

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS)



- **ECOWAS: 15 Member States**
- **Area: 5.2 million sq. km**
- **Population: 327 million hbts**
- **PIB: 725.978 billion US\$**
- **Forest Areas: 73.3 million ha**





SUMMARY OF MAJOR STEPS FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE WEST AFRICAN FOREST CONVERGENCE PLAN

- **2005:** Status of Forestry and Wildlife cooperation between Member States in the 3 RECs Central, Southern Africa and West Africa
- **2006:** UICN and FAO, International Meeting to encourage the Regional Organisations (ECOWAS and WAEMU) to take the leadership in the fields of Natural Resources Management
- **2007-2009:** Forest Dialogue basic Document
- **2010-2013:** Development, Validation and Adoption of West Africa Forest Convergence Plan



7 PRIORITY INTERVENTION AREAS OF THE WEST AFRICAN FOREST CONVERGENCE PLAN

- **IAP1:** Harmonization of legislative and regulatory frameworks and forest policies
- **IAP2:** Knowledge on the state and dynamics of forest ecosystems
- **IAP3:** Development of forest ecosystems and reforestation
- **IAP4:** Conservation of Biodiversity
- **IAP5:** Enhancement of ecosystems goods and services for food security, economic stability and environmental sustainability
- **IAP6:** Forest research and development
- **IAP7:** Information, education and communication



IAP3: Development of Forest ecosystems and Reforestation (2016-2020)

- Develop and validate **regional standards and guidelines for the Sustainable Forest Management by ecological zone of the transboundary shared forest resources in West Africa (2016-2020)**
- Member States to **internalize the regional guidelines on Sustainable Forest and Wildlife management into their national legal frameworks (2018-2020)**
- **Member States to apply the regional guidelines on Sustainable forest and wildlife resources management at national level (2018-2020)**
- Organize a **Regional workshop on Decentralized Forest Management and Transfer of responsibilities and full ownerships** of local authorities for the sustainable community forest management



IAP3: Development of Forest ecosystems and Reforestation (2016-2020)-continuous

- **Strengthen the capacities of the Member States in developing and adopting their national REDD+ Strategies and National Mitigation Plans (2016-2017)**
- **MRV systems should be put in place by each country (2018)**
- **Countries to implement their actions identified in the framework of their REDD+ Strategies or National Adaptation Program**
- **Implement the National Action Plan and the Sub Regional Action Plan to combat Desertification and Forest degradation (2016-2020)**



IAP3: Development of Forest ecosystems and Reforestation (2016-2020)-continuous

- **Countries to implement their national afforestation, restoration and rangelands management programs in the frameworks of landscape management (2016-2020)**
- **Countries mobilized resources and promote the Sustainable Land Management including the restoration of degraded lands with selected species with high potentials of NTFPs that contribute to food security and income generating activities**



WAY FORWARD-2016

- Organizing the **Launching of FAO/TCP/RAF/3506-Support the implementation of the West Africa Forest Convergence Plan-WA FCP, Abuja, 10 to 11 February 2016**
- **Recruitment of 15 National Consultants for the Development of the National Forest Investment Programme (1st Quarter 2016)-call for synergies with national ongoing and upcoming initiatives in Ecosystems Management and restoration of degraded lands**
- **Recruitment of a Senior Regional Consultant for the development of the Regional Forest Investment Programme (1st Quarter 2016)**
- Organizing the **Technical Validation of the Regional Forest Investment Programme (3rd Quarter 2016)**



**THANK YOU VERY
MUCH INDEED**

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