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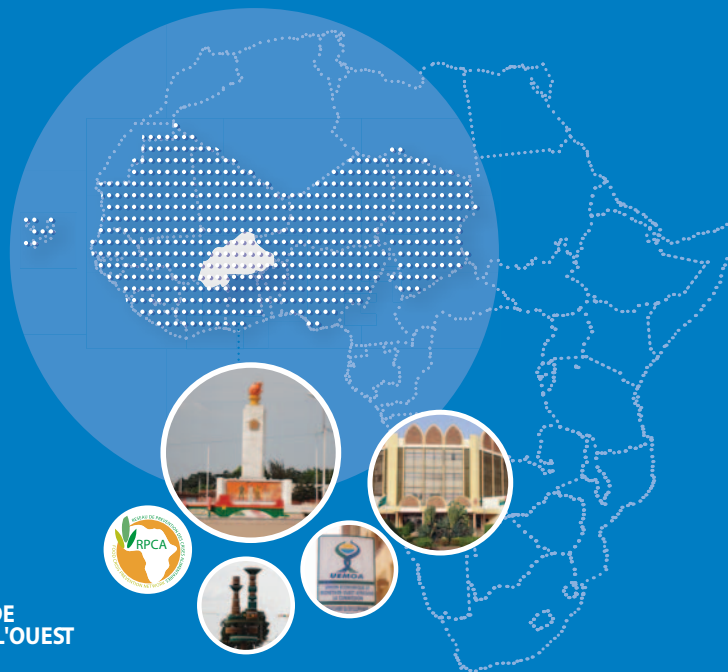
28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FOOD CRISIS PREVENTION NETWORK MEETING

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COMMITTEE OF CILSS PARTNERS MEETING

SWAC FORUM ON SETTLEMENT, MARKET AND FOOD SECURITY

SWAC STRATEGY AND POLICY GROUP MEETING



SAHEL AND WEST AFRICA **Club** DU SAHEL ET DE L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST

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Sahel and West Africa Week  
under the presidency of His Excellency Mr. Blaise Compaoré  
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## Welcome to the Land of the People of “Integration”

by His Excellency Mr. Beyon Luc Adolphe Tiao, Prime Minister of Burkina Faso

**B**urkina Faso is greatly honoured to be hosting the first edition of the “Sahel and West Africa Week” which is, above all, the week of regional integration. As the “land of the people of integrity” (pays des hommes intègres), Burkina Faso is also the “land of the people of integration” (pays des hommes intégrés). It lies at the geographic heart of the ECOWAS area and shares its borders solely with brother countries that all belong to the same regional institutions. It is home to the headquarters of several regional organisations, in particular the UEMOA Commission, under the presidency of His Excellency Mr. Cheikhe Hadjibou Soumaré, and the CILSS Executive Secretariat, under the leadership of Professor Alhousseini Bretaudeau. Both institutions work actively to promote co-operation and regional solidarity.

The attachment of the political class and civil society to the idea of regional integration represents a major asset. Burkina Faso welcomes a great many development actors: business associations, co-operatives, civil society organisations, national NGOs, etc.; some of them having a regional coverage such as the Network of Farmer Organisations and Agricultural Producers of West Africa (ROPPA) and the ECOWAS Youth and Sports Development Centre (YSDC).

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The tightly knit voluntary sector and the sense of civic duty among the people of Burkina Faso are also driving forces of our country’s regional vocation.

Burkina Faso is very proud of its role in the process of integration, particularly through its efforts in mediating for peace, settling conflicts and managing crises. We can point to the commitment of our President Blaise Compaoré, in his duties as an official ECOWAS mediator for the crisis in Mali, unanimously recognised by his peers.

In the words of the President of Burkina Faso, “Our foreign policy is firmly focused on political dialogue and the quest for lasting peace as the foundations on which we can build a strong and unified regional body. It will remain true to our country’s vocation to further integration. [...] In the context of globalisation, Africa has no choice but to organise itself as a regional bloc to address the rest of the world.”<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> “Programme pour un développement solidaire”, President Blaise Compaoré.

Our vision of Burkina Faso is based on a contract of development and social cohesion. There are still many development challenges facing our country, particularly in the area of food security. While progress has been made in reducing chronic malnutrition, it still represents one third of the direct and indirect causes of mortality among children under the age of five. More than one million Burkinabè still suffer from chronic malnutrition.

This is why we are especially delighted to welcome the official launching ceremony of the Global Alliance for Resilience Initiative – Sahel and West Africa (AGIR).

If this international partnership can help our policies build lasting resilience among vulnerable populations, if it can help reduce the rate of acute malnutrition to below the alert threshold of 10%, then it will have a very positive outcome! Without any doubt, this will happen and my country, Burkina Faso, will undertake everything possible to ensure the success of this global initiative in support of Sahelian and West African policies.

I welcome once again all participants coming from various backgrounds to our hospitable country and wish you fascinating debates and rewarding outcomes.

**Beyon Luc Adolphe Tiao**

*Prime Minister of Burkina Faso*

# 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Food Crisis Prevention Network (RPCA)

As every year, network members will assess the regional food and nutrition situation and perspectives, and develop recommendations for national, regional and international policymakers. This year's thematic focus is placed on the topic of "water management and food security".

The "Set of Instruments for Food Crisis Management" facilitates the application of the Charter. It aims to encourage a better use of response instruments based on the nature, importance and scope of each food and nutritional crisis.



## TUESDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2012

### Room DIMAAKO

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| 08:30 – 09:00 | <b>Welcome and Registration of Participants</b>   |
| 09:00 – 10:15 | <b>Opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Welcome remarks by Prof. Alhousseïni Bretaudeau, Executive Secretary, CILSS</li> <li>→ Mr. François-Xavier de Donnea, SWAC President</li> <li>→ Representative from Brazil</li> <li>→ Dr. Djimé Adoum, Minister Co-ordinator, CILSS and Minister in charge of Agriculture and Irrigation, Chad</li> <li>→ Mr. Ibrahima Diémé, UEMOA Commissioner, Rural Development, Natural Resources and Environment</li> <li>→ Dr. Lapodini Marc Atouga, ECOWAS Commissioner, Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources</li> <li>→ Official Opening by Dr. Laurent G. Sédogo, Minister in charge of Agriculture, Water and Fisheries, Burkina Faso</li> </ul> |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | <b>Set up of the Committee and programme validation</b>   |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | <i>Coffee break</i>   |

## Session 1. Agriculture and food situation, and planned actions

10:45 – 12:30

→ Chair: Dr. Lapodini Marc Atouga, ECOWAS Commissioner

### Projected results of the 2012-13 growing season, implications and recommendations

→ Ms. Maty Ba Diao, Head of the Information and Research Department, CILSS/AGRHYMET

### Regional and international food market trends

→ Mr. Moussa Cissé, Co-ordinator of the regional support programme on market access, CILSS/SE

→ Mr. Ibrahim Laouali, Regional Representative, FEWS NET, West Africa

→ Mr. Jean Senahoun, Economist, Trade and Markets Division, Department of Economic and Social Dev., FAO

### Recommendations and planned actions in risk zones and for vulnerable populations

→ Mr. Amadou Mactar Konaté, Food Security Expert, CILSS/SE

### Actions planned by development partners

→ Regional and international stakeholders: WFP, ECHO, OCHA, OXFAM

12:30 – 13:30

### Debate

13:30 – 14:30

*Lunch break*

14:30 – 15:30

### Debate and finalisation of the Final Communiqué

## Session 2. Experience of Brazil on fighting hunger and lessons learned

15:30 – 16:30

→ Chair: Mr. Ibrahima Diémé, UEMOA Commissioner

### Presentation by a representative of Brazil

### Debate

16:30 – 16:45

*Coffee break*

## Session 3. Strengthening the process of the RPCA

16:45 – 18:30

→ Chair: Prof. Alhousseini Bretaudeau, CILSS/SE

→ Introduction by Mr. Sibiri Jean Zoundi, Principal Administrator, SWAC/OECD Secretariat

→ Presentation on communication tools for the RPCA, by Mr. Abdoul Karim Dankoulou, Multimedia Expert, CILSS/SE and Ms. Julia Wanjiru, Communications Officer, SWAC/OECD Secretariat

### Debate and Synthesis



## WEDNESDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2012

### Session 4. Water management and food security

08:00 – 10:15

→ Chair: Dr. Lapodini Marc Atouga, ECOWAS Commissioner

#### **Panel 1: Promotion of investment in irrigation infrastructure**

→ Facilitator: Mr. Issa Martin Bikienga, Advisor to the Minister of Agriculture, Burkina Faso

Introduction by the panel facilitator

Intervention of panelists:

→ Bagre Agricultural Growth Pole, by Mr. Issaka Kargougou, Director, House for Enterprise of Burkina Faso

→ Irrigation in Burkina Faso: strategy to adapt to drought zones,  
by Mr. Oumar Traore, Director of Irrigation Planning and Development, MEA, Burkina Faso

→ Initiative of the Global Water Coalition in the Sahel: What perspectives for investment in water management  
in the Sahel and West Africa, by Mr. Clément Ouédraogo, Co-ordinator PRAME, CILSS/SE

#### **Debate**

10:15 – 10:45

*Coffee break*

10:45 – 13:00

#### **Panel 2: Technological options for upscaling irrigated agriculture**

→ Chair: Mr. Moussa Amadou, ARID President

Introduction by the panel facilitator

Intervention of panelists:

→ Mr. Amadou Keita, professor and researcher in irrigation and drainage, 2iE, Burkina Faso

→ Technologies for irrigation: diagnosis and popularisation, experience of the WAIPRO study, by Mr. Rémi Coulibaly, ARID

#### **Debate**

13:00 – 14:00

*Lunch break*

14:00 – 15:00

#### **Implementation of the Charter for Food Crisis Prevention and Management**

→ Chair/Facilitator: Mr. Sibiri Jean Zoundi, Principal Administrator, SWAC/OECD Secretariat

→ Dissemination and evaluation of the Charter, by Mr. Sibiri Jean Zoundi

→ Endorsement of the Set of Instruments for Food Crises Management, by Ms. Coralie David, SWAC/OECD Secretariat

→ Presentation of the evaluation report of the civil society on the implementation of the Charter,  
by Mr. Moussa Tchangari, Co-ordinator, Consortium for the right to food

15:00 – 16:00

## **Conclusions and recommendations of the 28<sup>th</sup> annual meeting**

- Chair: Mr. François-Xavier de Donnea, SWAC President
- Synthesis and recommendations of the thematic discussion on water management and food security
- Validation of the Final Communiqué and announcement of the venue of the 29<sup>th</sup> annual meeting

16:00 – 16:30

## **Closing ceremony**

- Opportunities for co-operation, intervention by a representative of Brazil
- Intervention by Dr. Djimé Adoum, Minister Co-ordinator, CILSS
- Key lessons, interventions by ECOWAS, UEMOA and CILSS
- Official closing, by Dr. Laurent G. Sédogo, Minister in charge of Agriculture and Water Resources, Burkina Faso





# RPCA Opening Ceremony and Launching of the Global Alliance for Resilience Initiative - Sahel and West Africa (AGIR)

As a follow-up to a high-level consultation with West African regional institutions, organised by the European Commission on 18 June in Brussels, participants agreed to join their efforts and build a Global Alliance for Resilience Initiative - Sahel and West Africa (AGIR).

In response to chronic food insecurity and malnutrition, the initiative aims to promote resilience among vulnerable populations by creating greater synergy between emergency actions and between long-term strategies. In line with the principles of the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness, the global alliance puts emphasis on donor co-ordination and the building of synergy in order to foster effective collective action for sustainable food security.

## THURSDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2012

### Room DIMAAKO

08:30 – 10:00	Welcome and Registration of Participants
10:00 – 10:30	Welcoming Statement by the host Burkina Faso
10:30 – 11:00	Reading of the Common Declaration of the Alliance Stakeholders
11:00 – 11:10	Introduction by the SWAC President
11:10 – 11:35	Representatives of the international community
11:35 – 11:45	Representatives of West African agricultural organisations, civil society and the private sector
11:45 – 12:15	Representative of West African regional organisations
12:15 – 12:30	Launching Statement of the Alliance
12:30 – 13:00	Press Conference
13:00	Reception

“The relevant processes should be fully owned at regional level and anchored in the region”, concluded participants at the high-level meeting on 18 June.

Since June, a series of consultations was conducted: technical and financial partners met in Brussels on 23 July; Sahelian and West African regional organisations exchanged in Abidjan on 10 September; Agricultural producers, civil society and the private sector gathered in Ouagadougou on 22 October, and finally on 7 and 8 November, all stakeholders came together in Paris. These initial consultations led to the elaboration of a draft roadmap.

### Next steps

A technical working group will be in charge of fine-tuning the definition of specific priorities, indicators and benchmarks for assessment. Inclusive dialogues will be conducted in target countries. A final version of the roadmap shall be approved at the restricted RPCA meeting in April 2013.



## 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee of CILSS Partners

This statutory meeting gathers CILSS and its key partners to regularly take stock on their collaboration. More particularly, this year's meeting focuses on current priority issues such as the need for sustainable funding, strengthening linkages between CILSS and ECOWAS and the implementation of the Global Water Coalition for the Sahel. The CILSS and its partners also discuss modalities for conducting technical studies related to biosecurity, pesticides and seeds in West Africa, under the auspices of ECOWAS and UEMOA.



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**THURSDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2012**

**Room LAFIA**

14:00 – 18:00

- ▶ **Progress made in the implementation of the 11<sup>th</sup> CPC meeting recommendations, Praia**  
by Mr. Ibrahim Lumumba Idi-Issa, Head of the Management-Evaluation Support Unit
- ▶ **Restitution of conclusions of the 47<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Session of CILSS Ministers, N'Djaména, 2-3 July 2012**  
by Mr. Braoussala Blamsia, Deputy Executive Secretary
- ▶ **Information on the ECOWAS-UEMOA-CILSS Work Session, 10 December 2012**  
by Mr. Mahalmoudou Hamadoun, Regional Programme Co-ordinator, Food Security Support, Fight against Desertification, Settlement and Development (PRA/SA-LCD-POP DEV)
- ▶ **Progress made in the implementation of the EU/AFD/FFEM Conventions**  
by Mr. Mahalmoudou Hamadoun
- ▶ **Information on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Committee of Programme Management Meeting**  
by Mr. Mahalmoudou Hamadoun
- ▶ **Debate**

## Sahel and West Africa Club Forum

### West African Futures: Settlement, Market and Food Security

The goal of all West African agricultural and food security policies is to feed a fast-growing and increasingly urban population. Apart from that statement of intent, however, are they capable of actually taking on board these dynamics and their implications? This is the key issue of the Forum, which draws on research carried out in 2011 and 2012 in the context of the Club's study "West African Futures: Settlement, Market and Food Security" (WAF).

Settlement dynamics have reshaped West Africa's social and economic geography over the past 60 years. The spatial changes, urbanisation and a high degree of economic concentration especially, favour the development of market-oriented agriculture. With the population of West Africa set to double by 2050, agricultural production systems will continue to experience far-reaching changes. To support this transformation, policies need to take better account of producers' location, profiles and constraints in order to develop effective food security strategies. In order to do so, they need uniform and reliable data – not available at present – particularly for key variables such as population, agricultural production and trade.



### Objectives

The Forum aims to discuss some of the study's results and policy ideas with policy-makers at the highest level and to food security practitioners. Another aim, during the discussions, is to present instruments and new approaches that could help steer agricultural and food policies.

Throughout the discussions, West African agriculture ministers and leaders of regional organisations, agricultural producer associations, civil society and the private sector will be called on to draw conclusions and outline the follow-up from the Forum.

## FRIDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2012

### Room DIMAAKO

08:00 – 08:30 Welcome and Registration of Participants

08:30 – 09:00 **Opening**

- Mr. François-Xavier de Donnea, SWAC President
- Prof. Alhousseïni Bretaudeau, CILSS Executive Secretary
- Mr. Ibrahima Diémé, UEMOA Commissioner, Rural Development, Natural Resources and Environment
- Dr. Lapodini Marc Atouga, ECOWAS Commissioner, Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources
- Dr. Laurent G. Sédogo, Minister in charge of Agriculture, Water and Fisheries, Burkina Faso
- Aims and vision of the WAF study, by Mr. Laurent Bossard, Director, SWAC/OECD Secretariat

### **Session 1. Economic and spatial changes**

09:00 – 09:20 **Retrospective on settlement, agriculture and food security** (SWAC/OECD Secretariat)

West Africa's demographic transition is continuing, accompanied by a spatial redistribution of populations. These settlement dynamics shape the region's economic, social and political pathways. Agricultural achievements over the last thirty years put the region's countries among the world's leaders. However, 10% of the population – some 30 million people – still suffer from chronic undernourishment. Addressing the causes of the marginalisation of the most vulnerable requires understanding the dynamics that are profoundly changing West Africa's economic and social geography.



This contribution will be an opportunity to present the Statistical Mapping and Analytical Regional Tool (SMART), which allows users to generate customised maps and charts from a selection of indicators for all West African countries and for the region as a whole.

09:20 – 09:45 **Settlement dynamics and emerging markets** (SWAC/OECD Secretariat)

The most important of these dynamics is settlement concentration, which is both a cause and a consequence of the ongoing economic, social and political changes. Urbanisation is one manifestation of them. The urban network weaves the fabric of the spatial organisation of the economy. It transforms the rural areas, with which it develops integrated trading and market spaces. The rural economy is changing and diversifying, even though the scale of the change cannot be measured from the available statistics. Value chains irrigate these spaces where, from producer to consumer, a multiplicity of urban and rural players interact. Policies need to accompany these changes and better incorporate them into food security strategies.

09:45 – 10:00 *Coffee break*

10:00 – 10:45

**Debate**

10:45 – 11:00

**How does market connection change the geography of production?**

The example of the Ngaoundéré (Cameroon) – Mondou (Chad) corridor

→ by Mr. Fofiri-Nzossie, Assistant Lecturer, Ngaoundéré University, Cameroon

Market connections, infrastructure and the functioning of institutions play a decisive role in the spatial configuration of markets and the changes to the agricultural system.

11:00 – 11:15

**A demo-economic tool for policy design**

→ by Mr. Jean-Marie Cour, Consultant

The standardised database devised in the WAF study gives a dynamic and spatialised image of how the structure of settlement is changing. It provides information about long-term trends in relations between urban and rural, agricultural and non-agricultural, formal and informal populations. On this ground, demo-economic modelling could generate a new image of the interactions between economic agents and contribute to the framing and implementation of policy.

11:15 – 12:00

**Debate**

12:00 – 13:30

*Lunch***Session 2. Regional market and food security**

13:30 – 14:00

**Markets and interdependences** (SWAC/OECD Secretariat)

Agricultural regional trade, being mostly informal, is only very marginally reflected in statistics. As a result, that trade is officially very small or even non-existent. Analysis of the trade in maize reveals a very different picture, albeit one that is difficult to quantify precisely at this stage. The lack of data on regional trade and consumption leads to the development of food crisis prevention and management tools of very relative reliability. The data collected and developed within the study have opened some new prospects.

14:00 – 14:15

**Market access and the role of trade in securing food supplies**

→ by Mr. Jonathan Brooks, Senior Economist, OECD Trade and Agriculture Directorate (TAD)

Trade plays a decisive role in balancing surplus and deficit zones.  
What factors would ensure that markets participate in food security?

14:15 – 15:00

**Debate**

15:00 – 15:15

*Coffee break*

### **Session 3. The future of agricultural systems**

15:15 – 15:35

#### **The agrarian changes** (SWAC/OECD Secretariat)

The agricultural population is likely to remain flat between 2010 and 2050, while the total population will double and the non-agricultural population will triple. West Africa could therefore experience a real agrarian revolution over the coming decades.

Family farming, which account for 80% of the total, has hitherto generated a substantial share of agricultural production by adapting to shifting demand. In the medium term, the overall production model is not likely to be very different from the model based on more or less large family farms. In the long term, however, the transformation of production systems is likely to increase in the average size of farms, the specialisation of small farms well-connected to markets and the emergence of very large farms. National and regional policies should devise targeted measures directed towards different types of producers, challenges and constraints and better deal with land availability issues and improve land management systems.

15:35 – 15:50

#### **Experiences of the development of commercial agriculture**

→ by Mr. Harouna Labo, Ferme Avicole Labo (Niger) and Mr. Mohd Nanono, Kuka Farm's Enterprise (Nigeria)

In a question-and-answer session, the two speakers will respond to points raised in the previous presentation and illuminate it with their experience as producers.

15:50 – 16:30

#### **Debate**

16:30 – 17:00

#### **Conclusion and outlook**

Against this background of far-reaching and fast-moving change, how can West Africa acquire permanent mechanisms to monitor and adjust policies?

# SWAC Strategy and Policy Group Meeting (SPG)

**SATURDAY, 8 DECEMBER 2012**



## UEMOA Commission Headquarters

- 08:30 – 09:00 Welcome of Participants
- 09:00 – 09:15 **Opening**
- Welcome Statement by the UEMOA Commission
  - Opening Remarks by Mr. François-Xavier de Donnea, SWAC President
  - Adoption of the Agenda
- 09:15 – 10:45 **SWAC Activity and Budget Report**
- Presentation of the Club's activities and budget for 2012, overview on the 2011-12 biennium by Mr. Laurent Bossard, Director, SWAC/OECD Secretariat
  - Debate and approval of the Activity Report and Budgetary Implementations (January – October 2012)
- 10:45 – 11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:00 – 13:00 **2013-2014 Programme of Work and Budget**
- Presentation of the draft Programme of Work and Budget, by Mr. Laurent Bossard
  - Debate
  - Formal approval of the amended 2013-2014 Programme of Work and Budget
- 13:00 – 15:00 *Lunch*
- 15:00 – 17:00 **Governance of the Club and management of the Secretariat**
- Membership to date, the signature of the Mandate, the signature of the MoU between the Club and the OECD
  - The date of the next SPG meeting, the date and venue of the next Sahel and West Africa Week and the theme of the 2013 Forum
  - Others

## Who's Who?

### Some personalities and speakers

This list will be completed in the summary record of the Sahel and West Africa Week.



#### **H.E.M. Beyon Luc Adolphe Tiao**

Prime Minister of Burkina Faso

Prime Minister of Burkina Faso since 18 April 2011, Mr. Beyon Luc Adolphe Tiao boasts a long and distinguished career in the field of communication and diplomacy. Publishing Executive of journals (1984-85), Director General of the Burkinabé daily Sidwaya (1987-1990); he was promoted Secretary-General of the Ministry of Education and Culture in 1990. In 1992, he moved to Paris where his international and diplomatic career starts as press attaché of the Embassy of Burkina Faso. Between 1996 and 2001, he was an adviser with special responsibilities in the Prime Minister's Communication Office. He then served as President of the Higher Council for Information (renamed Higher Council for Communication). He contributed more particularly to the building of African and francophone regulation networks, which he chaired until 2008 when he was appointed as Burkina Faso's Ambassador to France. He has written a number of books on the role of the media in the democratic transition processes in Africa and is a graduate of Dakar University School of Journalism (CESTI), the Ouagadougou University School of Law and the University of Montreal Faculty of Communication. He also holds a postgraduate degree from the Paris Centre for Strategic and Diplomatic Studies (CEDS) and a PhD in information and communication sciences from the University of Paris II.



#### **Ms. Kristalina Georgieva**

European Commissioner for International Co-operation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response

Specialised in environmental policies, Ms. Georgieva is the first EU Commissioner for International Co-operation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response. She is in charge of overseeing a large portfolio combining humanitarian aid and civil protection, aimed at reinforcing the coherence of EU response operations. Before joining the European Commission in February 2010, Ms. Georgieva held various positions at the World Bank, more particularly as the World Bank Director for the Russian Federation. In 2007-2008, she was appointed Director for Sustainable Development, and finally became Vice President and Corporate Secretary of the World Bank Group. She also worked between 1977 and 1993 as Associate Professor at the University of National and World Economy in Sofia, as Research Fellow at the London School of Economics and, for one year, as Visiting Professor at Fiji's University of the South Pacific and the Australian National University. Ms Georgieva holds a M.A. in Political Economy and Sociology, and a PhD in Economic Science from the University of National and World Economy in Sofia.





### **Mr. Kadré Désiré Ouédraogo**

President of the ECOWAS Commission

An eminent economist, politician and diplomat, Mr. Ouédraogo was Burkina Faso's Prime Minister from 1996 to 2000. He began his career as an advisor on economic affairs in the Ministry of Trade and Industrial Development. He then spent several years working with the Fund for Solidarity and Economic Development of the West African Economic Community (FOSIDEC), a fund promoting private lender participation in the advancement of some of the Community's least developed countries. Mr. Ouédraogo was also serving as Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of West African States (BCEAO) when he was appointed by President Blaise Compaoré to head the government in 1996. A year later, Mr. Ouédraogo won a seat in the National Assembly. Following his resignation as Prime Minister, he served as Burkina Faso's Ambassador to Belgium, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom as well as Permanent Representative to the EU and the WTO. Mr. Ouédraogo studied economics at the University of Paris I. In 1977, he also graduated from the École des hautes études commerciales de Paris (HEC –Paris) with an option in international affairs.



### **Mr. Cheikhe Hadjibou Soumaré**

President of the UEMOA Commission

The son of a Senegalese mother and a Malian father, Mr. Soumaré was raised in Thiès near Dakar. He began his professional career as a tax collector in the Kaolack region before moving on to the Regional Directorate of the Treasury and ultimately to the Ministry of the Economy and Finance. From 1991 to 1995, he served as Acting Director of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) Sénégal. Mr. Soumaré entered the government in 2001 when he was named Deputy Minister for Budget and Housing. In 2007, President Abdoulaye Wade named Soumaré Prime Minister, a post he held until 2009. After retiring from Senegalese public life, he was appointed President of the UEMOA Commission in November 2011. Food security is one of his key priorities. More particularly, he established the UEMOA High-level Committee on Food Security. Mr. Soumaré holds a master's degree in economics from the University of Dakar and a diploma from the the École nationale d'administration et de magistrature (ENAM) of Dakar. He co-authored a comparative study for Oxford University on "External Development Finance in Africa south of the Sahara in the 1990s: the case of Senegal."



**Prof. Alhousseini Bretaudeau**

CILSS Executive Secretary

Professor Alhousseini Bretaudeau was nominated Executive Secretary of the CILSS in 2007 and re-elected in 2010. Building on long-established ties between CILSS and SWAC, Prof. Bretaudeau has been involved in much of SWAC's work related to food security issues. In order to encourage research in the field of agronomy within Mali, he founded the Katibougou Polytechnic Institute Laboratory for Agro-physiological Genetics and Plant Biotechnology. He also worked at the Katibougou Rural Polytechnic Training Institute as a Professor of agronomy-phytotechnology, genetics and biotechnology. He holds a PhD in agronomy from the Languedoc University of Science and Technology (1983) and an additional degree in agronomy from the University of Montpellier.



**Mr. François-Xavier de Donnea**

Belgian Minister of State; Member of the Belgian House of Representatives; SWAC President

Mr. de Donnea served as the Belgian Secretary of State for Development Co-operation from June 1983 to November 1985, as Minister of National Defence from November 1985 to May 1988. Member of Parliament since 1981, Mr. de Donnea is currently the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Belgian House of Representatives. He is also Professor Emeritus at the Catholic University of Louvain where he was in charge of the Centre for Research in Public Management of the Institute of Administration and Management. Among his many commitments, he has been President of the Sahel and West Africa Club since 2009 and played a key role in the creation of the new Club. His work for the Club has focused notably on engaging new development actors, strengthening South-South co-operation and increasing the participation of Parliamentarians. He holds a PhD in economics from Erasmus University Rotterdam.



**Dr. Lapodini Marc Atouga**

ECOWAS Commissioner for Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources

Mr. Atouga is an agricultural economist with decades of policy experience in the West African region and beyond (ILO, IFDC, UEMOA, UNOPS, USAID). He joined the ECOWAS Commission with nearly ten years of experience working on agricultural policy issues at the UEMOA Commission. Born in Togo, he graduated from the University of Benin in Lomé with a Bachelor of Sciences in Agronomy and went on to earn a Master in Agricultural and Resources Economics from the University of Maine (USA) and a PhD in Agricultural Economics with emphasis on quantitative methods of analysis at the Texas Tech University at Lubbock (USA).



**Mr. Ibrahima Diémé**

UEMOA Commissioner for Rural Development, Natural Resources and the Environment

Mr. Diémé was appointed UEMOA Commissioner in September 2011. His department works in the critical areas of food, water and environmental security in the Union, developing policy for the agriculture, livestock, fishing and forestry sectors, among others. Diémé has been an active participant in setting the regional agenda on food security, contributing to numerous conferences and helping to facilitate the discourse on the implementation of the Charter for Food Crisis Prevention and Management adopted by West African countries in November 2011. He previously served as Deputy Director of the UEMOA Commission Secretariat. An economist by profession, Mr. Diémé has an extensive background in international finance. He has served as administrator for the West African Bank of Development (BOAD) and governor of the African Development Bank (AfDB).



**Dr. Djimé Adoum**

Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, Chad and Minister Co-ordinator, CILSS

Appointed in the Office of the President in 2009, he first served as a technical advisor on rural development to His Excellency Idriss Deby Itno, President of Chad, before his current nomination as Minister in late 2011. With some 25 years experience in international development, especially in Sub-Saharan Africa, Dr. Adoum has held many positions of responsibility in the field of agricultural research, agricultural extension and the design of development programmes covering a large number of countries (Cameroon, Chad, Egypt, Ethiopia, Senegal, South Africa, USA, etc.). By working for various international development partners (World Bank, USAID, research institutes, etc.), he has acquired extensive experience and knowledge in the implementation of development strategies. Mr. Adoum holds a graduate degree in agronomy, focusing on crop production and statistics, and a PhD in agronomy and agricultural extension from the University of Maryland, USA.



**Dr. Laurent G. Sédogo**

Minister of Agriculture, Water and Fisheries, Burkina Faso

A former politician and military officer, Mr. Sédogo has occupied numerous ministerial posts and positions of authority during his long career: Director of the Peoples National Service (1985-1988); Secretary General of the Defence Ministry (1987-1988); Minister of farmers' cooperative action (1998-1990); Minister for the environment and living conditions (2004-2008) and since 2008, Minister of Agriculture, Water and Fisheries. With a passion for rural development and geography, he began his professional career as an instructor of typography in the national army. He very quickly specialised in cartography and space surveillance. He was head of the Desertification Control Programme (1991-1993) and expert in geographic information systems (1995-1996) at the Ministry of Environment and later at CILSS (2003). Trained in mathematics and physics at Rabat University, Morocco, Mr. Sédogo also holds a master in geographic information systems applied to rural development and a doctorate in sustainable management of natural resources from the Faculty of Geo-Information Science and Earth Observation (ITC) in the Netherlands.



**Mr. Sujiro Seam**

Deputy Director, Global Public Goods, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr. Sujiro Seam graduated from Paris Graduate School of Business (ESCP) and the Paris Institute of Political Sciences (IEP, Sciences Po). He entered the Ministry of Foreign Affairs after his graduation from the National Administration School (ENA) in 1998. A career diplomat, he served at the Legal Affairs Directorate until 2001 and was a member of the French Permanent Representation to the EU until 2009. He was promoted as Deputy Director, responsible for Food Security and Economic Development in 2009 and as Deputy Director for Global Public Goods in 2011. During the French Presidency of the G8 and G20 in 2011, he chaired the Aquila Initiative for Food Security and co-facilitated the work of the G20 Task Force on Food Security.

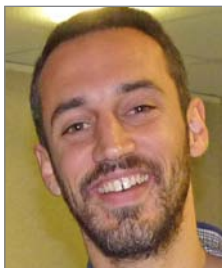


**Mr. T. Jean de Dieu Somda**

Special Representative of the President of the Club

Mr. Somda was appointed SWAC Special Representative in February 2012 following a distinguished record of service in his native Burkina Faso and at the regional level. During his five years as Vice President of the ECOWAS Commission (2007-2012) Somda's duties touched all operational aspects of the regional community with particular focus on programme monitoring and evaluation and the management of relations between the Commission and other ECOWAS institutions. Before joining the Commission, Somda served as junior minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Co-operation of Burkina Faso (2002-07) and a Managing Director of the Société Africaine de Services (SAS) (1988-2001). Mr. Somda holds a diploma in international public law from the University of Dakar as well as a master and a post-graduate degree in international public administration from the University Paris I.

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**Mr. Thomas Allen**

Consultant, SWAC/OECD Secretariat

An economist, Mr. Allen has been working on modelling issues related to food policies for the past six years. His research, geared towards strengthening food security, focuses mainly on the analysis of food demand and systems, with a particular interest in economic modelling integrating nutritional indicators. His PhD at the University of Montpellier involved evaluating the feasibility and relevance of implementing food commodity taxation under a nutritional policy perspective in France. On completing his PhD, he was granted a postdoctoral scholarship to spend five months at Alnuts, the nutrition laboratory of the University of Constantine (Algeria), where he was engaged in a project that studied Algerian households' resilience capacities to food insecurity. While a lecturer at the University of Perpignan (France), he also participated in a project dedicated to the conception of a bio-economic agricultural model applicable to the case of small-scale farms in Africa (case study on Sierra Leone).



**Ms. Maty Ba Diao**

Head of the Information and Research Department, AGRHYMET/CILSS Regional Centre

Ms. Ba Diao is a recognised expert in food security and was a researcher at the Senegal Institute for Agricultural Studies on Periurban Agricultural Production Systems for over twenty years. In 2006, she joined the Sahel Institute/CILSS team in Bamako in the role of expert. She has held her current position in Niamey since 2009 and is responsible for coordinating the production and dissemination of information regarding food security, water management and climate. As such, she regularly presents the projected and final results of the agro-pastoral campaign at RPCA meetings. Mrs. Ba Diao graduated in agricultural studies at INA Paris Grignon and has a PhD in animal biology from the Cheikh Anta Diop University in Dakar.



**Mr. Issa Martin Bikienga**

Technical Advisor to the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Fisheries, Burkina Faso

An agricultural engineer and former Minister of Agriculture in Burkina Faso (1999-2000), Mr. Bikienga has over 30 years of experience in the field of food security. He started his professional career in 1979 working as a public servant and has managed many agricultural development and agro-industrial projects. During his long professional career he has held the following positions: Operations Director at the Comoe Sugar Company (SOSUCO), Survey and Planning Director at the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources, General Secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources, and Deputy Executive Secretary at CILSS from 2005 to 2011. He is an alumnus of the University of Niamey and graduated as an agricultural engineer from the University of Kassel in Germany. He also holds a diploma from the Centre for Financial, Economic and Banking Studies in Paris and from the Institute for Higher Education in Tropical Agri-Food Industry and Rural Development in Montpellier.



**Mr. Laurent Bossard**

Director, SWAC/OECD Secretariat

Geographer by training, Laurent Bossard has devoted his professional career to the issue of development in West Africa. He joined the European Commission's Directorate General for Development in 1982, where he was posted to Burkina Faso as Technical Adviser for Regional Co-operation in the Sahel countries, a post he held until 1988. From 1989 to 1994 he worked for the FAO Investment Centre on World Bank programmes, mainly in Benin and Niger. He also worked with an NGO and with research centres working on livestock, West African grain markets and international trade. He joined the "Sahel Club" in 1995 to work on the West Africa Long-Term Perspectives Study. He then contributed to a reflection process on the future of the Sahel (Sahel 21) and international co-operation (Co-operation 21). In 2004, he was appointed Head of the Regional Integration Unit within the SWAC Secretariat, where he directed work to help ECOWAS define a common position on migration. With his team, he founded the West Africa Borders and Integration network (WABI). He was nominated Director of the Secretariat in March 2011. Mr. Bossard has produced numerous reports, studies and articles, and co-ordinated and co-authored the Regional Atlas on West Africa. He holds a master's degree in tropical geography.



**Mr. Jonathan Brooks**

Senior Economist, OECD Trade and Agriculture Directorate (TAD)

Mr. Brooks works primarily in the areas of agricultural policy, trade and development. His current focus is on agriculture's role in furthering poverty reduction and food security. Before joining OECD in 1999, he was a Lecturer at the University of Reading and worked on a range of consultancy projects. Mr. Brooks has a PhD in Agricultural Economics from the University of California, Davis, an M.S. in Economics from Purdue University, and a B.Sc. in Economics from the London School of Economics. Prior to specialising in agricultural economics, he worked as a macroeconomist for Data Resources, Inc.



**Mr. Jean-Marie Cour**

Consultant, engineer and economist

Jean-Marie Cour is a civil engineer and an economist. Following the Long Term Image of Sub-Saharan Africa (ILTA) study, which was carried out in 1984 for the Commission of the European Communities, Mr. Cour joined the World Bank in 1985 to promote proactive approaches and develop new tools for monitoring the real economy of countries with high population growth. These concepts and tools were the basis for the West Africa Long-Term Perspective Study (WALTPS) carried out by the "Club du Sahel" and for various programmes of the Municipal Development Partnership (MDP), including ECOLOC (Managing the economy locally in West Africa). Since 2000, he has worked as a consultant for the Sahel and West Africa Club, the World Bank and various African IGOs on issues related to land-use planning, decentralisation and local development.





**Ms. Coralie David**

Policy Analyst on investment in agriculture and food security, SWAC/OECD Secretariat

Ms. Coralie David has been working at the OECD since 2010. She contributed to the development of the OECD Strategy on Development and assists in the co-ordination of the Food Crisis Prevention Network (RPCA). Within the OECD Directorate for Financial Affairs (DAF), she is working on policies to promote private investment in agriculture, more particularly focusing on Indonesia, Tanzania and Myanmar. She previously worked for NGOs in Chad and Sri Lanka on agricultural development programmes. Ms. David holds master's degrees in agro-economics from the National Institute of Agronomy of Paris, and in public administration/international development from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.



**Mr. Abdoul Karim Dankoulou**

Expert in communications and multimedia systems design, CILSS/SE

Mr. Dankoulou joined the CILSS Executive Secretariat as webmaster and multimedia specialist in 2008, after having served for 12 years at the AGRHYMET Regional Centre in Niamey. He holds a technical license in information sciences from the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University in Nigeria and a specialised post-graduate diploma in marketing and communications from the Fondation Universitaire Mercure in Brussels.



**Mr. Eric Joël Fofiri**

Assistant Lecturer, Ngaoundere University, Cameroon

Mr. Fofiri has a PhD in economic geography and has been Assistant Lecturer at the Ngaoundere University (Cameroon) since 2011 after having been a class tutor in the same university from 2006 to 2010. His research focuses on the conditions supporting the improvement of food supply in the Sudano-Sahelian and the Sudano-Guinean regions. He is interested in pastoral dynamics, in the role of markets (local, regional and international) in urban supply and in public policies. He is a Research Associate at the Regional Centre for Applied Research on agricultural systems development in West Africa –PRASAC, and works with the Innovation unit of the International Co-operation Center for Development and Agricultural Research (CIRAD). Mr. Fofiri's research findings are published in various academic journals. He also works as a consultant for development agencies.



**Mr. Philipp Heinrigs**

Programme Officer, SWAC/OECD Secretariat

Mr. Heinrigs is an economist at the SWAC Secretariat. He has worked on various issues of African development with a focus on economic development, food security and regional integration. In 2003, prior to joining the OECD, he worked at the GIZ and the Kiel Institute for the World Economy. Mr. Heinrigs holds a Bachelor of Sciences in economics from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) and the London School of Economics (LSE). He pursued his post-graduate studies in international economic policy research at the Kiel Institute for the World Economy.



**Mr. Amadou Keita**

Lecturer and researcher in irrigation and drainage, 2iE

Engineer in hydraulics from the National School of Engineers of Bamako (1987), specialised with a master's degree in land and water development from the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education, The Netherlands (2008), Mr. Keita is currently a lecturer in irrigation and drainage at the International Institute for Water and Environmental Engineering (2iE) in Burkina Faso, and a PhD fellow at the UNESCO-IHE on the theme of "drainage of lowland irrigated soil in tropical Savannah". Mr. Keita spent seven years as a researcher in irrigation at the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), and seven years as international technical adviser to an FAO sub-regional project (GCP/RAF/340 JPN) working on low cost irrigation systems.



**Mr. Amadou Mactar Konaté**

Food Security Expert, CILSS/SE

Mr. Konaté is an agricultural economist with thirty years of experience in the field of agriculture, early warning systems, agricultural statistics, agricultural development programmes planning and implementation as well as food and nutritional security monitoring and evaluation. At the CILSS Executive Secretariat, he is in charge of monitoring the agricultural and food situation and co-ordinating the regional food crisis prevention and management mechanism, including the RPCA. He participated in the drafting of many strategic documents, including the CILSS Food Security Strategic Framework, the Regional Agricultural Investment Programme (RAIP/PREGEC) and the European Union Food Security Thematic Programme (part 2 – SA). He is also the author of several notes, articles and analytical reports on the agricultural and food situation in the Sahel.





**Mr. Harouna Labo**

Owner, Labo Poultry Farm, Niger

A native of Maradi, Mr. Labo became familiar with farm management and product marketing at a young age. He then trained in accounting and business management and specialised in the poultry sector. He has taken part in numerous study trips, including on poultry techniques and biodiversity on farms (UEMOA-USAID, 2004), on the poultry industry and cereals supply in Senegal (FAO- ECTAD-USAID, 2006) and on poultry farms and markets in Mali (FAO-USAID-ECTAD, 2008). He also contributed to work on cross-border cooperation within the framework of the Club (2007). Mr. Labo's hatchery currently produces 17 000 chicks per week.



**Mr. Ibrahim Laouali**

Regional Technical Coordinator, FEWS NET, West Africa

Mr. Laouali was a food security expert at CILSS from 1993 to 2005. He has been technical co-ordinator for West Africa at FEWS NET since January 2012, after having been regional representative in 2006 in Ouagadougou and regional representative for markets from 2007 to 2011. Before joining the CILSS team, Mr. Laouali was the head of the agricultural policy department at the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock in Niger where he encouraged national thinking processes on food security and intervention strategies in rural areas. He also instituted a unit of forecast studies to support decision-making processes. In addition to his current position at FEWS NET, he is the President of the Technical Committee of the Harmonised Framework, a tool for analysing food insecurity in the Sahel and West Africa. Mr. Laouali has a master's degree in rural economics from the Laval University in Canada.



**Mr. Amadou Moussa**

President of the Regional Association for Irrigation and Drainage in West and Central Africa (ARID)

Mr. Moussa is the President of ARID and the Executive Director of the Agricultural Engineering Department in Niger. He is an alumnus of the International Water and Environment Institute (2iE, Burkina Faso) and of the National Engineering School in Bamako (ENI). As an agricultural engineer, he has over thirty years of experience in the fields of irrigation, rural equipment and drainage. He contributed towards the development of policy and strategies concerning irrigated agriculture and towards several studies including water mobilisation (dams, thresholds), hydro-agricultural development as well as various works regarding irrigation techniques and technologies (harnessing, pumping, water transport and distribution). He has held various positions throughout his career, notably: Head of the Central Office for Technical Studies in Agricultural Engineering (1987-1988), Regional Director and Deputy National Director of the Agricultural Engineering Department (1988-2001), Director of water mobilisation and irrigation (2002-2010) and General Director of the Agricultural Engineering Department from 2010 to the present. Mr. Moussa is also a member of three working groups within the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (CIID) and an active member of several associations.



**Mr. Alhaji Mohd Sabo Nanono**

Executive Chairman of the Kuka Farm Enterprise, Nigeria

Mr. Nanono spent most of his working career in the development finance industry with a special focus on institutional and commercial banking. He served as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Kano State Investment and Properties Limited (KSIP - LTD) from 1980 to 1983, as Executive Director of the Bank of the North LTD from 1984 to 1990 and as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the African International Bank (AIB) in Lagos from 1995 to 2000. Mr. Nanono was also the Chairman of All Farmers Association of Nigeria (AFAN) Kano chapter and supported many non-profit organisations. He has since retired those offices and presently works as a full-fledged farmer alongside his responsibilities as Executive Chairman of the Kuka Farm Enterprise in Kano. The Enterprise is engaged in the production of fruits and vegetable, livestock and fish farming as well as cereals and grains production. Alhaji Nanono holds a Bachelor Degree in Business Administration from the Ahamadu Bello University of Zaria (ABU, 1972) and master's degrees in Public Policy and Administration (MPPA) from the University of Wisconsin, USA (1977) and Advanced Management (AMP) from Harvard University (1994).



**Mr. Clément Ouédraogo**

Co-ordinator, Regional Support Programme on Water Control, CILSS/SE

An engineer specialising in hydraulic agriculture, and specifically on issues related to local development, Mr. Ouédraogo currently manages initiatives and actions in the area of water valuation for agriculture and for domestic and pastoral needs. From 2007 to 2010, he co-ordinated the CILSS Regional Solar Programme – Phase 2 (PRS 2), and from 2009 to 2012, the West African Irrigation Programme seeking to improve the performance and productivity of irrigation systems and to promote small-scale irrigation. Previously, he worked as a consultant for several hydraulics programmes in Burkina Faso, Mali and Mauritania. He was president of the Consultation Framework for organisations working on water in Burkina Faso (2004-2006) and administrator of the NGO Eau-Vive (2004-2006). He also served as representative of Burkina Faso and Togo from 2001 to 2006.



**Mr. Jean Senahoun**

Economist, FAO Global Information and Early Warning System (GIEWS/FAO)

Mr. Senahoun has been working for the GIEWS/FAO for 10 years and is responsible for the monitoring and analysis of the food situation in West, Central and North Africa. He contributes towards several FAO publications focusing on global food situation monitoring. Mr. Senahoun holds a PhD in agricultural economics from the Stuttgart-Hohenheim University in Germany.



### **Mr. Moussa Tchangari**

Coordinator of the Consortium for the Right to Food and Food Sovereignty

Mr. Tchangari has an academic background in philosophy and is a democracy and human rights activist. He has been involved in many associations and civil society movements: leader of the Students' Movement of the Niger Scholars Union (1989-90); founding member of the Niger Association for the Defence of Human Rights (ANDDH) (1991); founder and editor-in-chief of *Tribune du Peuple* (1993) and *Alternative* (1994). As a journalist and editor of *Alternative*, Mr. Tchangari was the General Secretary of the Nigerien Association of Printed Press Publishers and President of the *Maison de la Presse* Association. During his career as journalist and activist, Mr. Tchangari was sent to prison several times for defending his ideas.

### **Dr. Marie Trémolières**

Programme Officer, SWAC/OECD Secretariat

Ms. Trémolières has been a political scientist at the SWAC Secretariat since 2002. She has worked on various development issues with a focus on human security, including food security, cross border co-operation and regional integration. Before joining the Club, she held a number of positions in the private sector and within the academic sphere while pursuing her thesis on the topic of "Media, Political Systems and Economy in Thailand, Vietnam and Singapore: From a Western to a Southeast Asian perspective".



### **Ms. Julia Wanjiru**

Communications Officer, SWAC/OECD Secretariat

A multi-skilled communications professional with a special focus on African development issues, Ms. Wanjiru has among others conceived and developed the West Africa Gateway and is currently in charge of co-ordinating the weekly NewsBriefs. Before joining the SWAC Secretariat at the end of 2006, she was a consultant for the OECD Global Relations Secretariat (former CCNM, 2006) and for the Initiative for Central Africa (INICA, 2004-05). Within a volunteer social service, she worked with children in the slum areas of Mathare Valley, Nairobi and near Kisumu (1997-98). Ms. Wanjiru holds a diploma in political sciences from the Institut d'études politiques de Paris (IEP, Sciences Po), with a specialisation in development management and marketing.



### **Mr. Sibiri Jean Zoundi**

Principal Administrator, SWAC/OECD Secretariat

A rural development engineer, Mr. Zoundi worked for 20 years as a senior research fellow at the Institute of Environment and Agricultural Research of Burkina Faso (INERA). He joined the SWAC Secretariat in 2006 as expert on agriculture and rural development issues. He ensures the co-ordination and implementation of various initiatives in the areas of agricultural policies, food security, and natural resource management. He notably is in charge of facilitating the inclusive dialogue over the AGIR initiative and the Charter for Food Crisis Prevention and Management. Mr. Zoundi holds a PhD in applied biology from the University of Ouagadougou.



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