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Rice sector Development: FSRP stakeholders get to know the ECOWAS Rice Observatory better



The regional coordination of the West Africa Food System Resilience Program invited rice sector stakeholders from Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Ghana, Togo, Chad and Sierra Leone to a meeting to discuss the ECOWAS Rice Observatory. On 16 June, some thirty stakeholders and partners gained abetter understanding of how the Observatory works, as well as the various activities planned to help countries set up multi-stakeholder platforms to boost the rice sector in West Africa.... Read more

Celebration of World Food Safety Day: ECOWAS promotes safe and healthy food practices



On 7 June 2023, the international community celebrated the 5th World Food Safety Day under the theme "Food Standards Save Lives" by inviting everyone to make efforts to adopt healthy eating practices. The ECOWAS Commission's Department of Economic Affairs and Agriculture took

advantage of the day to take stock of food safety regulations and issues in West Africa and the Sahel through the prism of food standards and the challenge of ensuring the availability of healthy food in the ECOWAS region. During a webinar open to the public... Read more

Monitoring and reporting of FSRP activities: experts develop appropriate tools and familiarize themselves with the MESECOPS platform



FSRP monitoring and evaluation specialists were invited to a workshop in Agbélouvé, Togo, from 19 to 23 June, to design tools for monitoring and collecting data on the programme's results and activities, and to receive training on the MESECOPS platform. About twenty participants from Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Togo, Ghana, Chad, CORAF and CILSS harmonized their understanding of the FSRP's planning, monitoring-evaluation and reporting system, with a focus on the MESECOPS platform and the roles of the actors... Read more

Improvement of the Fertilizer sector: West Africa and Sahel leaders renew their commitment to invest more



Discussions on 30 and 31 May 2023 in Lomé enabled the participants and stakeholders in the round table on fertilisers and soil health in West Africa and the Sahel to draw up a roadmap for investing in the future by nourishing the soil. The roadmap was approved by country delegations, including

President Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé of Togo, President Mohamed Bazoum of Niger, President Umaro Sissoco Embalo of Guinea Bissau, the President of the ECOWAS Commission and the agriculture and finance ministers of the member states... Read more

ECHOS FROM COUNTRIES

FSRP Mali: 4,000 ha of degraded land to be rehabilitated through integrated landscape management

A technical team from the FSRP Mali carried out a mission to inform and raise awareness among local stakeholders about the Programme and the concept of integrated landscape management (ILM). This mission was part of the launch of activities relating to ILM. In the Cercles of Ségou and Niono in the Ségou region, the Cercles of Koutiala and Yorosso in the Koutiala region and the Cercles of Sikasso and Kadiolo in the Sikasso region, the FSRP Mali national coordination team informed and raised awareness among beneficiaries about the programme's main activities, as well as activities



relating to ILM in particular. Participatory mapping was used to collect data for the preidentification of ILM sites, in order to define the programme's areas of intervention in terms of ILM....Read more

Integrated Landscape Management in Niger: 170 ha in the Municipality of Namaro to be set up soon



To develop the agricultural activities of the population of the Municipality of Namaro, located around 50 km from Niamey on the right bank of the River Niger, two key actions are planned: the construction of half-moons over 100 ha and the fixing of dunes over 70 ha on the LATAKABIA site in the rural Municipality of Namaro to restore the land. The aim will be to carry out activities to reclaim 170 ha by building half-moons or fixing dunes, which will help to achieve the target of 32,000 ha for all 32 communes in the FSRP's intervention zone in Niger... Read more

Togo: FSRP supports the training of 3,000 farmers in ZAAPs in southern Togo on agro-ecological practices and sustainable land management

In the specific context of climate change, characterized by drought, irregular rainfall, the proliferation of plant pests and the development of harmful bacteria leading to the impoverishment of arable land, the adoption of agro-ecological practices is the best strategy for achieving food and nutritional security, combating poverty and creating jobs in rural

areas through the sustainable use of developed land. To this end, the FSRP is supporting the Coordination togolaise des organisations paysannes et de producteurs agricoles (CTOP) to train 3,000 farmers operating the ZAAPs in southern Togo through its agro-ecological farm school scheme... Read more



Togo: the Participatory Integrated Climate Services for Agriculture approach popularized at farm level



Agriculture is one of the sectors most affected by the effects of climate change. In rural areas, climate change directly affects producers and exposes households to food insecurity. The basic natural resources of production systems

are sensitive and deteriorating. In order to increase the resilience of production systems to the effects of climate change, the FSRP-Togo is supporting the training of facilitators for the implementation of the Participatory and Integrated Climate Services for Agriculture (PICSA) approach in rural and farming communities.... Read more

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Integrated Landscape Management: an approach to sustainably to manage natural resources



The Integrated Landscape Management (ILM) approach is a planning process undertaken to manage natural resources sustainably in a given area, taking into account the spatial, ecological, cultural and socio-economic

context, with the ultimate aim of ensuring that food productivity can remainsustainable over time. The ILM approach aims to provide a framework... Read more

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1- Key Target Indicators for Burkina Faso, Chad, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Sierra Leone and Togo

- 25% reduction of the number of food-insecure people in the areas targeted by the programme
- Around 5 million programme beneficiaries (farmers reached by agricultural assets or services),
 40% of whom are women
- At least 906,000 food system stakeholders with access to hydro and agrometeorological advisory services
- More than 117,000 ha of land under integrated landscape management practices
- At least 1.8 million producers adopting climate-smart agricultural technologies and services
- At least 30% of production traded intra-regionally in selected value chains

2- Value chains by country

FSRP in its implementation aims to improve the food and nutrition security of smallholder farmers by supporting up to three priority value chains per participating country, focusing on the upstream and downstream segments of the value chains Read more

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