

- The second and larger programme focuses on strengthening capacities for the storage and preservation of crops and agricultural products.

In addition to these programmes, the Fund also supports other programmes of significant size in various areas, such as measures to control plant and animal pests in the region, capacity building for farmers' organisations and improving the production and distribution of agricultural inputs (seeds, fertilisers, pesticides, etc.).

Overview of achievements during the 2011-2013 triennium

Programme Objectives	Title	Annual programming and implementation budget (in millions – CFA francs)				% / Total	
		2011	2012	2013	Total		
Capacity building	Regional support programme for capacity building in the agricultural sector	550	1 150	461	2 161	7%	7%
Regional institutional investments	Regional support programme for the improvement of production and distribution of agricultural inputs	258	812	390	1 460	4%	21%
	Regional support programme for sanitary and plant health control	400	1 747	1 386	3 533	11%	
	Regional programme for the promotion of agricultural research	180	500	66	746	2%	
	Regional programme for the harmonisation and improvement of agricultural statistics	334	0	50	384	1%	
	Regional programme for the promotion of trade in agricultural products	80	526	488	1 094	3%	
Production and conservation of agricultural products for food security	Regional programme for the promotion and management of food security	800	2 710	2 679	6 189	19%	72%
	Regional programme for the development and management of water for agriculture	5 037	7 862	4 622	17 521	53%	
Total		7 639	15 307	10 142	33 088	100%	



FOCUS ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF NATIONAL SYSTEMS OF AGRICULTURAL FINANCE

Beginning in 2016, the Fund is expected to undergo a shift in **priority interventions** toward the establishment and development of national systems for financing agricultural development. Priority will be placed on the Fund's first area of intervention, which aims to make appropriate financial resources and guarantees (low interest rates and 66% risk coverage) available to specialised national institutions to enable them to adequately support the agricultural sector.

- Activities include:
- i} refinancing;
 - ii} the establishment of financial guarantees; and
 - iii} agricultural insurance covering various kinds of risk.

Therefore, this ambition requires a considerable effort to mobilise financial resources for the implementation of priority projects and to provide continuing support to regional investment projects. Plans for 2014 already envision a significant increase in the Fund's budget (70%), which is expected to reach CFA francs 17 billion.

For the period from 2016-2020, investments from the Fund's own resources are forecast to total approximately CFA francs 55 billion, of which 75% (CFA francs 42 billion) is dedicated to funding private agricultural investment in the Union and the rest to supporting regional investment and the capacity building of farmers' organisations involved in the implementation of the PAU. Targeted projects mainly involve the development of the priority agricultural value chains selected by the Union: rice, maize, cotton, livestock/meat and poultry.

For more information

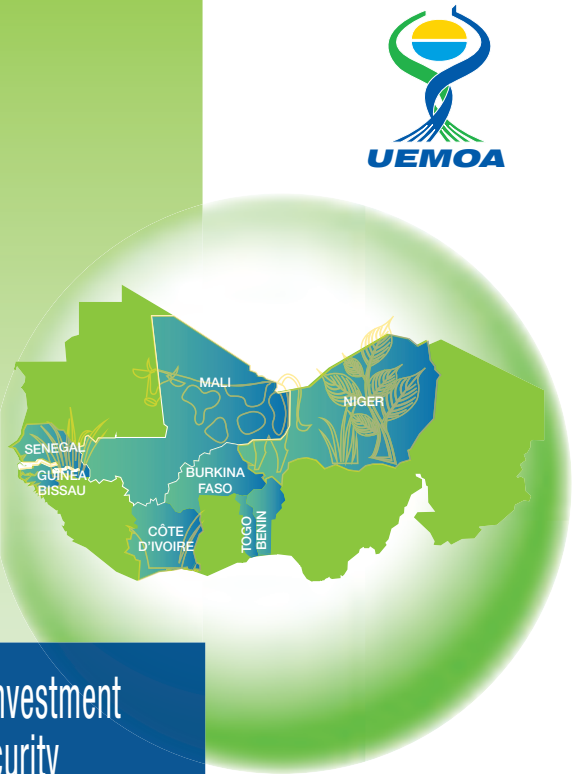
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West African Economic and Monetary Union

Regional Agricultural Development Fund (FRDA)

In support of agricultural investment for food and nutritional security in West Africa



A STRUCTURAL FUND FOR TARGETED INTERVENTIONS

Created in 2006 by the heads of state and government, the Regional Agricultural Development Fund (FRDA) testifies to the will of the member states of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA) to provide the Union's Agricultural Policy (PAU) with an operational financing mechanism.

The FRDA is a *structural fund* that supports actions, projects, programmes and structures seeking to:

- adapt production systems and improve the agricultural production environment;
- deepen the Common Market in the agricultural sector and the management of shared resources;
- integrate UEMOA agriculture into regional and global markets.

The Fund is endowed with its own resources from the Commission with the intention that the funding will be replenished by external resources (loans, grants from bilateral and multilateral co-operation and grants from member states).

AREAS OF INTERVENTION AND PRINCIPLES

I – DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL FINANCE SYSTEMS

Objectives

To develop efficient agricultural credit systems, improve production security, and the security of the producers in the face of risks, and increase agricultural productivity and modernisation.

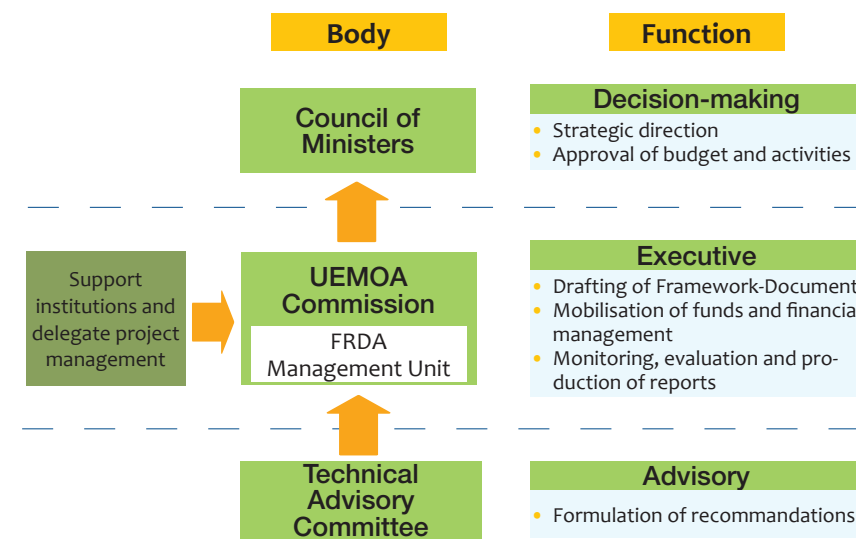
Eligible projects

- ▶ Land investments: irrigation schemes, pastoral water, improvement of soil fertility and pastures;
- ▶ Fisheries and aquaculture facilities;
- ▶ Forestry and agro-forestry facilities and combatting land degradation;
- ▶ Agricultural infrastructure and equipment;
- ▶ Production and supply of agricultural, zoo-technical and veterinary inputs;
- ▶ Processing, preservation and marketing of agricultural products;
- ▶ Combatting animal and plant diseases and pests.

For the 2011-2013 triennium, the FRDA has already invested CFA francs 33.08 billion (USD 66 million) of its own resources from the Commission.

In order to meet the growing demand from the member states and address the agricultural, food and nutritional challenges in West Africa, the aim now is to support private investment in the agricultural sector (first area of intervention). This requires the mobilisation of additional resources to increase the Fund's investment capacity.

GOVERNANCE



II – CAPACITY BUILDING

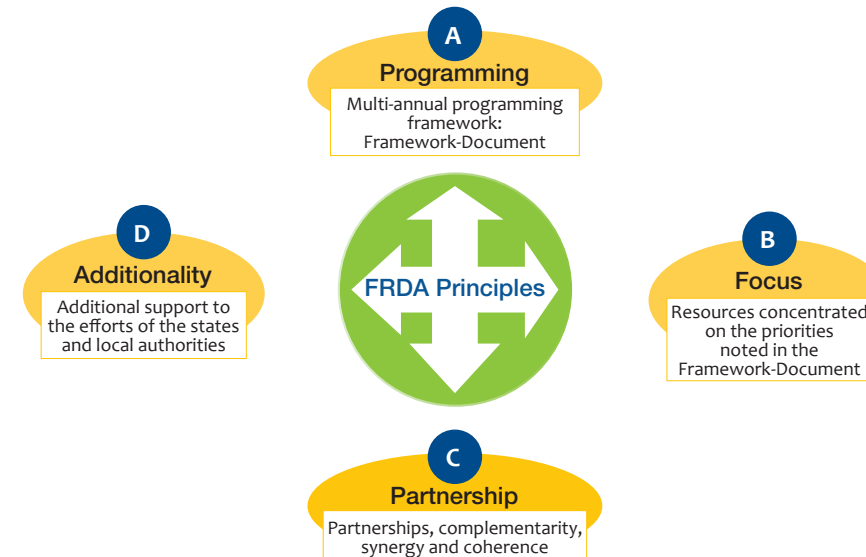
Objectives

Support implementation and strengthen the operational and intervention capacity of institutional structures.

Eligible projects

- ▶ Training in farm management, agricultural professional organisations and sustainable management of natural resources;
- ▶ Structuring of regional professional organisations;
- ▶ Organisation of intra-community marketing channels, as well as with third countries;
- ▶ Training in international agricultural negotiations;
- ▶ Professionalisation of decentralised financial systems;
- ▶ Diffusion of technologies.

PRINCIPLES



III – REGIONAL INSTITUTIONAL INVESTMENTS

Objectives

Support actions with structural impact to catalyse regional productive investments.

Eligible projects

- ▶ Regional studies for the implementation of inclusive programmes and the validation of their results;
- ▶ Regional programmes of applied research;
- ▶ Matching funds for cross-border public projects funded by reimbursable external resources;
- ▶ Programmes providing institutional support to national and regional structures for quality control and monitoring of animal and plant health;
- ▶ Regional institutional mechanisms for the implementation of the PAU.

MODES OF INTERVENTION AND BENEFICIARIES

he Fund's beneficiaries and modes of intervention vary, depending on the nature of the eligible areas, as listed below:

- **Economic and social infrastructure:** **SUBSIDISED LOANS AND GUARANTEES**
Member states; Local governments; Agricultural socio-professional organisations.
- **Capacity building and employment and income-generating activities:** **GRANTS**
Member states; SMEs/SMLs in the agricultural sector; Agricultural micro-enterprises; Decentralised financial systems in the agricultural sector.
- **Institutional investments and regional projects:** **COST SHARING AND ALLOWANCES**
UEMOA Commission; Member states; Regional institutions.

INITIAL ACHIEVEMENTS ARE MAINLY ORIENTED TOWARD FOOD SECURITY IN THE UNION

The Fund has been operational since 2011, and eight (08) regional programmes are in progress at a cost of CFA francs 33.08 billion (USD 66 million). Focusing on the last two intervention areas, these programmes mainly involve regional investments (93%). The main objective is to achieve food and nutritional security in the Union. This will be accomplished by increasing agricultural production capacity and by working to insure the proper conservation of crops. More than 70% of the Fund's budget is devoted to these two programmes.

- ▶ The first programme aims to equip eight thousand (8 000) hectares (ha) of irrigated agro-forestry-pastoral areas for climate change adaptation.



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