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**Agenda of the Regional Project Steering Committees and
Programmes implemented within the framework of
ECOWAP 2025**

22 February 2021

I. Background

Within the framework of the steering of ECOWAP projects and programmes, ECOWAS organises each year in March, the meetings of the Regional Steering Committees of projects executed by the ARAA and those of projects entrusted to CILSS (CPC/CILSS-ECOWAS-UEMOA).

The 2019 bodies recommended holding thematic steering committees by grouping the different projects for better ownership, convergence and institutional synergy and participation of the WAEMU Commission and the CILSS Executive Secretariat. The themes are as follows:

1. Animal husbandry &, pastoralism;
2. Fisheries and Aquaculture;
3. Agricultural productivity and competitiveness;
4. Adaptation to climate change;
5. Environment, forests and biodiversity conservation
6. Pesticide management, plant pest control and SPS;
7. Resilience, food and nutrition security;
8. Institutional and organisational capacity building.

However, with the situation of Covid19, the regional thematic steering committees for 2020 could not take place, but videoconferences were organised for the steering committee of each project.

This year 2021, in application of the recommendation of 2019, the meetings of the Regional Steering Committees of ECOWAP projects and programmes and those of CPC/CILSS-ECOWAS-UEMOA will be held from 22 to 30 March 2021 by videoconference.

II. Objectives

The regional thematic steering committees have the following objectives:

- Validate the 2020 activity report which presents the state of implementation of activities, results, challenges, information and perspectives of each project;
- Validating the proposed 2021 Annual Work Plans and Budget (AWBP) for each project;
- Analyse the state of implementation of the recommendations of the previous steering committee and make new recommendations per project; and
- Discuss synergies, convergences and complementarities between projects working on the same theme.

III. Expected results

The expected results of the regional thematic steering committees are as follows:

By project:

- The reports on physical and financial implementation as at 31 December 2020 are adopted;
- The 2021 annual work plans and budget are approved;
- Challenges and prospects are identified;
- Recommendations for improving the implementation of activities are made.

By theme:

- Points of convergence, complementarity and synergy between projects are identified;
- Challenges and prospects are identified;
- Recommendations are made.

IV. Agenda of the Regional Steering Committees for Projects and Programmes

Date 2021	Activities
22nd March	<p>09:00 - 09:30: Opening ceremony of all Regional Steering Committees for ECOWAP projects and programmes</p> <p><u>Theme 1: Livestock &, pastoralism</u></p> <p>Introductory word from ECOWAS</p> <p><u>09h00 -10h30:</u> PRAPS Regional Steering Committee (financed by the World Bank and the States): CILSS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Background note on the formulation of PRAPS2: WB <p><u>10.30-12.00:</u> PREDIP Regional Steering Committee (financed by PIR/11th EDF): CILSS + CRSA</p> <p><u>12h00 -13h00: Break</u></p> <p><u>13h00 -14h30</u> PEPISAO Regional Steering Committee + FAPS-PRIDEC (financed by AFD): ECOWAS + CILSS</p> <p><u>14h30 -15h30:</u> PACBAO Regional Steering Committee (financed by SDC-Switzerland): ECOWAS</p> <p><u>15:30 - 16:00:</u> Briefing notes on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The elimination of PPR: CRSA ▪ Other initiatives <p><u>16.00 -17.00:</u> General discussions and elements of convergence/synergy</p>
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14.00 -15.00: Briefing notes on:

1. The implementation of the ENGLISH project: IFDC
2. The implementation of the seed project: CORAF
3. The status of PRSP formulation: WB
4. The CARI Programme (funded by BMZ-GiZ and BMGF)
5. The ECOWAS Rice Action Plan 2020-2025: ECOWAS

15.00 - 16.00: General discussions on the axes of convergence and synergy

Theme 4: Adaptation of Agriculture to Climate Change & Agro-ecology

Introductory word from ECOWAS

09h00 -10h30: Regional steering committee for projects in support of the ECOWAS Regional Agroecology Programme (PATAE-AFD; PAIAD - PIR 11th EDF): ECOWAS

10:30 -12:00: Regional Steering Committee of the GCCA+ Project (funded by the EU) : Expertise France

12h0 -13h00: Break

13.00 - 14.00: Regional Steering Committee of the AIC Project (financed by the Adaptation Fund-OADB): ECOWAS

14:00 - 15:30: Briefing note on:

- The " Adaptation to Climate Change " Project (financed by Sweden): ECOWAS
- The WAICSA initiative: EBID
- The FAO ECOWAS TCP " Regional Programme on Agro-Ecological Transition ".
- Other initiatives:
 - CORAF (CAADP-XP4 project in West Africa)
 - CILSS

15.30 - 17.30: General discussions on the axes of convergence and synergy

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Theme 5: Environment, forests and biodiversity conservation

Introductory word from ECOWAS

09h00 -10h30: PAFBIO Regional Steering Committee (financed by PIR 11th EDF) : WAEMU + Delegated Agencies

10h30 -12h00: Regional Steering Committee of the Project for the Management and Restoration of Forest Ecosystems in West Africa (financed by the RIP 11th EDF): UEMOA + Delegated Agencies

12h00 -13h00: Break

13.00 - 15.00: Briefing notes on:

- The WABICC Project (funded by USAID): ECOWAS
- The Biodiversity Conservation Project, (funded by Sweden) ECOWAS-FAO
- The Global Forest Transformation Project (funded by Sweden): FAO-ECOWAS

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PSM mitigation (UNEP, NEAPD): Promoting cleaner Fuel and vehicle in West Africa (financed by UNEP and NEPAD): ECOWAS ▪ Other initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CORAF: - FAO: - CILSS: Update of the characterization of the dynamics of the landscapes of West Africa and Chad (LuLc) in 2018 - ECOWAS-FAO: Fouta Djallon Massif Programme <p><u>15.00 - 16.00:</u> General discussions on the axes of convergence and synergy</p>
26/03	<p><u>Theme 6: Pesticide management, plant pest control and SPS</u></p> <p>Introductory word from ECOWAS</p> <p><u>09:00 -11:00: Briefing notes on:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conclusions of the launch and first steering committee of SyRIMAO (financed by the EU and AFD): ECOWAS ▪ TCP FAO-ECOWAS prevention, monitoring and control of the Autumn Legionnaire Caterpillar (ALC) and locusts ▪ Operationalisation of the COAHP (tripartite ECOWAS-UEMOA-CILSS convention) ▪ Other Initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CORAF: "WAVE initiative • COLEACP • CILSS-CRA • FAO <p><u>11.00 - 12.00:</u> General discussions on the axes of convergence and synergy</p> <p><u>12h00 -13h00: Break</u></p> <p><u>Theme 7: Resilience, Food and Nutritional Security</u></p> <p>Introductory word from ECOWAS</p> <p><u>13h00 -15h00:</u> Regional Steering Committee of the Stocks Project (financed by the RIP/11th EDF): ECOWAS</p> <p><u>15.00 - 16.00:</u> Regional Steering Committee of the ECOWAP/CADP Support Project (social safety nets - financed by AECID): ECOWAS</p>

<p>29/03</p>	<p><u>Theme 7: Resilience, Food and Nutritional Security, continued</u></p> <p><u>09h00 -10h30:</u> Regional Steering Committee of PAGR-SANAD (financed by PIR/11th EDF): CILSS</p> <p><u>10:30 -11:30:</u> P2RS Regional Steering Committee (financed by ADB); CILSS</p> <p><u>11.30-12.30:</u> PARDISA Regional Steering Committee (financed by UEMOA): CILSS</p> <p><u>12.30 - 13.30: Break</u></p> <p><u>13:30 - 14:30:</u> PRRiA Regional Steering Committee (financed by IDB): CILSS</p> <p><u>14.30 -15.30:</u> Briefing note on on-going initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Formulation of P2RS: ADB/CILSS ▪ ECOWAS Village Hydraulic Initiative ▪ TCP FAO ECOWAS on village hydraulics ▪ GIZ-ECOWAS Initiative: Support for local integration and economic empowerment of women through the establishment of cross-border market gardening areas between Benin and Togo ▪ SWAC/OECD Secretariat: Organising RPCA Members and Stakeholders in Response to the Food and Nutrition Crisis 2020 ▪ FAO ECOWAS TCP for the regional coordination for the strengthening of the monitoring and impact analysis mechanism of COVID-19 on Food and Nutritional Security in the Sahel. <p><u>15.30 -17.00:</u> General discussions on the axes of convergence and synergy</p>
<p>30 March</p>	<p><u>Theme 8: Institutional and organisational capacity building</u></p> <p>Introductory word from ECOWAS</p> <p><u>09h00 -11h00:</u> Regional Steering Committee of the Intra-ACP-GFCS (Global Framework for Climate Services) project: CRA/CILSS</p> <p>11:00-12:00 Briefing notes on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ USAID support to ECOWAP: ECOWAS ▪ PRAOP achievements (financed by the SDC): ECOWAS ▪ Other initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FAO - CORAF - CILSS - UEMOA <p><u>12h00-12h15:</u> " Launch of the ECOWAP Monitoring and Evaluation web platform ".</p> <p><u>12.15-13.15:</u> General discussions on institutional and organisational capacity building</p> <p><u>General discussions, conclusions and recommendations of the thematic COPILs 2021</u></p>
<p>End of the Regional Project and Programme Committees of ECOWAP 2025</p>	