

Action plan for the development of regional actions and decentralized cooperation on food security



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RATIONALE BEHIND THE CORE GROUP CREATION and ACTION

Dakar Summit ► :
implement a policy to develop lasting partnerships between regions from the North and the South, and with donor agencies

Creation of a CORE GROUP of regions from the North and the South with FOGAR and a steering group (states, donors, international organizations)

Developing a multiannual and multi countries decentralized ACTION PLAN on the basis of a references framework elaborated by FOGAR to :

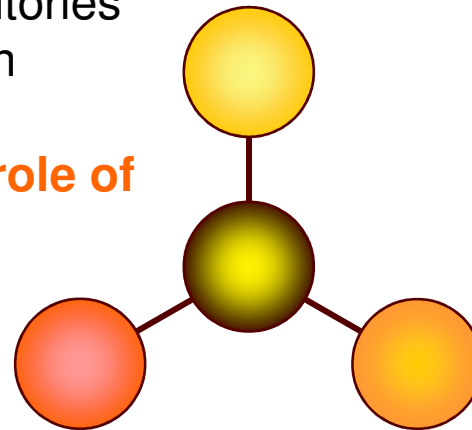
Strengthen regions' capacity to implement a food security policy in the framework of national and international plans

Increase in the number of cooperation actions among regions, from the North and the South, while ensuring the effective channelling of both human and financial resources

There are three ways in which Regions can add value to development ► :

❑ Proximity with their territories and constant dialogue with central government and infraregional authorities : **role of intermediary**

❑ The ability to manage a heterogeneous territory and make full use of the potential of each zone **to create a common development area by reducing disparities**



❑ The ability **to coordinate actions taken by various stakeholders**, various authorities and various partners at regional level to ensure sustainable development of the territory

Regional expertise has an added value in several areas ► :

1. **Local markets promotion**, the short circuits and their funding in a national and cross border context
2. **Local investment promotion** and access to credit for small farmers to increase yields and incomes
3. Enhancement of **a territorial logic** in organizing the equipment and in land management (storage silos, strategic infrastructure, land, etc..)
4. **Local knowledge mobilization and development of traditional techniques** of production, storage, processing and environmentally friendly commercial exploitation
5. **Promotion of local sustainable practices of production** and conservation of natural resources - climate change mitigation and adaptation

AREAS FOR REGIONAL EXPERTISE INPUT

6. Support to the emergence of local initiatives by supporting the formation of economic actors and public services and the structuring of professional organizations
7. Access to food for vulnerable and promotion the right to food for all
8. Promotion of adequate balanced diet according to gender and age of the target populations
9. Promotion and improvement of information flows to influence stakeholders strategies and prevent crises

These areas have been identified by analysing the cooperation actions developed by regions as described in the Action Plan

AIMS OF REGIONAL ACTION IN FOOD SECURITY

GOVERNANCE ▶ :

Inputting and feeding the national food security Plans as well as supporting dialogue with the international institutions and NGOs towards a shared global food security policy

COOPERATION ▶ :

Developing and implementing a policy of sustainable partnerships between Regions in the North and South and with financial institutions

**THE CORE GROUP WILL
CONTRIBUTE TO:**

➔ **Enable Regions to play a real part in reducing hunger** by integrating regional actions in national and international policies on food security through :

- ❑ *An institutional framework for dialogue and multi-player approach in order to develop coherent and effective actions*
- ❑ *A joint platform with clear, coordinated, shared mechanisms for inputting the mainstream agenda*

➔ **Promote the sharing of experiences and North/South, South/South and triangular partnerships**

➔ **Increase the capacity of regional stakeholders**

➔ **Identify and collect funds from various donors**

EXAMPLES (cf. Matrix) ► :

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A financial instrument developed by the Midi-Pyrénées Region to assist in its cooperative schemes involving the Regions in Vietnam and Senegal

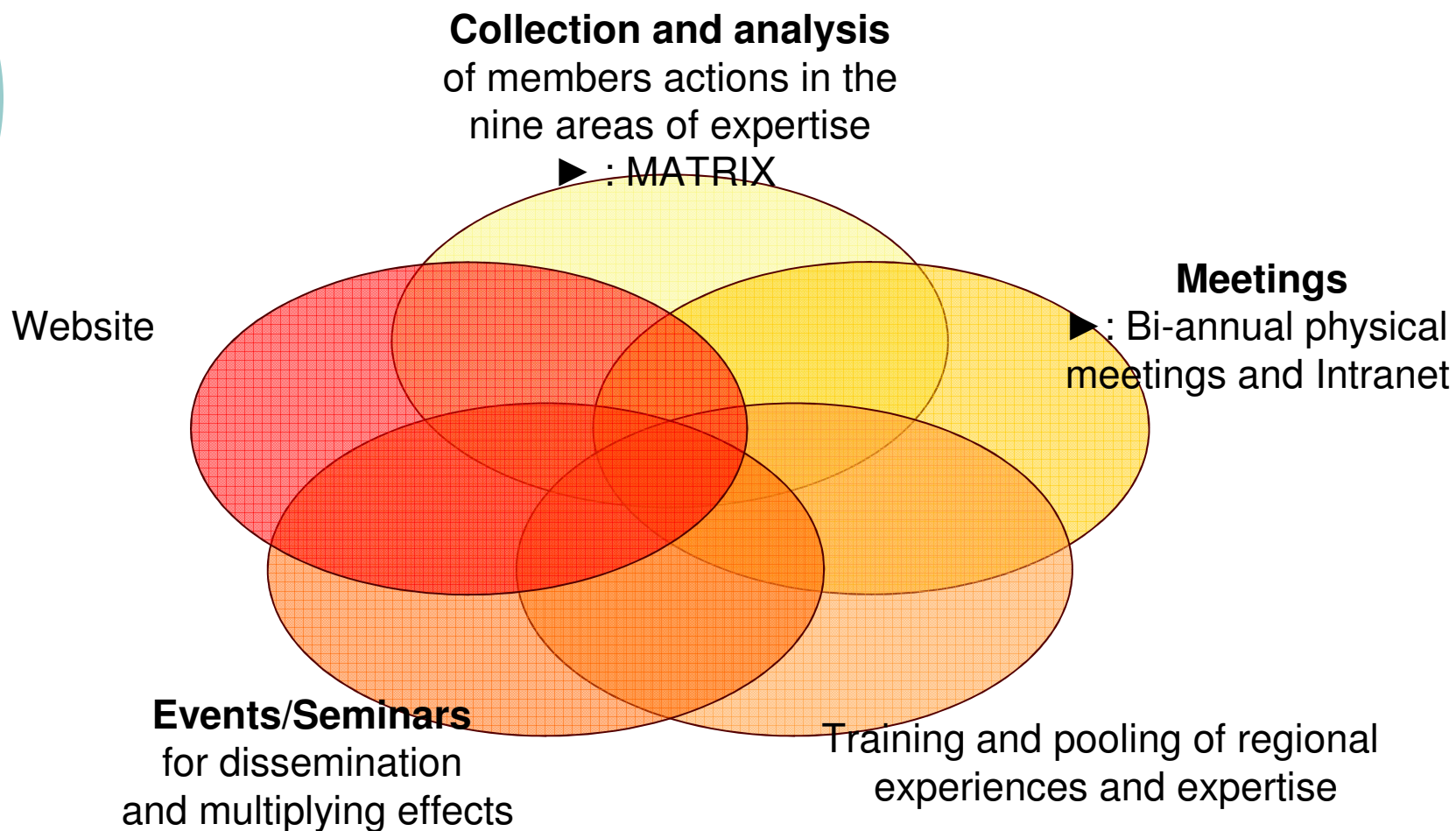
**Basse-Normandie Region,
Brittany Region,
Analanjrofo Region
and Atsinanana Region**

Establishment of training centres for agricultural technicians

EXPECTED RESULTS

- ❑ Regular participation of Regions on the national and international arena
- ❑ Integration of regions in the FAO's programme on migration and co-development
- ❑ Recognition for the Regions' 9 areas of expertise in national food security plans
- ❑ Development of a territorial charter on food security
- ❑ Extended cooperation projects and triangular cooperation
- ❑ *One stop shop* for the collection, dissemination and coordination of responses to calls for proposals
- ❑ *Warning system* enabling the Regions to indicate any obstacles to the introduction of food security actions (simplification of procedures, difficulties with financial management, statutory measures etc.)

CORE GROUP ACTIONS AND TOOLS





More info on:

<http://www.crpm.org/fr/index.php?act=4,7,2>

<http://www.regionsfoodsummit.org/>

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