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## Locust preventive control in west and northwest Africa

### A SUCCESS STORY

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#### COAG Side Event

24 May 2012

Iran Room

12.30 – 14.15 hours

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Since 2006 the four desert locust outbreaks were successfully controlled in Mauritania and Niger, in large part due to a multi-partner preventive control programme that strengthened the countries' surveillance, control, environmental monitoring and managerial capacities.

The FAO Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Western Region (CLCPRO) coordinated and implemented this programme.

During this side-event, the CLCPRO will provide an overview of this successful desert locust preventive control programme in west and northwest Africa.

Desert locust is a highly destructive transboundary plant pest that threatens people's livelihoods, food security, the environment and economic development.

**CLCPRO is composed of ten member countries: Algeria, Burkina Faso, Chad, Libya, Mali, Morocco, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Tunisia.**



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#### Agenda

Light lunch will be served at the entrance of the Iran Room from 12.30 hours

**Opening address**, by Mr Modibo Traoré, Assistant Director-General, Agriculture and Consumer Protection Department, FAO

**Locust preventive control in west and northwest Africa – a success story**, by:

- Mr Thami Ben Halima, Executive Secretary, Commission for Controlling the Desert Locust in the Western Region (CLCPRO), FAO
- Mr Fakaba Diakite, Director, National Centre for Prevention and Control of Desert Locust, Ministry of Agriculture, Mali
- Mr Mohamed Abdallahi Ebbe, Director, National Centre for Prevention and Control of Desert Locust, Ministry of Agriculture, Mauritania

**Closing remarks**, by Mr Richard China, Director, Policy and Programme Development Support Division, FAO

Interpretation services will be provided in English and French

