|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **ECOWAS COMMISSION** |  | **COMMISSION DE LA CEDEAO** |
| **COMISSAO DA CEDEAO** |

**Agenda for 2022 Regional steering committees of**

**Projects and Programs implemented under ECOWAP 2025**

**February 2022**

1. **Background**

Following the recommendations by the 2019 steering committee meetings in view to improve management, enhance coordination, convergence, and institutional synergy of ECOWAP projects and programmes, ECOWAS, together with sister institutions - UEMOA, CILS, FAO and CORAF- are organizing online regional steering committee meetings from 1 to 10 February 2022.

As it was first experienced in 2021, the 2022 regional steering committees will be grouped per thematic interests to highlight areas of collaboration and synergy building. In addition, activity reports for year 2021 and the AWPB for 2022 will be submitted to the members of relevant project committees for endorsement. Prior to these committee meetings, ECOWAS organized technical monitoring committee (TMCs) meetings for projects in December 2021 to discuss achievements of the year under review and the 2022 AWPBs. These TMCs provided opportunities to conduct a comprehensive assessment of progress made in the implementation of the projects and discuss way forward to improve efficiency and effectiveness of the activities.

The regional steering committee meetings will cover the following eight thematic areas:

1. Livestock &, pastoralism;

2. Fishing and aquaculture;

3. Agricultural productivity and competitiveness;

4. Climate change adaptation ;

5. Environment, forests and biodiversity conservation

6. Pesticide management, plant pest management and SPS ;

7. Resilience, food security and nutrition ;

8. Institutional and organizational capacity building.

1. **Objectives**

The objectives of the regional thematic-based steering committee meetings are as below:

* + To approve the 2021 activity report for each project or program;
	+ To approve the 2022 draft annual work plan and budget (AWPB) for each project;
	+ To review the implementation progress of the recommendations made by the 2021 steering committee meetings and offer recommendations for each project; and
	+ To discuss synergies, convergences and complementarities between projects implemented under the same thematic area.
1. **Expected results**

The expected results of the regional thematic steering committee meetings are as below:

Per project :

* The performance and financial reports as at December 31, 2021 are adopted;
* The work plans and annual budgets for 2022 are endorsed;
* Challenges and prospects are identified;
* Recommendations for effective implementation of activities are offered.

Per thematic areas :

* Convergence, complementarity and synergy areas between projects are identified;
* Challenges and future prospects are identified;
* Recommendations are offered.
1. **Agenda for steering committee meetings of the Regional projects and programmes.**

| **Date 2022** | **Activities** |
| --- | --- |
| **Day 1 February 1** | **link Day 1:** [**https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtf-itrTMpGtaqLZX7ca9Ycmotm24TmUpK**](https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtf-itrTMpGtaqLZX7ca9Ycmotm24TmUpK)*After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to join the meeting.***09 :00am – 09 :30am:**  **Opening ceremony for all ECOWAP projects and programs’ regional steering committee meetings.**  |
| **09:30 am -10:30am: Introductory panel by the three IGO -ECOWAS – CILSS - UEMOA****Theme: Impacts of Covid 19 on the regional economy, a study conducted by ECOWAS, ECA and WFP** **Thematic area 1: Livestock & pastoralism** **10 :30 am -12 :00 noon:** Regional steering committeeof PRAPS(funded by World Bank and member States): CILSS – ECOWAS**12 :00 noon -01 :30 pm:** Regional steering committee of PREDIP (funded by European Union) CILSS + ECOWAS **01: 30 am -02 :30 pm: Break** **02 :30am -04 :00 pm:** Regional steering committee of PEPISAO + FAPS-PRIDEC (funded by AFD): ECOWAS + CILSS |
| **Day 2** **February 02**  | **Link day 2:** https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIvfuiurjMoH9TMt5\_kjFI7nmBSjU-SLUaG *After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to join the meeting***09 :00am – 10 :30 am:** Regional steering committee ofPACBAO (Funded by SDC- SWITZERLAND) - ECOWAS**10 :30am -12 :00 noon :*** Briefing about ongoing initiatives:
	+ ECOWAS: SDC-funded project on peste des petits ruminants;
	+ CORAF: Study on fodder stocks for CILSS/PRAPS;
	+ FAO- Global Network Against Food Crises Partnership Programme\_ EU funding.
	+ FAO - Avian Influenza Prevention and Control Program in West Africa (ECTAD);
	+ FAO - Capacity Building Program for Veterinary Services (ECTAD);
	+ Others (CILSS - UEMOA).

**General discussions on areas of convergence/synergy****12 :00 noon – 03 :30 pm: Thematic area 2 – Fishing and aquaculture****12:00 noon – 01:00 pm:** Briefing about PESCAO project (Funded by the 11th EDF - UE) and FIRST project. **01: 00 pm -02: 00 pm: Break****02: 00pm -03:30 pm: Briefing (continued)** * CORAF: (i) Initiative under development with WorldFish in support of CNS-aquaculture; (ii) 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: "Protection of the Canary Current Large Marine Ecosystem" (CCLME) project
		- Others (UEMOA, CILSS).

**General discussions on areas of convergence/synergy** |
| **Day 3****February 3** | **Link day: 3** [**https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqcuGqpzsrE9e7mY5yo7QDj4NlaUDtZ5aB**](https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqcuGqpzsrE9e7mY5yo7QDj4NlaUDtZ5aB) *After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to join the meeting***Thematic area 3:** **Agriculture productivity and competitiveness****09: 00 am -10 :45 am:** Regional steering committee of PARIIS (funded by member States and World bank) : CILSS**10:45 am -12 :00 noon:** Briefing about1. ECOWAS: FSRP Funded by WB;2. FAO - CORAF: Implementation of the seed supply landscape analysis in West Africa and regional program development;3. CARI Program (Funded by BMZ-GiZ and BMGF);4. ECOWAS Rice Action Plan 2020-2025: ECOWAS;5. ECOWAS Rice Observatory6. Project Farming, Regional Markets and Cross Border Trade Corridors in the Sahel and West Africa (FARM-TRAC) 7. Others (CILSS, UEMOA).**12 :00 noon -01 :00pm: General discussions on areas of convergence/synergy****01:00pm – 02:00pm: Break****Thematic area 4:**  **Adaptation of Agriculture to Climate Change & Agroecology****02:00pm -03:30pm:**  Regional steering committee of ECOWAS Regional Agroecology Program Support Projects (PATAE-AFD; PAIAD - PIR 11th EDF): ECOWAS  |
| **Day 4****February 04** | **Link day 4 :** [**https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwpfu-ppjovGd2DywN9oVmwgALjOyhLk0zZ**](https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwpfu-ppjovGd2DywN9oVmwgALjOyhLk0zZ) *After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to join the meeting***09:00am -10:30am:** Regional steering committee of GCCA+ project (funded by EU): Expertise France **10:30am -11:30am:** Regional steering committee of AIC project (funded by Fonds Adaptation-BOAD): ECOWAS**11 :30am -12 :30am :** Briefing about :* + ECOWAS: « Climate change adaptation » Project (funded by Sweden);
	+ WAICSA initiative : EBID;
	+ FAO - Agroecology Program: 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 funded by Green Climate Fund/OSS; (ii) Accelerating Impact of CGIAR Climate Research for Africa (AICCRA);
	+ Others (CILSS – UEMOA).

**12 :30pm – 01 :00pm: General discussions on convergence areas and synergy.** **01 :00 pm – 02 :00pm: Break****Thematic area 5:**  **Environment, forests and biodiversity conservation** **02 :00pm-03 :00pm:** Regional steering committee of PAFBIO (funded by PIR 11th EDF) : UEMOA + Delegate Agencies |
| **Day 5****February 07** | **Link day 5:** [**https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrc-yuqjkuEtM2O2KOCHJCFO7lt\_Ng3Lw1**](https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrc-yuqjkuEtM2O2KOCHJCFO7lt_Ng3Lw1) *After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to join the meeting***9 :00am -10 :00 am:**  Regional steering committee of the management and restoration of Forest Ecosystem in West Africa Project (funded by PIR 11th EDF) : UEMOA + Delegate Agencies**10:00am -12:00am** : Briefing about :* ECOWAS : (i) WABICC project (funded by USAID) ; (ii) biodiversity conservation project,(funded by Sweden) ; (iii) Reduction of the GAS (UNEP, NEAPD) : Promoting cleaner Fuel and vehicle in West Africa (funded by UNEP and NEPAD) : (iv) Massif du Fouta Djallon (Fouta Djallon Highland) Program;
* CORAF: BAORULA project on development of two tree species, Baobab (A. digitata) and Marula (S. birrea) value chains;
* CILSS: Update of the Chad-West Africa Landscape Dynamics Characterization (LuLc) in 2018.
* FAO-ECOWAS: Global Forest Transformation Project (funded by Sweden);
* Others.

**12 :00 noon – 01 :00pm: General Discussions on the convergence and synergy areas.** **01 :00pm -02 :00pm: Break****Thematic area 6:** **Management of pesticides, plant pest control and SPS****02 :00pm -03 :00pm – Briefing about:*** ECOWAS: Innovative Regional Control System of Fruit Flies in West Africa -SyRIMAO project (funded by UE and AFD).
* FAO-ECOWAS: TCP - Prevention, monitoring and control of the fall armyworm (LAW) and desert locust.
* FAO (Results/Achievements of the regional project on pesticide management) with ECOWAS-CILSS-UEMOA.
* Operationalization of COAHP (ECOWAS-UEMOA-CILSS tripartite convention)
* CORAF: Anticipating and managing bio-risks to boost farmers’ resilience to climate change in WCA ;
* COLEACP;
* CILSS;
* Others.

**03 :00pm – 03 :30pm: General Discussions on convergence and synergy areas** |
| **Day 6** **08 february**  | **Link day 6:** [**https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcld-ivqzMtH9yIE68pXS0bTH5ir4DEJeD0**](https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcld-ivqzMtH9yIE68pXS0bTH5ir4DEJeD0) *After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to join the meeting***Thematic area 7:** **Resilience, Food security and nutrition****09 :00am -10 :00 am:** Regional steering committee of ECOWAP/PDDAA support project (social safety net – funded by AECID): ECOWAS**10 :00am -11 :30am:** Regional steering committee of PAGR-SANAD (funded by PIR/11th EDF): CILSS**11:30am -01:00 pm:** Regional steering committee of P2RS (funded by AfDB); CILSS**01 :00pm -02 :00pm: Break****02 :00pm -03 :00pm:** Regional steering committee of PARDISA (funded by UEMOA): CILSS |
| **Day 7****February 09** | **Link day 7 and 8: :** [**https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAlduqpqzwtH9O93NnSvdSi0BkQ1OvM\_piw**](https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAlduqpqzwtH9O93NnSvdSi0BkQ1OvM_piw) *After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to join the meeting***09 :00am -10 :30 am**: Regional steering committee of PRRIA (funded by IDB): CILSS**10 :30am -12 :00 noon:** Briefing about the ongoing initiatives:* ECOWAS: (i) Stocks 2 projects funded by FDA; (ii) Support for women Integration and Economic Empowerment through the establishment of market gardens between Benin and Togo funded by GIZ; (iii) TCP FAO: Regional Coordination to improve follow-up and analyses of the impacts of COVID-19 on food security and nutrition in the Sahel; (iv) FAO ECOWAS TCP on village water supply/integrated water management + 1 million water tanks;
* FAO: Report of the TC-HC (Harmonized Framework Technical Committee) Chair;
* Drafting the P2RS: ADB/CILSS;
* CORAF : **(i)** Rolling-out Agricultural Technologies and Innovations to Increase the Resilience of Production Systems and Family Farms in West and Central Africa (TARSPRO) ; **(**ii) Covid-19 impact on resilience (CORAF has conducted a study on the impacts of government’s interventions); (iii) Youth employment (CORAF is leading an ECOWAS initiative on this issue).

 **12 :00 noon -01:00pm:**  **General discussions on the convergence and synergy areas****01 :00pm-02 :00 pm : Break****Thematic area 8:** **Institutional and organizational capacity building****02:15pm – 03:30pm:** Regional steering committee of Intra-ACP-GFCS project (Global Framework for Climate Services (Cadre Mondial pour les Services Climatiques): CILSS (CRA). |
| **Day 8****February**  | **Link day 7 and 8: :** [**https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAlduqpqzwtH9O93NnSvdSi0BkQ1OvM\_piw**](https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAlduqpqzwtH9O93NnSvdSi0BkQ1OvM_piw) *After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to join the meeting***Thematic area 8:** **Institutional and organizational capacity building**09 :00am-10 :30am Briefing about :* ECOWAS: **(i)** USAID support to ECOWAP; **(ii)** PRAOP3 (funded by SDC);
* FAO: TCP COVID; Training; Commitment of parliamentarians;
* CORAF: **(i)** CAADP ex-pillar IV Africa Regional and Sub-regional Organizations for Agricultural Research and Innovation-CAADP-XP4; **(ii)** Overview of the NHA system prior to the implementation of the Resilience for Food Security Program;
* Others (CILSS - UEMOA).

**10 :30am-11 :00am:**  A reminder of the ECOWAP Monitoring and Evaluation web platform;**11 :00am-11 :30am:**  **General discussions on institutional and organizational capacity building****11 :30am-01 :00 pm:**  General discussions, outcomes, and recommendations of the 2021 thematic-based COPILs- Closing**End of the Regional steering committees of ECOWAP 2025 Projects and Programs** |

**Summary of Zoom links of connections of the meetings of the Regional Steering Committees of projects and programs of the ECOWAS Regional Agricultural Policy – ECOWAP**

| **February 1 - Link day 1 :** [**https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtf-itrTMpGtaqLZX7ca9Ycmotm24TmUpK**](https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMtf-itrTMpGtaqLZX7ca9Ycmotm24TmUpK) *After registration, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to join the meeting***Opening ceremony for all ECOWAP projects and programs’ regional steering committee meetings.****Introductory panel by the three IGO -ECOWAS – CILSS - UEMOA** **Thematic area 1: Livestock & pastoralism** |
| --- |
| **February 2 - Link day 2:** https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIvfuiurjMoH9TMt5\_kjFI7nmBSjU-SLUaG *After registration, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to join the meeting***.****follow up Thematic 1: Livestock & pastoralism****Thematic area 2 – Fishing and aquaculture** |
| **February 3 - Link day 3:** [**https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqcuGqpzsrE9e7mY5yo7QDj4NlaUDtZ5aB**](https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqcuGqpzsrE9e7mY5yo7QDj4NlaUDtZ5aB) *After registration, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to join the meeting***Thematic area 3: Agriculture productivity and competitiveness****Thematic area 4: Adaptation of Agriculture to Climate Change & Agroecology** |
| **February 4 - Link day 4-:** [**https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwpfu-ppjovGd2DywN9oVmwgALjOyhLk0zZ**](https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwpfu-ppjovGd2DywN9oVmwgALjOyhLk0zZ) *After registration, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to join the meeting***.****Thematic area 4: Adaptation of Agriculture to Climate Change & Agroecology****Thematic area 5: Environment, forests and biodiversity conservation**  |
|  **February 7 - Link day 5:**  [**https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrc-yuqjkuEtM2O2KOCHJCFO7lt\_Ng3Lw1**](https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUrc-yuqjkuEtM2O2KOCHJCFO7lt_Ng3Lw1) *After registration, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to join the meeting***Thematic area 5: Environment, forests and biodiversity conservation** **Thematic area 6: Management of pesticides, plant pest control and SPS** |
| **February 8 - Link day 6 :**  [**https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcld-ivqzMtH9yIE68pXS0bTH5ir4DEJeD0**](https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcld-ivqzMtH9yIE68pXS0bTH5ir4DEJeD0)  *After registration, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to join the meeting***Thematic area 7: Resilience, Food security and nutrition** |
| **February 9: Link day 7 & 8 :** [**https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAlduqpqzwtH9O93NnSvdSi0BkQ1OvM\_piw**](https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAlduqpqzwtH9O93NnSvdSi0BkQ1OvM_piw) *After registration, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to join the meeting***Thematic area 7: Resilience, Food security and nutrition** **Thematic area 8: Institutional and organizational capacity building** |
| **February 10: Link day 7 & 8 :**[**https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAlduqpqzwtH9O93NnSvdSi0BkQ1OvM\_piw**](https://araa-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAlduqpqzwtH9O93NnSvdSi0BkQ1OvM_piw)  *After registration, you will receive a confirmation email with instructions to join the meeting***Thematic area 8: Institutional and organizational capacity building** |