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Theme: Resilient agrifood systems and inclusive rural transformation



West Africa Subregional Consultations

Banjul, The Gambia, *26-28 November 2023*

Theme:

“Accelerating investments towards agrifood systems transformation in West Africa and the Sahel”



FAO Priorities in West Africa

- Fostering stronger **collaboration** and **synergy** between **public** and **private sector** for a resilient agrifood system
- Supporting countries in **sustainable agrifood systems transformation** through:
 - **Knowledge** and **experience** sharing
 - Leveraging **technology** and **innovation**
- Strengthening agricultural **research** and **extension** services capacities (national and regional levels)
- Implementing concrete actions for developing **sustainable cold chains** in the agrifood value chains
- Fostering **Investment** in:
 - **Water management** and **governance**
 - Enhancing **productive assets** and strengthening **resilience**
 - Value addition in **production**
 - **Post-harvest loss** reduction
 - Priority food **value chains**;
 - Blue Economy and Aquaculture
- Fostering **Youth** and **Women** employment in agrifood systems
- Empowering **Youth** and **Women** by facilitating their access to resources, mentoring, financing and business skills.

Eastern Africa Subregional Consultations

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, *10-12 October 2023*

Theme:

***“Enhancing
Innovation and
Cohesion to
Advance
Sustainable and
Resilient Agrifood
Systems in Eastern
Africa”***



FAO Priorities in Eastern Africa

- Enhancing production and productivity to achieve food security/sovereignty.
 - **Priority areas:** date palms, pelagic fish, fishery and aquaculture, vegetables, goat meat, and seed systems.
- Developing value chains to attract investments from the private sector.
- Promoting climate-resilient agriculture:
 - Management of abiotic stresses (e.g. acidic soils, rehabilitation of irrigation infrastructure)
- Advocating for regional integration to boost agricultural trade.
- Fostering the development of farmers' cooperatives and enterprises.
- Enhancing capacity development, both physical and human
- Encouraging the use of emerging technologies to produce **high-value crops**, such as drip irrigation and climatized greenhouses.

Southern Africa Subregional Consultations

Johannesburg, SA, *20-24 November 2023*

Theme:

“Enhancing investments for a resilient and competitive agro-industrial sector and agrifood systems transformation in Southern Africa”



FAO Priorities in Southern Africa

- Improvement of **production** and **productivity** through:
 - Strenghtening of key regional value chains
 - Climate-adaptive agricultural technologies
 - A Regional blue economy strategy
 - AU Great Green Wall Initiative
- Enabling smallholder farmer' access to **funding, markets, essential infrastructure, Insurance policies/systems**
- Fostering Trade and **Investment** by:
 - Supporting research institutions and data collection
 - Focusing on Intra-African trade
- Fostering Rural Development and **Industrialization** through:
 - Infrastructure, services, and livelihood opportunities improvement
 - Establishment of agro-processing industries
 - Modernization and innovation in agricultural practices (e.g. E-extension services)
 - Nutrition-focused interventions

Central Africa Subregional Consultations

Yaoundé, Cameroon, *14-16 November 2023*

Theme:

“Improving food systems and strengthening the resilience of vulnerable populations in Central Africa”



FAO Priorities in Central Africa

- Formulate and validate :
 - A **Common Agricultural Policy 2040** and Regional Agricultural Investment Plan for Food Security and Nutrition 2024-2028;
 - A Sustainable **blue economy** strategy;
 - A Regional strategy on **peaceful transhumance**;
 - An **Emergency, Food and Nutrition** Insecurity Plan;
 - A **Climate change and resilience** strategy;
 - **Environment, Forestry, Land and Water** policies.
- Set-up and operationalize 5 ECCAS specialized agencies on Climate, Animal health, Water RSM, Renewable energy, Fisheries
- Strengthen the capacities of key partner organizations and **funding mechanisms** and programs
- Boost **responsible resource mobilization** from public sector, traditional donors, private sector and innovative finance sources

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