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Agroecology Program in West Africa

Four major challenges

Modernize family farms
by creating decent jobs
and improving incomes

Increase and diversify
production with sustainable
systems that are healthy for
the environment and
consumers

Adapt to climate change
and variability,
improve biodiversity
and soil fertility

Ensure diversity,
sovereignty
and food and
nutritional security
in the region



A general objective



Supporting the transition to West African
agro-sylvo-pastoral systems based on ecologically intensive
and sustainable techniques and practices to increase the
resilience of populations to food insecurity and climate change



Five complementary components

C. 1.: Support for the
agroecological transition for
local actors:
15 projects targeting
agroecological practices,
natural resource management
at the terroir level,
and the economic valuation
of products within value
chains

C. 2.: Training and capacity
building (human and
institutional)
for agro-ecological
intensification and
sustainable agriculture:
diagnosis of the training offer
and support to professional
training centers
and agricultural colleges

C. 3.: Support and advice on
technological innovations
for sustainable agricultural
intensification adapted to
the production methods of
family farmers: diagnosis and
support for partnerships
between agricultural
organizations, research centers,
training centers, extension and
advisory structures

C. 4.: Exchanges,
capitalization and
contribution to the
elaboration of public policies
of agroecological
intensification:
regional consultations,
networking, international
partnerships and advocacy,
production of notes and
capitalization sheets

C. 5.: Coordination and
management of the Program,
information, communication,
technical support and
monitoring-evaluation
provided by the Regional
Agency for Agriculture and
Food (ARAA)

A regional facility



Political leadership by the
Department of Economic
Affairs and Agriculture
(ECOWAS Commission)

Technical implementation
by the EAP Regional
Coordination Unit (RAAF)

A network of 15 national
correspondents (Ministry of
Agriculture)

Project leaders on the
ground

And multiple partnerships
with research, training and
advisory services, FOs and
NGOs, etc.

Thinking the future with agroecology!



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