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«West African Initiatives and Operationalization of the West Africa Climate Smart Agriculture Alliance»



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ECOWAS: regional sectoral policies

- ❑ **Agriculture : ECOWAP, 2005, updated in 2016 (Strategic Policy Framework 2025), to incorporate emerging issues including CSA, declined in the RAIP/FNS and NAIP/FNS:**
 - SO 1: Focus on sustainable production systems, ensuring the protection of natural resources, and adapted to climate change and variability, and on the development of irrigation and agricultural water management
 - SO 3: Focus on resilience of vulnerable rural households, particularly through reduction and management of environmental risks
- ❑ **Environmental Policy of ECOWAS (ECOWEP, 2008), declined in:**
 - Convergence Plan for the Management and Sustainable Use of Forest Ecosystems in West Africa, and ECOWAS Forest Policy Statement
 - Sub-Regional Action Program to Combat Desertification
 - Sub-Regional Action Program for Vulnerability Reduction to Climate Change in West Africa
 - ECOWAS Meteorological Program (draft)
- ❑ **Energy: Programs implemented by the ECOWAS Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE) <http://www.ecreee.org>**

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Climate: Challenges for the West Africa region

- ❑ Promote resilience and adaptation to climate change, integrating climate change concerns into global and sectoral development policies, strategies, programs and projects
- ❑ Contribute to the reduction of emissions (NDCs)
- ❑ Strengthen intersectoral coherence and coordination of policies, programs and interventions, forging regional ownership of the CSA concept and contributing to:
 - **Fund CSA under RAIP and NAIP/FNS**, in a complementary manner to NAPAs / NAPs, with a view to **mainstreaming agriculture into climate negotiations, improving sectoral ownership, capacity building, appropriation of architecture of climate finance** by the Member States and the region
 - **Establish synergies and complementarity between projects**, and **cooperation between project stakeholders** to meet the challenges of climate change
 - **Capitalize CSA good practices** and **scaling up agroecology** in West Africa
 - **Strengthen the regional scope of projects** (all ECOWAS member countries) and joint piloting of projects / programs for food security, adaptation and mitigation to climate change

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Bamako (Mali), June 15-18, 2015:

High Level Forum of Climate-Smart Agriculture Stakeholders in West Africa



□ adoption of the ECOWAP /CAADP Intervention Framework for CSA

□ launching of the associated West Africa CSA Alliance (WACSAA)

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Major initiatives underway

Following the creation of this regional platform on Climate Smart Agriculture, within the framework of RAIP/FSN 2016-2020, main initiatives launched:

- i. « Agroecological transition in West Africa » Support Project;
- ii. « Sustainable agricultural intensification in West Africa » Support Program;
- iii. « Promoting Climate-Smart Agriculture in West Africa » Program;
- iv. Intra-ACP « Global Climate Change Alliance Plus » Program (GCCA +);
- v. Regional program for restoration of degraded agricultural lands in West Africa.

« Agroecological transition in West Africa » Support Project

- ❑ Specific objective: to support the agro-ecological transition in West Africa, and promote emergence, adoption and diffusion of ecologically intensive farming practices on family farms, as well as management and organization methods favoring this adoption
- ❑ 2 operational components:
 - i. support to local actors for agro-ecological transition actions
 - ii. exchange of experiences, capitalization and contribution to public policy development



Technical and financial partner:

- ❑ French Development Agency (AFD): 8 million Euros - Financing agreement CZZ 1848

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« Sustainable agricultural intensification in West Africa » Support Program

- ❑ Specific objective: to promote emergence, adoption and dissemination of sustainable agricultural intensification practices on family farms, targeting priority strategic crops in West Africa, including rice, maize, cassava, and millet / sorghum.
- ❑ 3 Components:
 - i. Agricultural training and capacity building
 - ii. Support and extension of technological innovations
 - iii. exchange of experiences, capitalization and contribution to public policy development



Technical and financial partner:

- ❑ European Union: 8.2 million Euros - project instruction under RIP 11th EDF

“Promoting Climate-Smart Agriculture in West Africa” Program

- ❑ Cross border project: 5 countries involved : Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Niger and Togo.
- ❑ 3 Components:
 - i. Local dissemination of best agricultural practices related to adaptation to climate change;
 - ii. Integration of agricultural best practices related to climate change adaptation into strategies / policies / projects;
 - iii. Knowledge management on agricultural best practices related to climate change adaptation.

Technical and financial partners:

- ❑ Adaptation Fund: USD 14 million – pipe line – decision early 2018
- ❑ Collaboration with BOAD



ADAPTATION FUND



Intra-ACP "Global Climate Change Alliance Plus" (GCCA +) Program

- ❑ Targeted priority topics: CSA and carbon sequestration, and renewable energies. Planned activities:
 - i. strengthening the capacity of ECOWAS to coordinate and monitor with the States of the region the implementation of the Paris Agreement;
 - ii. country-level coordination and advocacy for the implementation of NDCs and production of an annual consolidated regional report for ECOWAS;
 - iii. pilot actions on priority themes;
 - iv. information production, capitalization and dissemination/knowledge sharing ;
 - v. regional networking of academic training for CSA, in a dynamic of E-learning;
 - vi. preparation and implementation of innovative public-private approaches to climate resilience with the support of climate funds.



Technical and financial partners:

- ❑ European Union: 12 million Euros - in negotiation
- ❑ ACP Secretariat

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« Regional Program for Restoration of Degraded Agricultural Lands in West Africa »

- ☐ Framework for the implementation of regional programmatic approaches on the theme of soil fertility conservation and restoration
- ☐ Formulation in progress
- ☐ Early 2018: Regional workshop for validation (objectives, rationale, components and sub-components, institutional set-up, budget and operating modes)



Technical and financial partners:

- ☐ Formulation: FAO and AECID support

Next steps planned, and collaboration opportunities between GACSA and West Africa Alliance

- i. Capacity building of stakeholders, to support the implementation of the intervention framework established in Bamako in 2015
- ii. Support for initiatives deployed by the regional stakeholders in the context of the new cycle of NAIP/FNS
- iii. Mobilization of new partners in support of these initiatives
- iv. Strengthen links with African and Global (GACSA) Alliances for capacity building and knowledge sharing activities



Thank you
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