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## Press release

### West Africa: ECOWAS supports 10 new climate-smart agriculture pilot projects launched by Expertise France

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This Wednesday April 7, 2021 takes place, **under the patronage of Mr. Sékou Sangaré, Commissioner in charge of Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources of ECOWAS**, the launch of ten (10) new climate-smart agriculture pilot projects, selected following the second call for projects "Innovations for smart family farming in the face of climate change in West Africa" launched by Expertise France in June 2020 under the leadership of ECOWAS. The ten projects are spread over 7 West African countries (Cabo Verde, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Nigeria, Sierra Leone) and will be implemented over a period of 20 months for a total cost of 2.3 million euros.

This second call for proposals was launched as part of the [GCCA + West Africa project](#), funded by the European Union, and implemented by Expertise France under the political and institutional leadership of ECOWAS, and in technical partnership with [CILSS](#).

The objective of the selected pilot projects is to finance the implementation and capitalization of **innovative local agricultural solutions** with high potential for replication and / or scaling up for the West African region relating to adaptation to the impacts of climate change (seed selection, climate services, agroecological practices, early warning systems) and the mitigation of GHG emissions (carbon storage, dewatering by solar pumping, renewable energies in processing units, etc.).

This call is a response to the fact that family farming (the main source of income and subsistence for 70% of the West African population), which is the primary form of agriculture in West Africa, is struggling to access the means to invest in sustainable production capacities and in the scaling up of proven technical solutions to cope with the effects of climate change.

This second call follows a first call for project proposals launched in 2019 by Expertise France which made it possible to select four (4) first pilot projects in Benin, Niger, Mauritania and Chad. The implementation of these various initiatives contributes to the operationalization of the regional agricultural policy (ECOWAP 2025) of ECOWAS and to the implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) of member states within the framework of the Agreement. from Paris.

The launching workshop, chaired by ECOWAS, gathers the participation of technical and financial partners, ministries in charge of agriculture and environment of the concerned countries, as well as other regional initiatives.

#### **About GCCA+ West Africa**

Funded by the European Union to the tune of €12 million, the GCCA+ West Africa (GCCA+ WA/AMCC+ WA) regional project is being implemented by Expertise France under the leadership of the ECOWAS Commission and in collaboration with the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS). This project is part of a regional cooperation dynamic. It aims to support the concrete implementation of commitments made by the States of the ECOWAS-CILSS area in the fight against climate change.

For more information: <http://bit.ly/GCCAPlusWA>

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### List of selected projects

<b>Main project owner</b>	<b>Project title</b>
Cooperazione per lo sviluppo dei paesi emergenti (COSPE) -	Innovation in the food value chain in Cabo Verde for an ecological and solidarity economy on the island of Fogo
Associação de defesa do património de mertola (ADPM)	Agroforestry systems: a smart alternative to fight climate change on the island of Santo Antão , Cabo Verde
Fundacion Sustalde	Development of intelligent agricultural tools to improve irrigation efficiency in the West Coast region of the Gambia
Friends of the Earth Ghana	Agroforestry technical innovations to fight climate change and improve the productivity of subsistence farmers in the northern region of Ghana
A Rocha Ghana	Ensuring climate change resilience and mitigation by training self-reliant smallholder farmers in the Lake Bosumtwé landscape, Ghana
TRIAS	Project for the Introduction of Sustainable Agriculture Practices on Family Farms in Upper Guinea (PIPADEF-HG), Guinea
Research and Implementation Group for Rural Development	Project to support the sustainable palm oil sector in the Cacheu region, Guinea Bissau
NGO Tiniguena	"Tiban ankaterô": integration of cultural, agro-ecological, territorial and climatic aspects for climate resilient family farming in the Urok Islands, Guinea-Bissau
Global Shea Alliance.	Developing a model for the agroforestry exploitation of resilient shea trees in Oyo and Niger States ,Nigeria
Action Against Hunger.	Sustainable land management for climate change adaptation and mitigation in Moyamba District, Sierra Leone