



ACCELERATING ECOWAP/CAADP IMPLEMENTATION WITHIN THE UNIFYING FRAMEWORK OF THE ECOWAS ZERO HUNGER INITIATIVE

Regional workshop to review the implementation of NAIPs and integrate guidelines of regional programmes/initiatives and emerging issues

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SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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I. Introduction

1. The regional workshop to accelerate the ECOWAP implementation within the unifying framework of the ECOWAS “Zero Hunger” Initiative was held, from 26 to 30 June 2013 in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, at the initiative of the ECOWAS Commission and in partnership with the NPCA/NEPAD,
2. Organised with the technical support of the Hub Rural and other partners (CILSS, CORAF/WECARD, ReSAKSS) and the financial support of USAID, the workshop was attended by (i) ECOWAP/CAADP Steering Committee Heads and Focal Points in Member States, with the exception of Liberia; (ii) Representatives of the ECOWAS and UEMOA Commissions, CILSS, CORAF/WECARD, FAO, IFPRI, OXFAM, NEPAD and ReSAKSS; (iii) representatives of technical and financial partners ((European Union, AFD, Swiss Cooperation, Spain, USAID), (iv) regional socio-professional (ROPPA, APESS, RBM, AAFEX) and civil society organisations (WILDAF, POSCAO, AFAO), and ECDPM.
3. The objective of the workshop is to create conditions for a speedy relaunch of the NAIP implementation by taking into account regional initiatives and programmes and integrating emerging issues in agriculture and rural development within the unifying framework of the ECOWAS-driven Zero Hunger Initiative to speed up the ECOWAP/CAADP process.
4. Specifically, the aim of the workshop is to:
 - Assess the implementation of NAIPs in the countries;
 - Upgrade knowledge about the status and prospects of the RAIP;
 - Review emerging issues in agriculture and rural development, in the light of the aims of sustainable food security for all and eradicating extreme poverty;
 - Identify conditions for effective relaunch and speedy implementation of NAIPs incorporating new issues as well as regional initiatives and programmes;
 - Define terms and conditions for the development of systems to monitor and evaluate the implementation of NAIPs.
5. Thus, the expected outcomes of the workshop are as follows:
 - The status of implementation of NAIPs is known with, for each of the fifteen countries, a perfect control of (i) material, immaterial and financial investments made and/or planned, (ii) expenditures incurred and/or planned, by specifying the respective contributions of the States and Technical and Financial Partners, (iii) impact of investments on the performance of the sector in terms of food security, improved incomes and (iv) governance and monitoring-evaluation procedures;
 - Emerging issues in agricultural and rural development are circumscribed and known to all participants and their inclusion in the NAIPs is assessed, especially with regard to risk management for improved resilience, the nutrition dimension of food policies, and the impact of research on development programmes and initiatives;

- Opportunities offered to countries by the RAIP programmes and initiatives are better known to participants and the level of their integration into the NAIPs is assessed against the countries' expectations;
- Institutional constraints to the proper implementation of the NAIPs are identified in each country and the conditions for mitigating them are defined;
- A plan for the consolidation and acceleration of NAIPs is defined, specifying actions to conduct, terms of their implementation and respective deadlines, laid down in a duly established roadmap.

II. The opening ceremony

6. The opening ceremony was chaired by Mr. Moussa KABORE, Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security of Burkina Faso.
7. It registered three speeches, given respectively by (i) the CILSS Executive Secretary; (ii) the Commissioner for Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources of the ECOWAS Commission and (iii) the Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security.
8. Speaking first, the CILSS Executive Secretary, Prof. Alhousseini BRETAUDEAU first highlighted the fragile character of the food situation in the Sahel and West Africa. He noted the urgent need to integrate the emerging issues in national and regional programmes to get rid of the recurrent food crises that undermine the countries. He welcomed the holding of this workshop whose results will enable to pool the efforts of the various stakeholders to enhance the resilience of vulnerable populations to food insecurity, through the unifying framework of the Zero Hunger Initiative. The Executive Secretary also expressed his satisfaction with the recently launched initiatives in that vein, namely the Global Alliance for the Resilience in the Sahel and West Africa (AGIR) Initiative. Finally, he renewed the availability of his institution to fully play its role in the implementation of policies and strategies relating to food and nutrition security of the Sahel and West African populations.
9. Speaking thereafter, the Commissioner for Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources of the ECOWAS Commission, Dr. Marc Laponi ATOUGA, first expressed, on behalf of the ECOWAS Commission President, H.E. Kadré Désiré OUEDRAOGO, the gratitude of the Community to the President of Faso, the Government and People of Burkina for the warm welcome and for the facilities provided for the successful outcome of the meeting. He then welcomed the participants to the regional workshop and focused on the purpose of the workshop which is to share with all stakeholders, the status of implementation of the regional agricultural policy, the possibility for the NAIPs to exploit the opportunities offered by the regional programmes and to take the emerging issues into account. After welcoming the actual presence of all stakeholders, the Commissioner reiterated the goal of reviving the dynamics of cooperation and capacity building of Member States for effective implementation of ECOWAP/CAADP. He recalled that the conclusions of the workshop will be submitted for the appreciation of the Specialised Ministerial Committee to be held in September 2013, in Lomé. He said that what is at stake is to help ECOWAS develop evidence-based arguments to

support the search for additional funding to expedite the implementation of the regional agricultural policy. The Commissioner assured participants of the ECOWAS determination to assist Member States in (i) coordinating, monitoring and evaluating activities at the country and regional level, (ii) building the capacity of stakeholders, (iii) mobilizing financial resources. To that end, he informed participants of the imminent start-up of activities of the Regional Food and Agriculture Agency (ReFAA) and the Regional Food and Agriculture Fund (ReFAA). Finally, he thanked the Hub Rural, USAID and the EU, for their support in organizing the workshop.

10. In his official address opening the workshop, the Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, Mr. Moussa KABORE, welcomed participants to the workshop, on behalf of his Minister, prevented from coming. He then stressed the importance of the meeting before highlighting the efforts of Burkina Faso to align its National Agricultural Sector Programme with the ECOWAP guidelines and the UEMOA directives, including the directive relating to the finance laws (Directive 006/2009) which now serves as a single harmonised programming framework in the rural sector. He then informed the participants of the actions, programmes and initiatives that benefit Burkina Faso as part of the implementation of its NRSP, such as the “Global Agricultural and Food Security Programme” (GAFSP) and the “New Alliance for Food and Nutrition Security” funding. He pointed out that Burkina Faso is in tune with the Maputo commitments, by allocating, for 7 years now, between 12 and 14% of its budget to investment in the agricultural and rural sector. To conclude, he called for further commitment by the Technical and Financial Partners in the ECOWAP/CAADP process, before declaring the workshop opened.

III. Conduct of business

11. The deliberations were held in plenary and group sessions over five days. The workshop was moderated by Dr. Yamar MBODJ, the HUB RURAL Executive Director.

3.1. Status of implementation of NAIPs in the countries

12. The States presented the status of the CAADP process, following the template sent by the ECOWAS Commission. In general, it was noted that, with the exception of Guinea Bissau, almost all countries have completed their NAIP launching process. Many countries have already received substantial funding to implement programmes contained in their investment plans.
13. The presentations focused on ongoing investments in the countries, the institutional framework for implementation, as well as monitoring-evaluation mechanisms and instruments. Thus, it was noted that the States have made significant effort in terms of allocation of financial resources, although not all of them have yet met the Maputo commitment to earmark at least 10% of their budget for investment in the agricultural sector. Efforts have also been made to mobilise the domestic and external private sector. This has helped achieve notable performances in the agricultural sector, with good prospects for food and nutrition security, and poverty alleviation.

14. The discussions that followed the various country presentations highlighted:

a. The following major achievements:

- The NAIP development process has been unanimously recognized as a participatory, inclusive and unifying or learning mechanism of the programme approach and coordination within and between sectors. It has thus provided more visibility of the rural development sector in the countries;
- Almost all countries have been able to organise their business meetings and have managed to initiate strategies to mobilize both internal and external resources;
- The NAIP implementation has resulted in gradual increase in budgetary resources allocated to agricultural development, livestock and fisheries sub-sectors, while renewing the national political will to respect the Maputo commitment;
- The productivity of the major crops and their contribution to the growth of agricultural GDP have significantly increased in most countries;
- The improved planning-budgeting and monitoring-evaluation process, using (i) joint reviews of the agricultural sector, (ii) development of medium-term expenditure frameworks (MTEF) and implementation of instruments such as SAKKS, amongst others;
- NAIPs have offered platforms for dialogue between State and non-State actors on the agricultural policy, enabled TFPs to better align with the priorities defined in sectoral programmes and private investors to have more opportunities to undertake;
- The private sector engagement increased in some countries, to finance NAIP-eligible investments;
- The integration of emerging issues such as climate change, resilience, risk management, nutrition is clear at the level of some NAIPs.

b. Numerous challenges to the NAIP implementation

- The low level of operation of structures charged with coordinating the NAIP in some countries, due to instability and inadequate human and financial resource factors, failure to clarify roles officially and lack of political support from the top end of the State;
- The implementation of NAIPs is still confronted with the development of rival or parallel initiatives or the persistence of interventions falling within the scope of the project approach;

- The emerging issues (nutrition, resilience, climate change, etc.) are not yet fully taken into account in the NAIPs in all countries and are, sometimes, subject of programmes or strategies not related to the NAIP;
- Monitoring-evaluation systems still inefficient in some countries and failing to guarantee a proper measurement of performances recorded in implementing the NAIPs;
- Accountability mechanisms not yet widespread in all countries;
- The difficulty in mobilising potential funding necessary to fully implement the NAIP;
- The limited capacity of non-state actors to ensure better monitoring of the NAIP implementation;
- Insufficient expertise of professionals in charge of the implementation of the NAIP to support public-private partnerships;
- Existence of instances of low coverage of all sub-sectors (fisheries and livestock) in the implementation of NAIPs.

3.2. State of implementation of the RAIP

15. ECOWAS presented a set of programmes that can be grouped into three broad categories, (i) programmes for the operationalization of public policy instruments provided for in the RAIP, (ii) new initiatives, and (iii) major programmes being implemented.

- Under programmes to operationalize public policy instruments, four programmes were presented: (i) the regional programme to support agricultural and pastoral intensification, (ii) the regional market regulation programme, (iii) the regional social safety net programme and (iv) the regional food security reserve.
- As for the new initiatives, four of them were presented, including: (i) the regional offensive for sustainable revival of rice production, (ii) the regional programme for the promotion of village and agricultural water supply, (iii) the AGIR-Sahel and West Africa Initiative (co-driven by UEMOA), and finally, (iv) the Zero Hunger Initiative, which is designed as a unifying framework to accelerate the operationalization of the ECOWAS Regional Agricultural Policy (ECOWAP/CAADP) with a view to eradicating hunger by 2020. Each of these initiatives will be the subject of a feasibility study in line with the guidelines of the regional agricultural policy.
- Under the overall assessment, ECOWAS also presented a series of programmes already being executed, jointly financed by Technical and Financial Partners and the Commission. These programmes focus on standardization, regulation (of fertilizers and

pesticides), promotion of information systems, capacity building of regional actors and institutions, and development of research activities to enhance productivity.

- The presentations highlighted the level of implementation of programmes and, at times, the mechanisms of relationship between them and the national investment programmes, including mechanisms for co financing activities

3.3. The inclusion of new issues within the CAADP programmes

16. The complexity and vulnerability of the agricultural sector, marked by recurrent crises of any kind, have caused new problems to emerge, ranging from risk management instruments to specifically cross-cutting issues. Several presentations were made to highlight the importance of these issues, current experiments in the countries, as well as tools and methodologies for their integration into the NAIPs.

17. The NEPAD Agency introduced the debate on the need to integrate risk management in the implementation of NAIPs to better meet the challenges of food security and poverty reduction by addressing the causes and not the consequences of recurrent crises on which humanitarian interventions have little effect. The presentation drew attention to the structural nature of risk management and resilience building, just like the key interventions relating to infrastructure, education, health, technology and investment. The stakes with their integration into the NAIPs include less aversion being shown by investors to risks inherent to the sector and a better control of threats linked to climate change, land degradation, high population growth and rapid urbanization. The presentation also highlighted that such an integration could be done but through a holistic approach including the macro (institutions and policy environment), meso (markets and infrastructures) and micro levels (production and consumption) of policy implementation. Thus, after setting the context for the issues, challenges and approaches, the NEPAD Agency announced plans to organise national workshops to help countries integrate risk management and resilience building within the NAIPs in 8 African countries including 4 countries in West Africa. In this perspective, the Agency stressed the need to develop a broad partnership including all ECOWAP/CAADP stakeholders.

18. Following this paper, several other presentations were made by regional and international participants, focusing on:

- a. The issue of agricultural insurance. In this regard, PlanetGuarantee of the International Finance Corporation (IFC) focused its intervention on the Index insurance, basing on experiments being conducted in four countries of the region (Senegal, Mali, Burkina Faso and Benin). To better highlight the advantage of the Index Insurance for small farms, the presentation distinguished it from the traditional insurance falling within the MPCl (Multiple Peril Conference Insurance). Indeed, the benefit levels of this traditional insurance system depend on the assessment of damage suffered individually, while benefits under the index insurance are based on specific climate indices (rainfall, temperature and other proxies) and apply automatically to every farmer in a given area. So, index insurance does not undertake any estimate of claims and relies on objective

meteorological data. In addition to the West African countries listed above, with the *Assurance Récolte Sahel (Harvest insurance in the Sahel)* (ARS), index insurance services are underway in Kenya (Kilimo Salama), Malawi (MicroEnsure & Tobacco) and Ethiopia (Harita), The target of ARS is the low-income farmers to facilitate their access to credit and achieve food security. By 2016, ARS plans to cover 20 crops and insure some 80 000 producers. To date, the experiment which is indexed to rainfall covers maize, groundnuts and sorghum. The main constraints to the development of this system are of financial (lack of liquidity) and technological order. There remains also the need to build capacities for the promotion and management of insurance products offered, with a view to satisfactory economies of scale. .

- b. PARM and AFD presented a series of risk management tools and their positive impacts on the development and implementation of agricultural policies. The presentation identified four risk levels relative to: prices (volatility), production (climate change, pest pressure, various calamities), financing (access, cost) and regulation (changes in policies and standards). The impact of these risks on the fluctuation of incomes remains the primary justification for integrating such instruments. Risk correlation and intensity were analysed in the presentation, across the three entities: individuals and households; groups and communities; regions and nations. In terms of risk management modalities, the presentation stressed the need to set priorities and respective responsibilities in the implementation of solutions between the producers, grassroots communities and markets and governments. Ultimately, different instruments were highlighted including savings, production contracts, cereal banks, certificates of deposit, commodity exchanges, derivatives, compensatory insurance, micro-insurance, index insurance and equalization. An experiment conducted in Burkina allowed dwelling on the instrument last mentioned. Moreover, the presentation reviewed public policy instruments in that field, laying emphasis on market information systems, cereal reserves, emergency stocks, cash transfers and trade policies.
- c. FAO presented the general food price trends, marked by a peak in 2009, following a relatively long stability. The analysis of the structural factors of the price increase shows that prices may remain firm over the next ten years. National consultations made by FAO enable States to map the causes and appropriate responses to soaring prices and volatility.
- d. Another presentation by FAO focused on the project to build capacity for the implementation of ECOWAP/CAADP. The support is specifically intended for the Regional Food and Agriculture Agency (ARAA/ReFAA) for its operationalization, and for NAIP processes in the countries. The action consisted in producing guidelines for the use of programmatic approach in agriculture.
- e. OXFAM, a Non-Governmental Organisation, highlighted the specificity of current food crises, due to the heavy dependence of households on the market supply. Rural economies are faced with serious problems because more than 60% of the households must resort to the market for their food supplies. The presentation then focuses on the

key role to be played by food reserves, including community-based (local) food reserves, in the strategies to strengthen the resilience of local populations.

- f. CILSS presented strategies for adapting to climate change, supported by SLM (sustainable land management) experiments. These experiments have yielded interesting results in the conservation of natural resources and improvement of productivity gains. The experiments are based on approaches that aim to support local knowledge.
- g. IFPRI presented its model which is currently being tested in two countries and aims at (i) effective integration of climate change adaptation in agriculture development plans and strategies and (ii) improved synergy between the agriculture and livestock sector strategies around the issue of adaptation to climate change.
- h. CORAF/WECARD gave a presentation on modalities and achievements in the integration of results of research systems and PPAAO/WAAPP into NAIPs. Research, which is CAADP Pillar IV, plays a major role in the achievement of agricultural policy results. The paper focused on the financing mechanisms implemented by CORAF/WECARD, and strategies for involving stakeholders such as NARSs and POs in the development of proven technologies. The presentation also extensively dwelt on the WAAPP results.
- i. CILSS also presented the approach it has developed jointly with the NEPAD Agency, for a better integration of nutritional issues in National Agricultural Investment Programmes. To that end, CILSS has helped, since 2011, a number of countries to prepare and adopt specific action plans for the inclusion of nutritional issues. These plans are seeking funds for their implementation.
- j. CILSS also presented, at the workshop, the status of the Global Alliance for Resilience in the Sahel and West Africa (AGIR-SAHEL) Initiatives. To that end, the rationale for the Alliance was related to the difficulties of the agricultural and pastoral season 2011-2012 that led actors in the region to make a call from Praia (RPCA 2012) for solidarity with the Sahelian populations affected by the food crisis. Besides the punctual response, the Alliance was established in December 2012 to “structurally fight against food insecurity”. ECOWAS and UEMOA are committed therein, with the support of development partners. Focusing the resilience concept on the capacity to effectively cope with shocks, the Alliance targets, basically, vulnerable households and groups from the perspective of a “Zero Hunger”. The specific objectives of the Alliance are at four levels, respectively social protection, nutrition, food production and governance of food security systems. The intervention is structured around the three local, national and regional levels and is intended to form part and parcel of the current policies (ECOWAP and PAU).
- k. Finally, WILDAF has developed strategies and ways for mainstreaming gender in policies, strategies and programmes for agricultural development, food and nutrition

security. After recalling the important role women play in the economic development in general and in agriculture in particular, the paper suggests to adopt a holistic approach, not only for the analysis, but also for interventions that are gender sensitive

- l. The discussion that followed the presentations helped to highlight the relevance of the emerging issues and to draw two main conclusions: (i) the existence, in all countries, of risk management strategies, not at all or poorly integrated into the NAIP, (ii) weakness or lack of financial resources for the implementation of risk management tools or integration of emerging issues into the NAIPs.

3.4. Main conclusions of the group work

Three working groups were formed to discuss : (i) integration of opportunities offered by regional programmes and initiatives and emerging issues into the NAIPs, (ii) mechanisms for monitoring-evaluation and accountability, (iii) promoting partnership frameworks; The groups should focus on the constraints, suggest activities, strategies and timelines for their implementation, and the cost of actions.

With respect to the first point, the constraints identified by the participants are of institutional, technical and limited financial resources order. The poor integration of emerging issues results less from lack of recognition of their relevance, but rather from:

- a. Poor or no coordination of institutions charged with steering, managing and implementing policies, strategies and programmes for agricultural, food and nutrition development;
- b. Limited financial resources available to the States;
- c. Low capitalization of ongoing experiments and deficit in communication around lessons learnt;
- d. The complexity of certain issues;
- e. The low capacity of some institutions in charge of implementing risk management tools;
- f. The lack of connection between the technical and specialized regional institutions and regional bodies and institutions responsible for implementing risk mitigation tools.

Relative to the second group, the constraints identified are:

- g. With regard to coordination and steering of the NAIP: (i) the lack of resources (human, material and financial) devoted to the functioning of institutions and (ii) the lack of coordination within and between sectors, (iii) the low decentralization of certain structures, (iv) insufficient political support for the NAIP in some States and initiatives competing with the NAIP.
- h. With regard to Planning/programming/development of investment projects: (i) the existence of instances where TFPs are not aligned with the planning and programming frameworks in place, (ii) limited technical capacity for bankable project formulation.

- i. With regard to communication: (i) the lack of communication strategy and/or means to implement it, (ii) the lack of mechanisms for dialogue and information sharing amongst actors involved in the NAIP (States, NSAs).
- j. With regard to resource mobilization: (i) the lack of capacity, in some cases, to comply with TFP requirements, (ii) slow and cumbersome procedures for disbursement, procurement and notice of non-objection.
- k. With regard to financial management: (i) the lack of structure for managing funds dedicated to the NAIPs, (ii) the need for building the capacity of financial management and accountability systems.
- l. With regard to monitoring-evaluation: (i) the low technical capacity of stakeholders for monitoring-evaluation of NAIP actions (lack of certain profiles) at all levels, (ii) the lack/inadequacy of performance reports, (iii) the poor performance of some monitoring-evaluation mechanisms.

The third group whose work was focused on strengthening partnership for coherent and coordinated support to countries under ECOWAS coordination made several observations: (i) the weak articulation of partner interventions with the NAIP guidelines and actions at country level, (ii) the lack of coherence and consultation may compromise the unifying nature of the NAIP and the pursuit of the regional dynamics driven by the ECOWAP. The main constraints identified by this group include:

- m. Inadequate ownership of NAIPs, in accordance with the Paris Declaration and the Accra Agenda, by national stakeholders,
- n. Lack of mechanisms or systems for the integration and coordination, by ECOWAS, of initiatives promoted by partners both nationally and regionally,
- o. The private sector does not have adequate investment capacity to fully play its role.

Solutions have been proposed for each constraint. They are presented in the tables in attachment.

3.5. Knowledge management and monitoring-evaluation

June 30th was devoted to the presentation of information and knowledge management systems, the monitoring-evaluation system implemented by the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development to evaluate the performance of the regional agricultural policy.

- p. The first presentation focused on the Regional System for Knowledge Analysis and Management.. After introducing the objectives of ReSAKSS, including (i) facilitating access of Regional Economic Communities and their members to quality information to define and manage their agricultural policies, (ii) the possibility to measure the performance of the agricultural sector and the best lessons we can learn, the

presentation insisted on the recent performances in the sector in those countries where ReSAKSS has carried out extensive work. The countries noted the importance of this system and the tools generated. They also lamented the small numbers of countries in which extensive studies have been conducted and requested that the system be extended to include all the States.

- q. The ECOWAS Commission presented its monitoring-evaluation system under construction and all the levers it plans to operate to help countries to implement it. Eventually, the system allows capturing data and credible information to better measure/evaluate the agricultural sector performance at the local, national and regional levels. The ECOWAS monitoring-evaluation system will be deployed in all countries and will cover all monitoring-evaluation tools. The participants welcomed ECOWAS efforts for anticipation and encouraged them to implement very quickly the proposed system and the support mechanism.

3.6. Presentation of the agenda for the SMC meeting

ECOWAS presented a draft agenda for the next meeting of the Agriculture/Environment/Water Resources Specialised Ministerial Committee (SMC). The proposed agenda includes the following items:

(i) Status of implementation of ECOWAP/CAADP, (i) RAIP, (ii) NAIPs :

- Current status of ECOWAP/CAADP implementation process;
- Implementation of the Regional Agriculture Investment Plan;
- Implementation of National Agricultural Investment Plans.

(ii) Validation of regional Programmes

- Social safety net programme;
 - Regional agricultural intensification and pastoral development Programme
 - Regional Market Regulation Programme;
 - Regional Village Poultry Development Programme ;
 - Land tenure Directive and establishment of a regional observatory of rural land tenure;
- Coordination and monitoring-evaluation mechanism.

(iii) Information and update of implementation of regional initiatives and projects

- AGIR Sahel;
- ECOWAS “Zero Hunger” Initiative;
- Regional Food Security Reserve;

- Regional Village Water Supply Programme;
- Rice Offensive.

(iv) State of agricultural, food and nutrition conditions in West Africa

- Results of the agricultural and pastoral season;
- Crop forecasts ;
- Nutritional assessment;
- Recommendations for decision-making

(v) Official launch of outstanding actions (ARAA/ReFAA and “Hunger Free” Project)

- Launch of the “Hunger Free” Project;
- Launch of the Regional Food and Agriculture Agency.

Countries and other participants (regional players, TFPs) welcomed this new working approach adopted by ECOWAS which consists in (i) consulting with countries on the SMC agenda, (ii) informing them, in time, of the meeting date, while indicating what is expected from them.

After discussing the draft agenda and different regional agendas, the countries suggested that the meeting should be held from 16 to 20 September and have shown themselves open to the NSA (POSCAO, ROPPA) presentations concerning their experience in participating in the ECOWAP/CAADP process and their analysis of the results of the Maputo commitment.

IV. The Consensus and Recommendations

4.1. Consensus

30. Participants agree that:

- ECOWAP constitutes the reference framework for interventions in the agricultural sector in West Africa;
- The need to accelerate the implementation of ECOWAP programmes in a consistent manner: RAIP, NAIPs and new initiatives;
- The suitability of taking into account emerging issues in regional and national programmes to ensure the achievement of the strategic objectives of the agricultural policy.

4.2. Recommendations

31. Following the discussions, the participants made recommendations as follows:

- **To the States:**

- Accelerate the implementation of NAIPs while ensuring that emerging issues (nutrition, climate change, research, risk management, including that of price volatility, etc) are progressively integrated, if not done already;
- Finalise and implement the monitoring-evaluation system and mechanism, by the end of the year 2013;
- Promote the establishment of inter-ministerial coordination structures in those countries where the agricultural sector is conducted by several ministries, in order to enhance synergy/consistency and efficiency of implementation of NAIPs;
- Finalise, by end of July, the progress report presented at the meeting, together with an executive summary (according to the format that will be sent to them by ECOWAS) to be submitted to the SMC meeting in September;
- Use the results of the group work to finalise the PTBA for coordination, management and monitoring-evaluation of the NAIP implementation.

- **To ECOWAS :**

- Carry out lobbying missions in Member States with policy makers (Ministry of Finance, Ministries of the Rural sector), to revive the political support necessary to accelerate the implementation of NAIPs;
- Make available to the States an inventory of opportunities and programmes, including those of ECOWAS, that may contribute to the implementation of NAIPs;
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- Make available to the States ARAA/ReFAA and FRAA/ReFAF management procedures manuals;
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- Establish an inventory/capitalization mechanism of best practices on emerging issues;
- Provide the States with necessary tools and capacities to enable them to assume the leadership required to accelerate the implementation of NAIPs;
- Support, technically and financially, the States for the deployment of monitoring-evaluation systems;
- Organise a regional workshop on the monitoring-evaluation system and mechanism ;
- Strengthen the capacities of non-state actors to support the ECOWAP/CAADP process and monitoring of NAIP implementation more effectively;
- Support the private sector in its ambition to invest in the agricultural sector.

V. Closing ceremony

32. The closing ceremony was marked by speeches from:

- Mrs. Rubio Saiz, BEGONIA, of the Spanish Cooperation, Coordinator of ECOWAP/CAADP Donor Group ;
- Mrs. Mariam SOW, Senior Advisor for Food Security, NPCA/NEPAD ;
- Mr. Alain Sy TRAORE, Acting Director of Agriculture and Rural Development, ECOWAS Commission;
- Mr. Saga Pascal ILBOUDO, Permanent Secretary of Agricultural sector Policy Coordination in Burkina Faso.

33. They all welcomed the State commitment in leading the ECOWAP/CAADP process and the results they have achieved. The partners and the representative of the Minister of Agriculture and Food Security of Burkina Faso congratulated ECOWAS for the initiative of the meeting and for the quality of the results achieved.

34. . The Representative of the Burkinabè Minister reiterated his congratulations to the countries, urged ECOWAS to persevere in asserting its leadership in the conduct of the ECOWAP/CAADP process, before declaring closed the regional workshop on accelerating the ECOWAP within the unifying framework of the ECOWAS “Zero Hunger” Initiative.

Annexes

- A. List of participants
- B. Agenda
- C. Group work results
- D. Links to download presentations

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Time	Activities	Chairperson/Facilitators	Speakers
Day 1, 26 June 2013 : Opening and presentation of country reports on the state of progress of NAIPs			
8h-9h	Registration of participants		
9h-9h30	Opening ceremony	Minister of Agriculture of Burkina Faso	ECOWAS Commissioner for Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources Spain/ECOWAP Group Coord. Minister of Agriculture of Burkina Faso
9h30- 9h45	Presentation of workshop objectives	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	Hub Rural
9h45-10h00	Introduction of participants / Logistics information	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	All participants
10h00-10h30	Presentation and discussions of country reports	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	NAIP Focal Persons (Benin, Burkina Faso)
10h30-11h00	Coffee/tea break		
11h00-13h30	Presentation and discussions of country reports	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	NAIP Focal Persons (Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger Nigeria)
13h30-15h00	Lunch break		
15h00-15h45	Presentation and discussions of country reports	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	NAIP Focal Persons (Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo)
15h45-16h 00	Coffee/tea break		
16h-17h00	General discussions of country reports	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	All participants
17h00 -17h30	Synthesis of the work of Day1	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	Hub Rural

Day 2, 27 June 2013: Presentation and discussions on the RAIP status of implementation and prospects			
9h00-10h00	Presentation of the RAIP programmes and initiatives: (i) Agricultural and pastoral intensification (PRAIAP-WA),(ii) Market regulation (PRAMAO) and (iii) Rice Initiative	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	Resource persons
9h45-10H30	Discussions on the countries' expectations in relation to programmes (i), (ii) and (iii)	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	All participants
10h30-11h00	Coffee/tea break		
11h00-13h30	Discussions on the countries' expectations in relation to programmes (i), (ii) and (iii) (Contd.)	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	All participants
13h30-14h30	Lunch break		
14h30- 15H 30	Presentation of the RAIP programmes and initiatives: (iv) Food reserves, (v) Support to social safety nets and (vi) Village and Agricultural Water Initiative	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	Resource persons
15h15 -16h15	Discussions on the countries' expectations in relation to programmes (iv), (v) and (vi)	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	All participants
16h15 -16h45	Coffee/tea break		
16h45-17h45	Discussions on the countries' expectations in relation to programmes (iv), (v) and (vi)	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	All participants
17h45-18h00	Synthesis of the work of Day 2	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	Hub Rural
Day 3, 28 June 2013: Presentations and discussions on emerging issues			
9h00-9h30	Justification of the integration of risk management and resilience in PNIASAs, and methodology Questions of clarification	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	NEPAD Agency

9h30 – 10h30	Presentation and discussion on Crop Insurance experiments in West Africa	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	IFC / PlanetGuarantee
10h30 - 11h00	Coffee/tea break–		
11h00 -12h00	Presentation and discussion of food insecurity risk management tools and strengthening resilience of national and regional food systems	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	Platform for Agriculture Risk Management (PARM)
12h00-13h00	Presentation and discussion on price volatility	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	FAO
13h00 – 14h00	Lunch break		
14h00-15h00	Presentation and discussion on the inclusion of climate change and sustainable land management	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	IFPRI
15h00-15h 30	Presentation on community food reserves	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	OXFAM
15h30-16h00	Coffee/tea break		
16h00-17h00	Presentation and discussion on the achievements and modalities of inclusion of research/WAAP findings in the NAIPs	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	CORAF/WECARD
17h00-18h00	Presentation and discussion on experiences and modalities of inclusion of the nutrition dimension in the NAIPs	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	CILSS, WFP, OXFAM
18h00- 18h15	Summary of the day's work	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	Hub Rural
Day 4, 29 June 2013: Group work on institutional constraints, ways and means of integrating guidelines from regional programmes/initiatives and modalities for taking the emerging issues into account (applications of the syntheses of Days 1,2 and 3)			
9h00-9h15	Formation of two working groups: (1) integration of regional programme/initiative guidelines into NAIPs; (2) inclusion of emerging issues in NAIPs	ECOWAS /Hub Rural	Hub Rural

9h15-10h30	Group work will be conducted as follows; for each theme: identification of institutional constraints, identification of actions to lift such constraints, strategy outlines	ECOWAS /Hub Rural	Group moderators
10h30-11h00	Coffee/tea break		
11h 00- 13h00	Group work (Contd.)	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	Group moderators
13h00-14H30	Lunch break		
14h30-15h30	Feedback and discussion of the work of Group 1	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	Group Rapporteurs
15h30-16h00	Coffee/tea break		
16h00-17h00	Feedback and discussion of the work of Group 2	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	Group Rapporteurs
17h00-17h30	Summary of the work of Day 4	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	
Day 5, 30 June 2013: Monitoring-evaluation Session and conclusions of the work with a roadmap established to support countries			
09h00-09h30	Presentation of the knowledge management and monitoring-evaluation system for the NAIP and RAIP implementation	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	ReSAKSS
09h30-10h30	Presentation of experiences of country SAKSS	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	NAIP Focal Persons
10h30-11h00	Coffee/tea break		
11H00-12h00	Discussion on the knowledge management and monitoring-evaluation system for the NAIP and RAIP implementation	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	All participants
12h00-13h00	Presentation and discussion of the draft agenda of the Ministerial Committee meeting of September 2013	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	ECOWAS
13h00-14h30	Lunch break		
14h30-15h30	Discussion of the draft agenda of the Ministerial Committee	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	All participants

	meeting of July 2013		
15h30-16h30	Discussions and validation of the summary of conclusions and the roadmap (to support countries for accelerating the NAIP implementation)	ECOWAS/Hub Rural	All participants
16h30-17h00	Closing of the workshop	Minister of Agriculture of Burkina Faso	Representative of ECOWAS Commissioner for Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources NEPAD Spain/ ECOWAP Group Coord. Minister of Agriculture of Burkina Faso

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