ FAO - Global Health Security Programme (GHSP) in West Africa 2022-2027: (Global Health Security Programme in West Africa): ▪ CILSS programmes and initiatives ▪ UEMOA: Promotion of the fodder economy in the UEMOA zone: progress and prospects ▪ UEMOA: Harmonisation of veterinary pharmaceutical legislation: achievements and prospects <p>12:00 - 13:00: General discussions and elements of convergence/synergy</p> <p>13h00 -14h00: Break</p> <p><u>Theme 2 - Fisheries and Aquaculture</u></p> <p><u>https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwvdeysqTlvGd1dL4B7-UrQTKwjofjm8wsh</u></p> <p>14H00 - 16H00: Briefing notes on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Briefing and capitalisation notes of the PESCAO project (funded by the 11^{ème} EDF EU) ▪ CORAF: Development and Scaling of Sustainable Feeds for Resilient Aquatic Food Systems in Sub-Saharan Africa (FASA) in partnership with Worldfish; ▪ FAO (TCP IUU): Strengthening Regional Coordination to Combat IUU Fishing in West Africa); ▪ FAO: Towards the Sustainable Management of the Canary Current Large Marine Ecosystem (CCLME) - initial support to the implementation of the Strategic Action Programme (SAP); ▪ FAO (TCP Aquaculture): Support the development of the ECOWAS Aqua-U-Business programme for the promotion of aquaculture in West Africa: ▪ CILSS programmes and initiatives ▪ UEMOA: Sustainable management of fisheries and aquaculture: harmonisation of the legal environment, boosting consultation between stakeholders in the fisheries sector, concerted negotiations, aquaculture research, etc. ▪ UEMOA: Regional Network of Marine Protected Areas in West Africa. <p>16H00 - 17H00: General discussions on the axes of convergence and synergies</p>
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<p>Day 3 Wednesd ay 22 February</p>	<p><u>Theme 3: Agricultural productivity and competitiveness</u></p> <p><u>https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMpf-CqrzorGNQ2TxN3D_oVT76Bc3u1akgK</u></p> <p><u>09h00 -11h00:</u> Regional steering committee of PARIIS (financed by the States and the World Bank) : CILSS</p> <p><u>11:00 - 13:00:</u> Regional Steering Committee of the EATP (Ecowas Agriculture Trade Programme, BMZ-GiZ)</p> <p><u>13h00 -14h00 : Break</u></p> <p><u>14.00 - 16.00: Briefing</u> notes on current initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CORAF: Implementation of the seed landscape analysis in West Africa and regional programme development ▪ ECOWAS Rice Observatory; ▪ The MOVE Programme (financed by BMZ-GiZ and BMGF); ▪ The Family Farming, Regional Markets and Cross Border Trade Corridors in the Sahel and West Africa (FARM-TRAC) project; ▪ CILSS programmes and initiatives ▪ UEMOA: Development of priority agricultural sectors: structuring of agricultural and livestock sectors - Rice, maize, cotton, livestock and meat, poultry <p><u>16.00 - 17.00: General discussions on areas of convergence and <u>synergies</u></u></p>
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<p>Day 4 Thursday 23 February</p>	<p><u>Theme 4: Adaptation of Agriculture to Climate Change & Agroecology</u></p> <p>https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlvcO6orz8jGNCNensDxenhfV_FHwAEcHe2</p> <p><u>09h00 -11h00:</u> Regional Steering Committee of the ECOWAS Regional Agroecology Programme Support Projects (PATAE-AFD; PAIAD - PIR 11^{ème} EDF): ECOWAS</p> <p><u>11h00 -13h00:</u> Regional steering committee and capitalisation of the GCCA+ Project (financed by the EU) : Expertise France</p> <p><u>13h00 -14h00: Break</u></p> <p><u>14:00-15:00:</u> Regional Steering Committee of the AIC Project (financed by the Adaptation Fund-OAD): ECOWAS</p> <p><u>15:00-17:00: Briefing</u> notes on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ECOWAS: Climate Change Adaptation Project (funded by Sweden); ▪ ECOWAS: HydroMet Initiative ▪ The WAICSA initiative: EBID; ▪ FAO - Agroecology Programme: Integrating agroecological approaches to increase resilience to climate change and improve sustainable food systems in West Africa and the Sahel) ; ▪ CORAF: (i) RICOWAS project implemented by CNS-Riz with Green Climate Fund/OSS funding; (ii) Accelerating Impact of CGIAR Climate Research for Africa (AICCRA); ▪ Enabel: Thematic Portfolio Climate Sahel (PTCS) ; ▪ CILSS programmes and initiatives ▪ <p><u>17.00 - 18.00: General discussions on areas of convergence and synergies</u></p>
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<p>Day 5 Friday 24 February</p>	<p><u>Theme 5: Environment, forests and biodiversity conservation</u></p> <p>https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pf-uuj0pG9RmjQuqU38ELzuwHq3LqkLl</p> <p><u>9h00 -11h00</u> : Regional Steering Committee of the Support Programme for the Preservation of Biodiversity and Fragile Ecosystems, Environmental Governance and Climate Change in West Africa "PAPBIO" (financed by the 11th EDF RIP) : UEMOA + Delegated Agencies</p> <p><u>11h00 -13h00</u> : Regional Steering Committee of the Support Programme for the Preservation of Forest Ecosystems in West Africa (PAPFOR) (financed by the 11th EDF RIP): UEMOA + Delegated Agencies</p> <p><u>13h00 -14h00</u> : Break</p> <p><u>14:00 - 16:00: Briefing</u> notes on :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ECOWAS: (i) WABILED Project (funded by USAID); (ii) Massif du Fouta Djallon Programme; (iii) regional report on the state of the environment and climate, ; ▪ Iv) regional regulation on environmental and social assessment, ▪ CILSS: Update of the characterization of landscape dynamics in West Africa and Chad (LuLc) in 2018; ▪ (–FAO-ECOWAS: The Global Forest Transformation for People and Forests Project (funded by Sweden); Enabel: Sahel Climate Thematic Portfolio (SCTP) ▪ UEMOA-IUCN-SSC: <i>Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management (BIOPAMA) Programme / Observatory for Biodiversity and Protected Areas of West Africa (OBAPAO).</i> <p><u>16.00 - 17.00: General discussions on areas of convergence and synergies</u></p>
<p>Day 6 Saturday 25 February</p>	<p><u>Theme 6: Pesticide management, plant pest control and SPS</u></p> <p>https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUuf-igrDkvE9Zjy3zvXLykyfEqS-04oMIW</p> <p><u>9:00 - 11:00</u> - SyRIMAO Regional Steering Committee</p> <p><u>11:00 - 13:00 - Briefing</u> notes on :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ FAO-ECOWAS: TCP - prevention, monitoring and control of the Fall Armyworm (LAW) and Desert Locust; ▪ FAO (Results/outcomes of the regional project on pesticide management) with ECOWAS-CILSS-UEMOA; ▪ Operationalisation of the COAHP (ECOWAS-UEMOA-CILSS tripartite convention) ▪ CORAF : Anticipating and managing bio-risks to boost farmers' resilience to climate change in WCA ; ▪ COLEACP programmes and initiatives ; ▪ CILSS programmes and initiatives <p><u>13h00 -14h00</u> : Break</p> <p><u>14.00-16.00: General discussions on areas of convergence and synergies</u></p>

<p>Day 7 Monday 27 February</p>	<p><u>Theme 7: Resilience of Food Systems, Food and Nutritional Security</u></p> <p><u>https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpd-CqrTqiH9NZlIejSkoteJ_SLEkuNtJp</u></p> <p><u>09:00 - 11:00:</u> Regional Steering Committee of the PRSP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Component 1 CILSS ▪ Component 2 CORAF ▪ Component 3 ECOWAS ▪ National component ▪ GRiF <p><u>11h00 -13h00:</u> Social safety nets project committee (school canteen) - financed by AECID): ECOWAS</p> <p><u>13h00 -14h00 :</u> Break</p> <p><u>14h00 -16h00 :</u> Regional steering committee of the PAGR-SANAD (financed by the PIR/11th EDF) : CILSS</p>
<p>Day 8 Tuesday 28 February</p>	<p><u>Theme 7: Resilience of food systems, food and nutrition security (continued)</u></p> <p><u>https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpd-CqrTqiH9NZlIejSkoteJ_SLEkuNtJp</u></p> <p><u>9:00-11:00:</u> Regional P2RS Steering Committee (funded by ADB); CILSS</p> <p><u>11h00 -13h00 :</u> Regional Steering Committee of the West African Milk Offensive Support Project (PAOLAO)</p> <p><u>13h00 -14h00 :</u> Break</p> <p><u>14h00 -16h00 :</u> PARDISA regional steering committee (financed by UEMOA) : CILSS</p>
<p>Day 9 Wednesd ay 1 March</p>	<p><u>Theme 7: Resilience of food systems, food and nutrition security (continued)</u></p> <p><u>https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpd-CqrTqiH9NZlIejSkoteJ_SLEkuNtJp</u></p> <p><u>09h00 -11h00 :</u> Regional Steering Committee of the PRRIA (financed by the IDB) : CILSS</p> <p><u>11:00 - 13:00:</u> Steering Committee of the Stocks 2 Project financed by AFD</p> <p><u>13h00 -14h00 :</u> Break</p> <p><u>14h00 -15h30 :</u> Regional steering committee of PRISMA</p> <p><u>15.30-17.00:</u> PRIMA Regional Steering Committee (funded by IFAD)</p>

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Theme 7: Resilience of food systems, food and nutrition security (continued)

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9.00 - 11.00: Briefing notes on current initiatives:

- Support for local integration and economic empowerment of women through the establishment of cross-border market gardens between Benin and Togo financed by GIZ;
- Final report: TCP FAO for the regional coordination for the reinforcement of the monitoring and impact analysis of the COVID-19 on Food and Nutritional Security in the Sahel;
- FAO - Report of the Chair of the TC-HC (Harmonised Framework Technical Committee)
- FAO - Presentation of the report: Risk and Impact Assessment of the Russo-Ukrainian Crisis on Agricultural Production in the ECOWAS Region;
- FAO - food safety (SSA) ;
- FAO ECOWAS TCP on village water supply/integrated water management + 1 million tanks;
- Formulation of the P2RS: ADB/CILSS;
- CORAF: (i) Deployment of Agricultural Technologies and Innovations to Increase the Resilience of Production Systems and Family Farms in West and Central Africa (TARSPRO); (ii) Impact on Resilience (CORAF has conducted a study on the impacts of policy responses);
- CILSS programmes and initiatives
- WAEMU programmes and initiatives.

11.00 - 13.00: General discussions on areas of convergence and synergies

13h00 -14h00: Break

Theme 8: Employability of young people in the ASPH sector

<https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtf-6hpzWuE9QYfo68ov89u8RWzNrvbP-Q>

14:00 - 16:00: PRAOP3 Steering Committee (funded by SDC)

16.00 - 18.00: Briefing notes on current initiatives:

- FAO: Brief presentation of the FAO Youth Employment Programme in the sub-region
- CORAF & ECOWAS: Youth employment on technologies generated by the Centres of Specialisation
- CILSS programmes and initiatives

<p>Day 11 Friday 3 March</p>	<p><u>Theme 9: Institutional and organisational capacity building</u></p> <p>https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYscO6ggz4tE9NiAQ3Na-AJKIfTFUcaFw0n</p> <p><u>9:00 - 11:00:</u> USAID support to the implementation of ECOWAP/IL2</p> <p><u>11h00 -12h00: Briefing</u> notes on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ CORAF: (i) CAADP ex-pillar IV Africa Regional and Sub-regional Organizations for Agricultural Research and Innovation-CAADP-XP4; ▪ FAO - Engagement of parliamentarians ▪ CILSS programmes and initiatives ▪ UEMOA: Regional Agricultural Information System: progress and prospects ▪ . <p><u>12.00-13.00:</u> Knowledge Management and ECOWAP Monitoring and Evaluation Systems (MESECOPS, ECOWAP M&E Web site, WFP partnership)</p> <p><u>13h00 -14h00: Break</u></p> <p><u>14.00-15.00:</u> General discussions on institutional and organisational capacity building</p> <p><u>15.00-17.00:</u> General discussions, conclusions and recommendations of the 2023 thematic COPILs - Closing</p> <p>End of ECOWAP 2025 Regional Project and Programme Committees</p>
<p>Day 12 Saturday 4 March</p>	<p><u>9.00 - 11.00:</u> <u>ARAA Policy Committee and AARF Supervisory Board</u></p> <p>https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcldOmuqD0iHNBMn6Y3SPj8_mFrrHDIjsHf</p>