



Concept Note

KNOWLEDGE SHARING WORKSHOP AND LESSONS LEARNED AFTER THE THIRD EDITION OF THE BIENNIAL REPORT

I. Introduction

In January 2018, following so much effort by all African Union Organs (AUC, RECs and Member States), the African Union Commission (AUC) presented the inaugural biennial report on the implementation of the 2014 Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods to the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This was in response to the call by Heads of State and Government for a follow-up report every two years, starting in 2017. The launch of the inaugural report was an important milestone for Africa, and it generated considerable interest among AU member states because it showed the absolute and relative performance of countries on the seven commitments of the Malabo Declaration.

From the Biennial Review (BR) process with the 2017 report to the second BR in 2019 and the third in 2021, huge lessons were learned, including the need to regularly review the process to identify strengths and weaknesses and implement recommendations to improve the process, as this would enhance the improvement of scores for countries and the region. This third edition process began with the revision of indicators and datasets, continental training of national experts in data collection, regional training of national experts, provision of technical support through national data collection and validation, and a regional working session on the eBR. These efforts culminated in the finalization of country reports submitted to the African Union.

Upon submission of country data via eBR, the ECOWAS Monitoring and Evaluation Team, in line with its regional mandate for CAADP implementation in the region, including the

biennial report, the ECOWAS Commission often organize a lesson learning session and this has helped the process year in year out. The 2021 Biennial report is not an exception. This third BR has been endorsed by Heads of States during the first week of February 2022 and ECOWAS, as usual, is ready to engage its 15 Member states and Regional technical experts that have been supporting the BR process to "take an inside look at the third biennial review process as well as the third biennial report and to develop action plans for improvement".

Based on the above, ECOWAS, with the financial support of AUC/AGRA and the European Union through the PAGR SANAD project, will bring together the NAIP-FNS focal point and the expert in charge of data entry for the biennial report (eBR) (2 persons from the Ministry of Agriculture) for a 2-day session, from Thursday, March 10 to Friday, March 11, 2022, in Abidjan. Côte d'Ivoire.

II. Purpose, objectives and expected results of the workshop.

The workshop will consist of a physical meeting of all participants from the 15 member states and regional technical Experts to share knowledge and lessons learned from the third edition of the biennial review.

Objectives:

1. Review the statistics that are difficult to produce.
2. Share best practices from model countries as a result of the last review.
3. Share lessons learned and appropriate actions
4. Make recommendations for upcoming editions

Expected deliverables:

1. Statistics that are difficult to produce are reviewed.
2. Good practices of countries in data production are known.
3. lessons learned and appropriate actions are known.
4. Recommendations for future editions are made.

III. Reference documents for the workshop

- 2021 Biennial Reports from the eBR
- 2017, 2019 and 2021 Biennial Country, Regional and Continental Reports
- ECOWAS Biennial Report Guide
- Technical Guidelines

IV. Participants and logistics

In accordance with the scope of the exercise, the workshop targets 44 experts.

	organization	Number of attendees
1	Countries	30
2	ECOWAS	6
3	Regional Experts	8

However, in order to allow the ECOWAS team and experts to fully concentrate, additional support staff such as hostesses, secretaries among others will be available during the meeting.

V. Venue and meeting dates

The knowledge sharing workshop will take place from 10 to 11 March 2022 in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire.

VI. Workshop agenda

First day: Thursday March 10, 2022	
Time	Activities
08:30 to 09:00	Arrival and participants registration
09:00 to 09:30	Welcome
09:30 to 10:00	Overview/ Adoption of Workshop Objectives and Agenda
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Presentation of the difficulties, challenges and lessons learned by country in groups
11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Coffee break
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Presentation by country <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Benin• Burkina Faso• Cabo Verde• Cote d'Ivoire• Gambia

1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Lunch break
2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Presentation by country <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ghana • Guinea • Guinea-Bissau • Liberia • mali • Niger • Nigeria • Senegal • Sierra Leone • Togo
5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Coffee break/end of the day
Day 2: Friday March 11, 2022	
Time	Activities
09:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	knowledge sharing and best practices and lessons learned by experts
11:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.	Coffee break
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	knowledge sharing and best practices and lessons learned by experts
1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Lunch break
2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	knowledge sharing and best practices and lessons learned by experts
3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Action plan and recommendations
5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Coffee break/end of the day

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