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## **Participation and coverage of the International Conference of the West African Food Security Storage**

The ECOWAS Commission is set to organize, from 28<sup>th</sup> April to 10<sup>th</sup> May 2021, by videoconference, an International Conference to share with its partners and the other regions of the world, the experience of its Regional Food Security Storage System.

The overall objective is to lay the foundations for a renewed multilateral partnership to strengthen, in a sustainable manner, the resilience of the West African Food Security Storage System and its capacity to respond to the amplification and complexity of food, nutrition, and pastoral crises in the region.

The Conference falls within the capitalization of the EU-funded Support Project to the West African Food Security Storage System which facilitated effective kick-off in 2015 of the operationalization of the West African Food Security Storage Strategy.

Indeed, after 5 years of implementation of the Support Project, an internal capitalization of the results has helped in systematizing important achievements, challenges and lessons learned for scaling up to make the Regional Food Security Storage Strategy, a pivotal instrument for hunger elimination in the region by 2030.

The ECOWAS Commission therefore wishes to call on media houses to attend, cover the opening ceremony and help the region in communicating on this important event.

**Thematic issue:** The West African Food Security Storage: towards a multilateral partnership

**Opening ceremony:** Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 12:00 GMT

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