

THE SAHEL & WEST AFRICA WEEK

ABUJA, NIGERIA

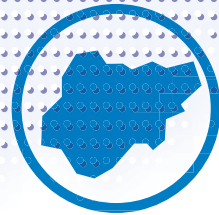
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WELCOME TO ABUJA!

After Ouagadougou, Abidjan, Brussels and Milano, we are pleased to celebrate the 2016 edition of the Sahel and West Africa Week in Abuja, Nigeria.

Placed under the political and technical leadership of ECOWAS, UEMOA and CILSS, the 32nd annual meeting of the Food Crisis Prevention Network (RPCA) will place strong emphasis on the region's food and nutrition challenges. This event comes at a timely moment as **Nigeria has made important headway in rolling out the *Cadre harmonisé***. For the first time, this consensual and regionally comparable analysis of vulnerable areas and the number of people at risk for food and nutrition insecurity was conducted in 16 out of 36 Nigerian states, covering almost half of the country. We hope that the remaining states will quickly build capacity to soon include all of Nigeria.

Due to the Boko Haram insurgency and massive population displacement, the three north-eastern states, Adamawa, Borno and Yobe, have reached extremely high levels of food insecurity. While the government has geared up its support and humanitarian access is slowly improving, the situation remains particularly worrisome in the state of Borno, where nearly 60% of the population (3.3 million people) are still facing acute food insecurity (phases 3-5), including 55 000 people threatened by famine (phase 5). **We hope that the session dedicated to the critical situation in north-eastern Nigeria will contribute to mobilising additional support**, notably from regional organisations and international partners in tackling the emergency while also promoting sustainable development in these areas. Targeted efforts are key because we need to first and foremost protect the most vulnerable people: children under the age of five as well as pregnant and nursing women. However, the challenges are great, in particular in non-accessible zones. They require concerted action and a multi-sectoral approach. It is for this reason that the government of Nigeria created an inter-ministerial task force to help co-ordinate humanitarian efforts and improve the effectiveness of collective actions. We hope that many actors will join the call for action.

As Africa's most populous and largest economy, **Nigeria is an important driver of regional integration and plays a key role in fostering the regional food economy**. Moving away from oil and making our agricultural sector strong and dynamic is a priority of the government. The agricultural sector's profound transformations need to be better taken into account in order to increasingly integrate all the upstream and downstream activities of the food economy into policies that can create jobs and economic growth. The SWAC Secretariat's innovative work will highlight these essential issues in a thematic session and we must make sure that they are better reflected in policy making.

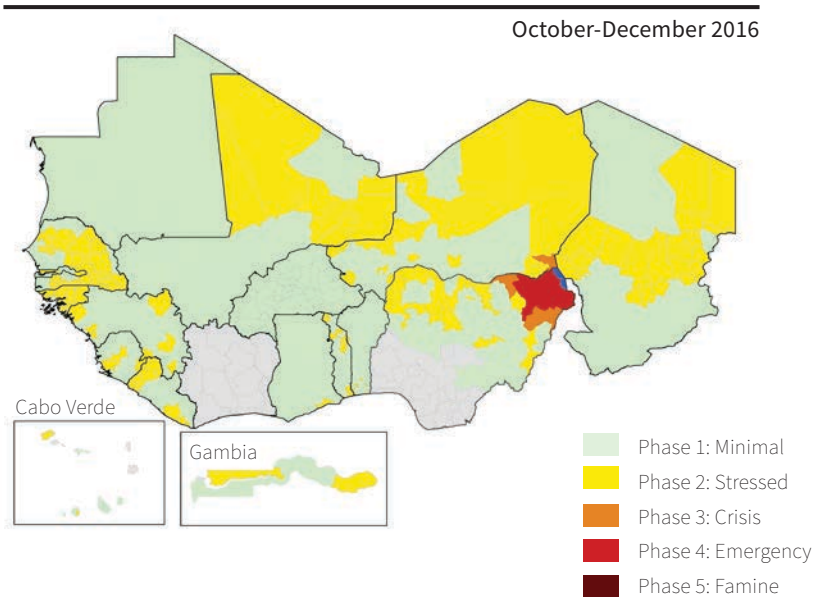
A large number of other important events will take place in the coming days. We wish you all a stimulating, productive and successful Sahel and West Africa Week in Abuja.

FOOD & NUTRITION SITUATION

MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2016, 10:00-15:00

Drawing on the forecast results compiled at the PREGEC meeting in Cotonou (21-24 November), the Network Members will take stock of the agro-sylvo-pastoral campaign for 2016-17. They will analyse production, markets for agricultural products, and the food and nutrition situation in order to agree on measures to be taken to address any potential crisis. The session will also review the responses to food and nutrition crises in 2016 as well as the lessons learned. Drawing on the consensual analysis, the Network will issue a joint communiqué on the food and nutrition situation in the region, including recommendations for decision makers and development partners.

The agricultural forecast is overall good; cereal production is estimated at 66 million tonnes and roots and tubers production at 168 million tonnes, both representing an increase of 15% compared to the five-year average. These good prospects are explained by successful preparations before the season started (including seed supply, fertilizers, pesticides and agricultural equipment), good rainfall and favorable hydrological conditions for off-season crops. However, these positive prospects should not lead authorities to ignore the region's persistent food security difficulties, especially in conflict zones such as the Lake Chad area.



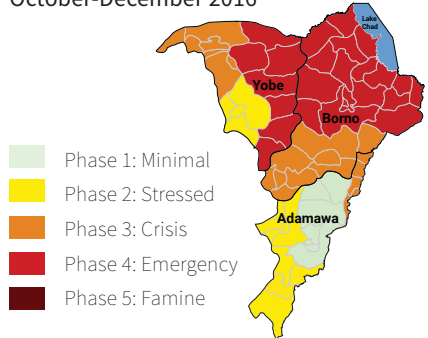
Source: *Cadre harmonisé*, regional analysis, November 2016. © CILSS/Agrhymet

FOCUS ON NORTH-EASTERN NIGERIA

October-December 2016

MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2016, 16:15-17:15

Through high-level political dialogue between the Nigerian government, regional organisations and development partners, the Network hopes to encourage the search for appropriate solutions to address the food and nutrition emergency in north-eastern Nigeria, and to serve as the basis for the development of more structural responses. A joint declaration on the mobilisation of the international community, placed under the political leadership of ECOWAS and UEMOA, will be presented on this occasion.



Source: *Cadre harmonisé*, national analysis, October 2016. © CILSS/Agryhmet

NUTRITION & SOCIAL PROTECTION

TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2016, 08:30-17:30

Social protection systems play a major role in fulfilling the commitment to “leave no one behind”, particularly in the fight against short-term and chronic malnutrition. Network Members will address this theme in three panel discussions that aim to:

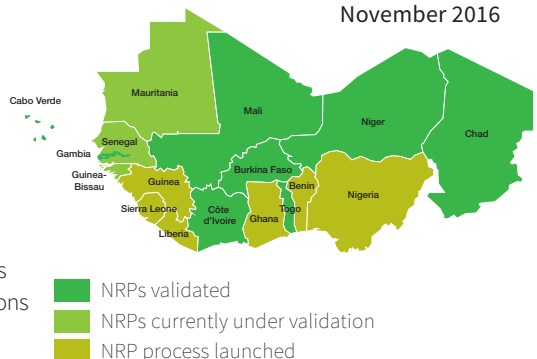
- Better understand the links between social protection and nutrition
- Identify success stories and innovative experiences
- Share best practices in the sustainable financing of social protection systems related to nutrition security

GLOBAL ALLIANCE FOR RESILIENCE (AGIR)

WEDNESDAY 14 DECEMBER 2016, 08:30-16:30

Three years after the adoption of the regional roadmap, the Senior Experts' Group of the Global Alliance for Resilience (SEG-AGIR) will review the progress made in formulating "National Resilience Priorities" (NRPs) and in strengthening stakeholder mobilisation for the Alliance's implementation. In order to improve the effectiveness and impact of collective action, AGIR stakeholders will also discuss how to strengthen complementarities of interventions in the field of food security, nutrition and resilience.

November 2016



- NRPs validated
- NRPs currently under validation
- NRP process launched

SAHEL AND WEST AFRICA WEEK EVENTS

CILSS, ECOWAS, EU, SWAC

 RESTRICTED MEETING

TRANSFORMATIONS IN THE **FOOD ECONOMY**

THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER 2016, 08:30-10:30

Drawing on the SWAC Secretariat's work, this session will look at the scope of transformations in the West African food economy and their implications for food demand and

the agri-food system. An open discussion will address the impact of these transformations on the design of food and nutrition security policies, as well as the emerging challenges in regional integration and co-operation.

SWAC STRATEGY AND POLICY GROUP

THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER 2016, 11:00-17:30

The SWAC's governing board meeting is restricted to Members and observers. The SWAC Secretariat will present its Preliminary Activity Report 2016

with a view to implementing the Programme of Work 2017-18. Members will also discuss opportunities for better integrating the SWAC Secretariat into the OECD Development Cluster.

CILSS PARTNERS COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER 2016, 14:30-18:00

This statutory meeting gathers CILSS and its key partners to review their collaboration and to

identify ongoing and future priorities in order to ensure efficient and sustainable support for CILSS.

SIDE EVENTS

ECOWAS MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE

MONDAY 12 DECEMBER 2016, 10:00-15:00

ECOWAS ministers will review and adopt the second generation of the Regional Agricultural Investment Plan for Food and Nutrition Security.

INDORAMA LEME FERTILIZER

TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2016, 18:00-20:30

The event is dedicated to the promotion of the regional fertiliser producing effort and will be followed by a cocktail.

ECOWAP PARTNERS MEETING

FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER 2016, 09:00-11:00

Exchange between technical & financial partners to ensure concerted action in support of the ECOWAS Common Agricultural Policy (ECOWAP).

EU SUPPORT PROJECT

FRIDAY 16 DECEMBER 2016, 11:30-13:30

Session aimed at discussing the design of the "Project for strengthening regional governance, resilience & food /nutrition security in West Africa".

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

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32ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE FOOD CRISIS PREVENTION NETWORK

WEEK EVENTS

CILSS, ECOWAS, EU, SWAC

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OPENING CEREMONY

Session 1

FOOD, AGRICULTURAL & NUTRITION SITUATION

10:00-15:00 

Parallel Session

ECOWAS SPECIALISED TECHNICAL MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE

15:15-18:30

Session 2
PRIORITY WORK

16:15-17:15
FOCUS ON NORTH-EASTERN NIGERIA

08:30-17:30


Session 3

NUTRITION & SOCIAL PROTECTION

PANEL 1
LINK BETWEEN SOCIAL PROTECTION AND NUTRITION

PANEL 2
SUCCESS STORIES & INNOVATIVE EXPERIENCES

PANEL 3
SUSTAINABLE FINANCING OF SOCIAL PROTECTION POLICIES

18:00-20:30 

INDORAMA LEME FERTILIZER

08:30-16:30

Session 4

SENIOR EXPERTS GROUP MEETING (SEG-AGIR)

SEQUENCE 1
REVIEW OF THE NRP PROCESS AND PARTNER MOBILISATION

SEQUENCE 2
STRENGTHENING THE SYNERGY OF INTERVENTIONS IN THE FIELD OF FOOD SECURITY, NUTRITION AND RESILIENCE

17:00-17:30

CLOSING CEREMONY

08:30-10:30

SWAC Session

TRANSFORMATIONS IN THE FOOD ECONOMY & POLICY IMPLICATIONS

11:00-17:30 

SWAC STRATEGY AND POLICY GROUP MEETING (SPG)

Club


16:30-17:30 

CLOSED MEMBERS' SESSION

08:30-11:30 

ECOWAP PARTNERS MEETING



12:00-13:30 

EU SUPPORT FOR THE REGIONAL GOVERNANCE OF FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY

14:30-18:00 

CILSS PARTNERS COMMITTEE MEETING



 RESTRICTED MEETING

ABOUT THE WEEK

The Sahel and West Africa Week is a yearly appointment of the Sahel and West Africa Club, RPCA Members and partners. It has become a key event for the region's development stakeholders, fostering informal exchange, networking and partnership building

The 2016 edition of the Week will take place at the Sheraton Abuja Hotel. The event is placed under the auspices of the ECOWAS and UEMOA Commissions and hosted by the government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.