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FOREWORD BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SAHEL AND WEST AFRICA CLUB

Let me start by thanking the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire for hosting the 2013 edition of the Sahel and West Africa Week. Thank you to the President, His Excellency Alassane Ouattara, his Prime Minister Daniel Kablan Duncan, his Minister of Foreign Affairs Charles Koffi Diby, and his Minister of Agriculture, Mamadou Sangafowa Coulibaly, the latter having accepted to support us day after day in the preparation of this event.

I would also like to seize this opportunity to welcome HE Mr Djimé Adoum, the recently appointed Executive Secretary of CILSS.

Côte d'Ivoire is a concentrate of West Africa. The country boasts coastline and Sudano-Sahelian areas. It holds the richest ethno-linguistic diversity of the continent. In proportion to its population, it is the second largest country of immigration in the world. It shares with Ghana the world's greatest cacao-producing plain and with Mali and Burkina Faso, Africa's most abundant cotton-producing zone. It has access to Mali's and Burkina Faso's ports. Côte d'Ivoire has just become a member of CILSS and holds the presidency of ECOWAS.

It is in the economic capital of this regional melting pot that the Club's 2013 annual meetings are held over five days, bringing together Ministers and farmers' associations, livestock farmers, high representatives of regional organisations and co-operation agencies, researchers and local elected representatives, entrepreneurs and NGOs.

The stakes are numerous.

The Global Alliance for Resilience Initiative (AGIR) is in the starting blocks for a new phase of country-level activities. The presence of several Ministers at the Senior Experts' Group Meeting on 27 November shows the stakeholders' commitment to concrete action, the road to which has been meticulously paved. I do not for one instant doubt that the technical and financial partners will accompany this process as they have so committed to doing.

The SWAC Forum will focus on the future of the Saharo-Sahelian zones, object of serious concerns. We are relieved that the international community is mobilising around this formidable issue. This includes the recent approval of the United Nations Integrated Strategy for the Sahel and the EU's commitment through its Strategy for Development and Security in the Sahel; strong initiatives undertaken by the World Bank and the African Development Bank; and the flagging of the Sahel as a priority in a number of bilateral programmes. This remarkable mobilisation supports the programmes and strategies of the concerned countries as well as of their regional organisations – ECOWAS,



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UEMOA and CILSS. The latter is particularly important as we are faced with a truly regional challenge. But how to tackle this regional problem on a regional scale? How to simultaneously affect development and security -indeed, how to secure development? How to promote dialogue with North Africa? The Forum will foment discussion around these political questions. The announced participation of several Ministers of Foreign Affairs bears witness to the strategic importance of the debate.

In addition to the traditional meetings of the Food Crisis Prevention Network (RPCA), the CILSS Partners Committee and the Club’s Strategy and Policy Group (SPG), the UEMOA Commission will present its Regional Fund for Agricultural Development at a side event.

Finally, beyond our official programme, we will all have the opportunity to engage in discussions and meetings with colleagues, taking advantage of this coming together of Sahel and West Africa family. After all, that too is one of the vocations of our Week.

I wish all of you a studious and pleasant stay in Abidjan.

INTRODUCTION TO THE SAHEL AND WEST AFRICA WEEK

The Sahel and West Africa Week is a series of yearly meetings and events of the Sahel and West Africa Club, its members and partners. Taking place in a different location every year, in 2013, the week is celebrated in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, from 25 to 29 November.

The Week is organised by the Secretariat of the Sahel and West Africa Club with the support of the Government of Côte d'Ivoire and in co-operation with the Commission of the Economic Community of West African States, the Commission of the West African Economic and Monetary Union and the Executive Secretariat of the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS). All three regional organisations are members of the Club.

The Week will be principally dedicated to:

- discussing the regional food and nutrition situation during the 29th Annual meeting of the Food Crisis Prevention Network, culminating in shared recommendations for action.
- discussing the launch and implementation of AGIR, in particular at country level, after the adoption of its Regional Roadmap in April 2013.
- convening the partners of CILSS for their Annual Meeting.
- discussing political arguments for the development and stability of the Saharo-Sahelian areas, based on strengthened dialogue between West and North Africa, at the SWAC Forum.
- taking stock of the implementation of the SWAC Programme of Work 2013-14, at the meeting of the Strategic and Policy Group.

Monday 25 Nov	Tuesday 26 Nov	Wednesday 27 Nov	Thursday 28 Nov	Friday 29 Nov
29 th Annual Meeting of the RPCA	29 th Annual Meeting of the RPCA	AGIR Senior Experts Meeting	SWAC Forum: the Future of Saharo-Sahelian Areas from a Trans-Regional Perspective	Meeting of the SWAC Strategy and Policy Group
		<i>Side-event: UEMOA Regional Fund for Agricultural Development</i>		
		CILSS Technical and Financial Partners Committee		

USEFUL LINKS:

Sahel and West Africa Club > www.oecd.org/swac

Commission of the Economic Community of West African States > www.ecowas.int

Commission of the West African Economic and Monetary Union > www.uemoa.int

CILSS Executive Secretariat > www.cilss.bf

Government of Côte d'Ivoire > www.gouv.ci/

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

MONDAY 25 - WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER

“ FOOD CRISIS PREVENTION NETWORK 29th ANNUAL MEETING ”

Room ANONO, Golf Hotel

Monday 25 November, 09:00-18:00

- ◆ Opening session
- ◆ Session 1: Food and nutritional situation

Tuesday 26 November, 08:00-18:00

- ◆ Session 2: Acceleration of the implementation of the harmonised framework, the regional food security reserve and the Charter for Food Crisis Prevention and Management
- ◆ Session 3: Performance indicators and methodological tools for measuring resilience

Wednesday 27 November, 08:00-12:30

- ◆ Session 4: AGIR Senior Expert's Group Meeting
- ◆ Closing session

The Food Crisis Prevention Network (RPCA, from its French name, Réseau de prévention des Crises Alimentaires) was created at the initiative of the CILSS and the Club in 1984. The Network is an international consultation and co-ordination platform focussed on the food and nutritional situation in the region. It is a forum for information-sharing and building consensus in favour of consistent and concerted action, including formulating recommendations for policy makers. The Network brings together national policy makers and representatives of regional and international organisations involved in food and nutrition in West Africa (CILSS, ECHO, FAO, FEWSNET, UNOCHA, WFP). The Club acts as Secretariat of the Network.

Under the patronage of the ECOWAS and the UEMOA Commissions, the 29th Annual Meeting will assess the preliminary prospects of the 2013-14 agro-pastoral campaign and will examine the evolution of food markets and its impact on food and nutritional security of the most vulnerable households. Based on the outcome of the discussions, recommendations for action will be proposed to political decision makers.

The Annual Meeting will also offer an opportunity to reflect on Indicators and tools for measuring resilience.

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AGIR Senior Experts' Group Meeting

Launched in December 2012, at the 2012 edition of the Sahel and West Africa Week in Ouagadougou, the Global Alliance for Resilience (AGIR) is a long-term political partnership to enhance the effectiveness of Sahelian and West African initiatives in favour of resilience. During the 2012 launch, Alliance stakeholders set a goal to eradicate hunger within the next 20 years.

The Alliance is built on the understanding that humanitarian assistance must not be disassociated from efforts to combat the structural causes of poverty and endemic

famine. It focuses greater attention on the most vulnerable populations with the goal of building their resilience and capacity to withstand crises and shocks.

AGIR is not an additional initiative or a new opportunity to access finance – even though it might also channel additional resources towards resilience. Under the political and technical leadership of ECOWAS, UEMOA AND CILSS, the Alliance builds on existing discussion forums and networks, in particular within the framework of the Food Crisis Prevention Network (RPCA).

The objective of AGIR Senior Expert's Group Meeting is to take stock of the implementation of the Initiative since December 2012 – in particular activities at country level, after the Regional workshop to launch the “Country Inclusive Dialogue” process in Cotonou in August 2013 – and to agree on priority next steps for the continued implementation of the AGIR Regional Roadmap. This Senior Expert's group Meeting takes place within the framework of the 29th Annual Meeting of RPCA.

USEFUL LINKS:

RPCA > www.food-security.net

AGIR > www.oecd.org/site/rpca/agir/

European Commission > ec.europa.eu

ACMAD > <http://acmad.net>

Afrique Verte > <http://www.afriqueverte.org>

AGRHYMET > www.agrhymet.net

CILSS > www.cilss.bf

CIRAD > www.cirad.fr/eng

ECOWAS/ECOAGRIS > <http://agric.comm.ecowas.int>

FAO/GIEWS > www.fao.org/giews

FEWS NET > www.fews.net

IFAD > www.ifad.org

IFPRI > www.ifpri.org

SWAC > www.oecd.org/swac

UEMOA > www.uemoa.int

UNOCHA – West and Central Africa > <http://unocha.org/rowca>

UNICEF – West and Central Africa >
www.unicef.org/hac2011/hac_wcaro.html

WAMIS-NET > www.resimao.org/html/en

West Africa Gateway > www.westafricagateway.org

WFP > www.wfp.org

WMO > www.wmo.int

WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER (AFTERNOON)

“ MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF **CILSS** PARTNERS ”

Room M'Badon, Golf Hotel

15:00-18:00

This statutory meeting gathers the Executive Secretariat of the CILSS (Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel – from the French Comité permanent Inter-Etats de Lutte contre la Sécheresse dans le Sahel) and its key partners every year in the framework of the Sahel and West Africa Week to take stock of their collaboration. It brings together the Director Generals of the Agrhymet Centre and the Sahel Institute and their technical and financial partners.

The mission of the CILSS is to undertake research in the area of food security and the fight against the effects of drought and desertification, for a new ecological equilibrium of the Sahel. Main areas of work include:

- The formulation, analysis, co-ordination and harmonisation of strategies and policies;
- The strengthening of scientific and technical co-operation;
- The collection and dissemination of information;
- Capacity building of various actors, including the private sector;
- Capitalisation and dissemination of experience and lessons learnt;
- Support to the implementation of strategies, policies and programmes.

USEFUL LINKS :

Executive Secretariat of CILSS > www.cilss.bf/

Sahel Institute > www.insah.org

AGRHYMET Regional Centre > www.agrhymet.ne

THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER

“
SWAC FORUM:
THE SAHARO-SAHELIAN
AREA AND ITS
REGIONAL OUTLOOK
”

Room Anono, Golf Hotel

08:30-18:30

- ◆ Opening session
- ◆ Session 1: Political and geographic trends of Saharo-Sahelian areas
- ◆ Session 2: Economic realities, political dialogue and outlook for co-operation in the Saharo-Sahelian areas
- ◆ Closing ceremony

USEFUL LINKS:

West African Futures 2013-2014 >

www.oecd.org/swac/westafricanfutures/poess.htm

The Forum is based on analytical work carried out by the Secretariat of the Sahel and West Africa Club (SWAC), under its “West African Futures (WAF)” think tank programme, dedicated in 2013-2014 to the Saharo-Sahelian areas.

The event objective is to illustrate the crucial role that stronger co-operation between North, West and Central Africa can play in the short and long term stabilisation and development of the Saharo-Sahelian areas. Special attention will be paid to how sustainable and adequately adapted solutions must take into account different and often overlapping scales of action.

The meeting takes place during the annual Sahel and West Africa Week of the SWAC. The Forum will gather political decision makers, high representatives of international and regional organisations, researchers and local stakeholders.

The event will be structured into *Presentations* of research results, that will explore the political, security, economic and geographic characteristics of the Sahara-Sahel region. These will be followed by *Debate Panels* dedicated to political debate, in the interest of sharing knowledge and prompting informed and inclusive dialogue with participants. In the *Panels*, three or four speakers will lead discussions on the need to revisit policies and practices to better tackle the socio-economic and security challenges of the area. The *Panels* will explore the overlapping geographical (local, national, regional, and their interlinkages) and time scales (short, medium and long-term) involved in current dynamics, challenges and solutions. The *Panels* will:

- Assess “security and development” initiatives, their coherence and their capacity to intervene at the correct scale;
- Exchange experiences between development and security experts, economic and political actors, and researchers;
- Discuss innovative forms of co-operation and sustainable solutions, their mechanisms and scales of action, to promote development and security for the populations of the Saharo-Sahelian areas.

FRIDAY 29 NOVEMBER

“
**MEETING OF THE
STRATEGY AND
POLICY GROUP OF
THE SAHEL AND
WEST AFRICA CLUB**
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Room M'Badon, Golf Hotel

09:00-17:30

The Strategy and Policy Group (SPG) brings together Club Members twice a year to define the Club's work priorities and approve the programme of work and budget, as well as activity and financial reports.

This second annual gathering of the SPG will provide an opportunity to review the implementation of the Club's work programme and budget 2013, give feedback and discuss work priorities for 2014.

USEFUL LINKS:

SWAC Strategy and Policy Group > www.oecd.org/swac/spg.htm

CLUB MEMBERS

Austria: Austrian Development Co-operation > www.entwicklung.at/en/

Belgium: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation > <http://diplomatie.belgium.be/en/>

CILSS: Secretariat of the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel > <http://www.cilss.bf/>

ECOWAS: Commission of the Economic Community of West African States > www.ecowas.int/

France: Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs > www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/en/

Luxembourg: Ministry of Foreign Affairs > <http://cooperation.mae.lu/fr>

Netherlands (The): Ministry of Foreign Affairs > www.government.nl/ministries/bz#ref-minbuza

Switzerland: Federal Department of Foreign Affairs > www.sdc.admin.ch/

UEMOA: Commission of the West African Economic and Monetary Union > www.uemoa.int

United States: U.S. Agency for International Development > www.usaid.gov/

SIDE EVENT
WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER

“
Information session
to mobilise the
Partners of the UEMOA
**REGIONAL FUND
FOR AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT**
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Room Anono III, Golf Hotel

12:30-15:00

The Regional Fund for Agricultural Development (Fonds Régional de Développement Agricole - FRDA) was created in 2006 as a support tool for implementing the agricultural policies of the Union (PAU) in the UEMOA zone. In the 2011-2013 triennium, the FRDA has invested more than 33.08 billion F CFA (66 million U.S. dollars) from the Commission's own resources. In order to respond to an increasing demand from the States in order to fight agricultural, food security and nutritional challenges in West Africa, it has become a priority to encourage private investment in the agricultural sector. This requires the mobilisation of additional external financial resources in order to increase the capacity of the Fund.

Co-chaired by Mr Cheikhe Hadjibou Soumaré, President of the UEMOA Commission, and Mr François-Xavier de Donneau, President of the SWAC, the meeting has a double purpose: i) to inform development partners and West African policymakers on the achievements of the FRDA, and ii) raise awareness among the technical and financial partners of the Fund to achieve higher financial contribution.

CÔTE D'IVOIRE PRACTICAL INFORMATION

- ◆ Official language: French
- ◆ Capital : Yamoussoukro
- ◆ Largest city : Abidjan
- ◆ Area : 322 462 km²
- ◆ Population : 19.84 million (2012)
- ◆ Currency: West African CFA Franc

1 EUR = 655,96 CFA	2000 CFA= about 3 EUR
1 USD = 475 CFA	1000 CFA = about 2 USD

USEFUL NUMBERS

- ◆ Police: 111/170
- ◆ Fire-fighters: 111/185
- ◆ Abidjan Prefecture of Police: + (225) 2021-0022
Police Headquarters: + (225) 2022-0822
Ministry of Security: + (225) 2022-1950/1941
Police Emergency: + (225) 3163-3536/4503
- ◆ Emergency Medical Help: + (225) 2244-3445 / 5353

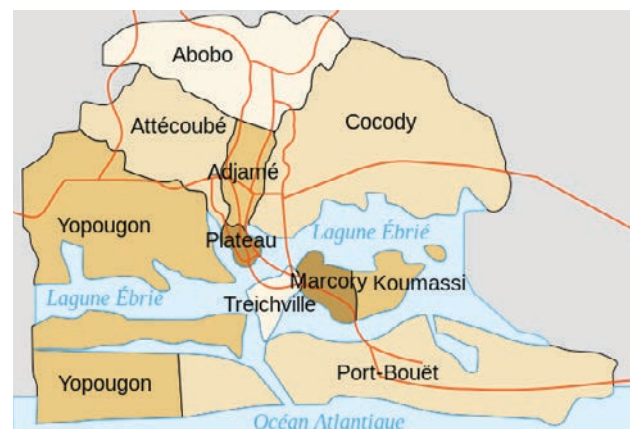
MEDICAL EMERGENCY

A list of English-speaking recommended medical care providers is available at the US Embassy's website: http://abidjan.usembassy.gov/recommended_local_medical_providers.html

- ◆ Required immunisation(s): yellow fever
- ◆ Highly recommended immunisations: tetanus, measles, diphtheria, typhoid fever, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B.
- ◆ Malaria Classification: zone 3 (out of 3) with high prevalence. Please consult the website of the WHO for possible precautions: www.who.int/ith/diseases/malaria/en/index.html

ABIDJAN

- ◆ Area: 2,119 km²
- ◆ Population (2012) : 4,476,397
- ◆ Climate : tropical monsoon
In November, the average temperature during the day is around 30°C; and it is around 20°C during the night.
- ◆ Territorial divisions : Northern and Southern Abidjan
 - ◆ Northern communes: Abobo, Adjamé, Yopougon, Le Plateau, Attécoubé, Cocody
 - ◆ Southern communes: Koumassi, Marcory, Port-Bouët, Treichville



Source: Wikipedia

FÉLIX HOUPHOUËT-BOIGNY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

- ◆ Website: www.aeria-ci.com
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NAME	PHONE	FAX	FLY	FREQUENCY
AIR BURKINA	+ (225) 2032-8919	+ (225) 2022-2968	Abidjan - Ouaga	4 flights / week
			Abidjan - Bobo	
AIR FRANCE	+ (225) 2020-2424	+ (225) 2021-1294	Abidjan - Paris	7 flights / week
AIR IVOIRE	+ (225) 2021-3636	+ (225) 2033-0057	-	-
CAMEROON AIRLINES	+ (225) 2021-1919	+ (225) 2021-1715	Abidjan - Douala	5 flights / week
			Abidjan - Lagos	
CORSAIR	+ (225) 2021-7244	+ (225) 2022-1768	Abidjan - Paris	1 flight / week
EGYPTAIR	+ (225) 2032-5713	+ (225) 2022-6869	Abidjan - Cairo	1 flight / week
ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES	+ (225) 2021-9332	+ (225) 2021-9025	Abidjan - Addis Ababa	4 flights / week
KENYA AIRWAYS	+ (225) 2021-0110	+ (225) 2032-0777	Abidjan - Nairobi	4 flights / week
MEA - MIDDLE EAST AIRLINES	+ (225) 2022-6282	+ (225) 2022-2788	Abidjan - Beyrouth	2 flights / week
ROYAL AIR MAROC	+ (225) 2021-2038	+ (225) 2022-2095	Abidjan - Casablanca	1 flight / week
SAA - SOUTH AFRICAN AIRWAYS	+ (225) 2021-8293	+ (225) 2021-8297	Abidjan - Johannesburg	2 flights / week
SWISSAIR	+ (225) 2033-6666	+ (225) 2021-1820	Abidjan - Zurich	3 flights / week
WEASUA	+ (225) 2127-6909	+ (225) 2127-7432	Abidjan - Monrovia	3 flights / week

PREPARING YOUR TRIP

- ◆ Make sure that your vaccination records (particularly for Yellow Fever) are up to date and are with you.
- ◆ Make sure that you have sent your arrival information to the hotel.

VENUE OF THE MEETINGS: GOLF HÔTEL ABIDJAN

- ◆ Website: <http://www.golfhotel-ci.com>
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Participants staying at Golf Hôtel Abidjan: please, inform Golf Hôtel about your arrival and departure times. The hotel provides the transportation from the airport to the hotel.

RESTAURANTS IN ABIDJAN

Abidjan has a large selection of international restaurants. The best cuisines of the world are represented in residential areas – one can indeed dine in a different restaurant each day of the week. Nevertheless, nothing replaces home cooking, available for everyone in the so-called “maquis”.

A list of recommended restaurants will be available to participants at Golf Hôtel.

A number of restaurants and stores in Abidjan accept credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, American Express).

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SECURITY

Please contact your government's country-specific security warnings on your Ministry of Foreign Affairs website.

French Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Travel advisory (in french) >

www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/conseils-aux-voyageurs/conseils-par-pays/cote-d-ivoire-12233/

US Department of State, Travel warning: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_5964.html

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