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Family photo of authorities, partners and participants at the end of the opening ceremony

Under the auspices of the ECOWAS Trade Liberalisation Scheme (TLS) Task Force, the ECOWAS Commission's Customs Union and Taxation Directorate, in collaboration with the regional coordination of the West Africa Food System Resilience Program (FSRP), invited key stakeholders responsible for implementing...

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## Facilitating Innovation Platforms in West Africa: CORAF draws up training programmes and curricula



*The discussions at this regional meeting were fruitful and enriching, with the aim of providing training centres with quality programmes*

The West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF) intends to strengthen the leadership of Innovation Platforms (IPs) in countries and at the regional network level. This approach, which CORAF has tested in several countries as part of projects to disseminate the results of agricultural research...

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## Strengthening the human capacities of research institutes and centres in West and Central Africa: CORAF organised student scientific days in Lome



*A dozen doctoral students benefit from the CORAF grant as part of the FSRP*

Student training is at the heart of the capacity building policy of CORAF, the leader in agricultural research in West and Central Africa. Student scientific days were organised in Togo from 22 to 26 April 2024 to share the results of doctoral and master's theses with CORAF's Scientific and Technical Committee (STC)... [Read more](#)

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### **Burkina Faso:** Integration of ECOWAS regional markets and agricultural trade: EATM-SCORECARD implementation process launched



Participants at the launch of SCORECARD in Burkina Faso

The Permanent Secretary for the Coordination of Agricultural Sectoral Policies, Mr Yassia KINDO, chaired the workshop to launch the process of implementing the agricultural trade and market scorecard (EATM Scorecard), on Wednesday 17 April 2024, in Ouagadougou. The Agricultural Trade and... [Read more](#)

### **FSRP and Ghana Standards Authority conducted Commodity standards reviews for rice, maize, soya, cowpea and poultry**



Experts and partners learnt a great deal from exchanges with the Ghana Standards Authority

The West Africa Food System Resilience Programme (FSRP) in conjunction with the Ghana Standards Authority has conducted a first phase of review of Commodity Standards for FSRP's value chain commodities: rice, maize, soya, cowpea and poultry... [Read more](#)

### **Niger/Diffa:** FSRP supports the strengthening of the fish marketing counter

Fishing is one of the main economic activities in the Diffa region, with revenues of nearly 70 billion according to the latest statistics from the Ministry of Livestock. It is therefore an activity that makes a major contribution to ensuring food security and combating poverty in the Diffa region, while also helping to create jobs...

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Fish traders in Diffa welcome the various forms of support provided by the FSRP to boost their activities

## School feeding programme in Sierra Leone: significant results with the support of FSRP



Sierra Leonean schoolchildren appreciate the support of stakeholders and partners in getting school canteens up and running

In Sierra Leone, by the end of 2023, the school feeding programme had benefited more than 114,823 children in 584 pre-primary and primary schools, around 51.5% of whom were girls, with 126 days of feeding completed in all the targeted schools. To achieve this, 1,855.763 tonnes of food were purchased and distributed to 584 schools in the three targeted ... [Read more](#)

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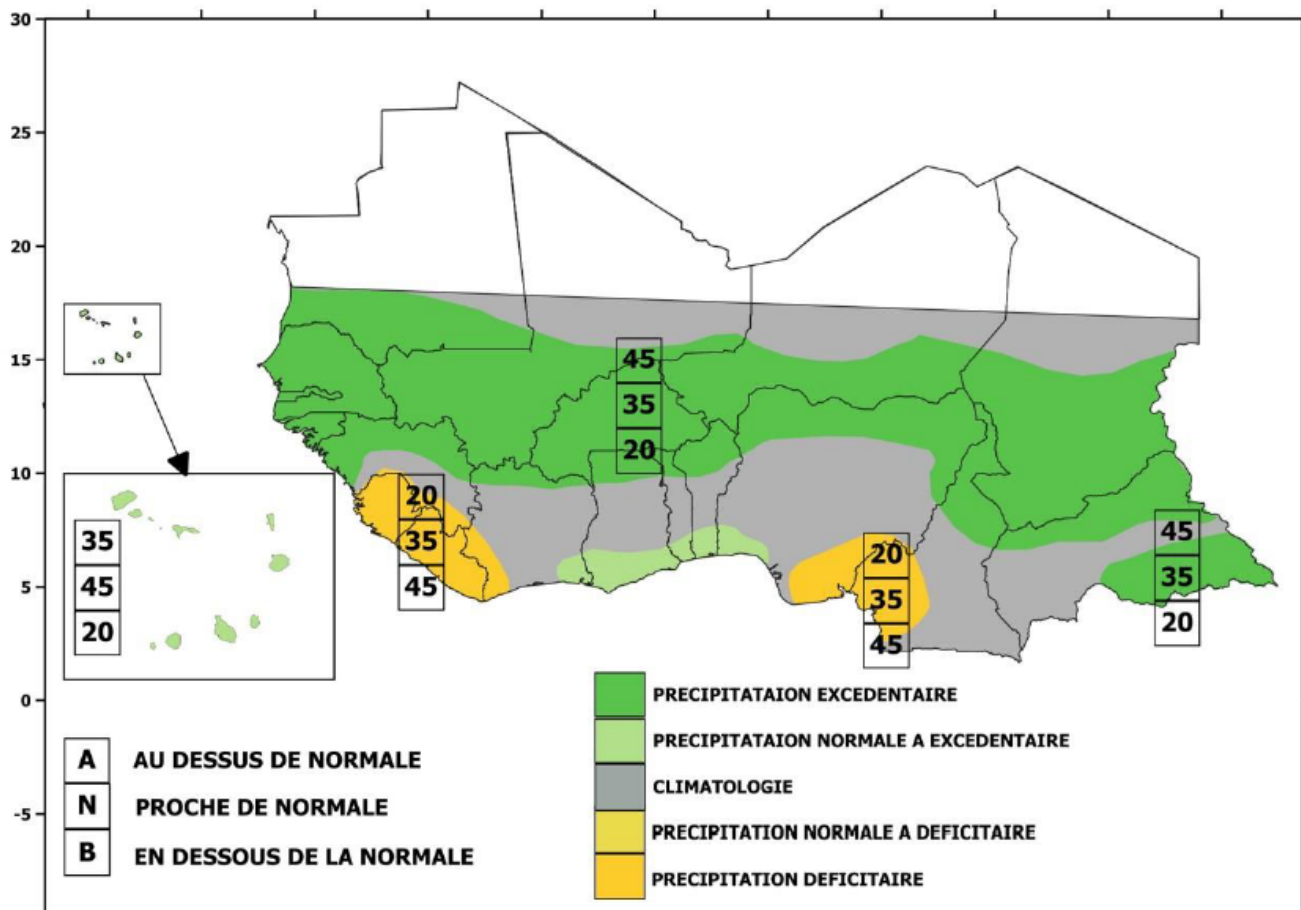


The course was followed assiduously by the learners, who hope to put their knowledge to good use in the agricultural development of their region

There are a total of 120 trainees, including 100 tractor operators and 20 maintenance technicians, all from the "Entreprises Cantonales de Travaux Mécanisés" (ECTM) programme, whose mission is to help increase the rate of mechanisation of cultivation operations... [Read more](#)

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A generally wet 2024 rainy season is expected across the Sahel, with late to normal start dates in the Central Sahel and early to average start dates in the Western and Eastern Sahel, late to average end dates, short dry spells at the beginning of the season in the Western Sahel and average to long dry spells in the Eastern Sahel and generally long dry spells towards the end of the season across the Sahel, and generally above-average runoff in the main river basins of the Sahel... [Read more](#)

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