



Department of Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources

ECOWAP/CAADP PROCESS

**International Conference on Agriculture
in West Africa**

17-19 November 2015, Dakar, Senegal

**Detailed Agenda of the Sectoral Forum on
“Financing the regional Offensive for a sustainable and
sustained revitalization of rice production in West Africa”**

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Day 1: Tuesday, November 17, 2015

A. Joint opening ceremony of the International Conference on Agriculture in West Africa

Hours	Activities
8:00- 8:30am	Arrival and registration of participants
8 :30 -9 :00 am	Arrival of senior officials and guests
9 :00 - 9 :30 am	Arrival of His Excellency President of the Republic of Senegal and his guests
9 :30 - 10 : 30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Address by the Chairman of the Facilitation Committee, Hon. Minister of Agriculture of Senegal • Address by the President of the Consultation Framework of the Networks of Producers Organisations • Address by the Executive Secretary of the NEPAD Agency • Address by the Commissioner for Rural Economy of the African Union • Address by the ECOWAP donor group • Address by the Representative of European Commission • Address by the Representative of the World Bank • Address by the Representative of USAID • Address by the President of the WAEMU Commission • Address by the President of the ECOWAS Commission • Addresses by the Heads of State invited by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Senegal • Opening address by H.E. the President of the Republic of Senegal.
10 :30 - 11 :00am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group photo • Opening of the Regional Fair of Agricultural Technologies and Innovations • Coffee break • Departure of HE the President of the Republic of Senegal and his guests

B. Common Introductions of the Global Forum and Sectoral Forum

Chair: AU Commissioner for Rural Economy

11:00 am- 1 :00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information on the ground rules and practical organization of the Conference and Forums - Introductory papers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Global Forum: ECOWAP, 10 years of transformations of agriculture and food in West Africa Speaker : ECOWAS Commissioner for Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources o Sectoral Forum: Issues and challenges of the rice sector in West Africa Speaker: ECOWAS Director of Agriculture
1 :00 pm -2 :30 pm	Lunch

C. Sectoral Forum on “Financing the regional offensive for a sustainable and sustained revitalization of rice production in West Africa”

Session 1: Overview of national strategies and structuring program/project for the promotion of local /home-grown rice in West Africa

2 :30 pm – 4 :00 pm	<p>Panel 1: Status of Implementation of National Rice production Development Strategies</p> <p>Chair : ECOWAS Panelists : Hub Rural/country representatives</p>
4 :00 pm-4 :30 pm	<p>Panel 2: State of initiatives supported by NGOs and POs</p> <p>Chair:ROPPA</p>

	Panelists : Hub Rural, VECO and CRC/Rice POs
4 :30 pm-5 :00 pm	Coffee break
5 :00 pm – 5 :30 pm	Panel 3 : Review of regional institutions initiatives Chair : ECOWAS <i>Panelists</i> :AfricaRice, CORAF/WECARD andWAEMU
<i>Session 2: Presentation of the regional programme supporting the implementation of the Offensive for sustainable and sustained revitalization of rice production in West Africa</i>	
5 :30pm-6 :00pm	Panel 4 : Challenges, Stakes and Strategic Direction of the Offensive Chair : ECOWAS Panelists : AfricaRice, HUB RURAL
6 :00pm-6 :30pm	Panel 5 : The potential impacts of the Offensive Chair panelists : IFPRI, Hub Rural
6 :30pm-6 :45pm	Wrap-up of day 1's proceedings Chair : Hub Rural
Day 2: Wednesday, November 18, 2015	
<i>Session 3: financing opportunities offered by cooperation agencies and regional and international financial institutions</i>	

8 :30-9 :00 am	Panel 6 : The funding needs of the Offensive Chair : ECOWAS Panelists : Hub Rural
9 :00-9 :30 am	Panel 7 : Funding opportunities offered by regional financial institutions Chair : UEMOA Panelists : BDRM, CNCA-Senegal
9 :30-10 :00am	Panel 8 : Funding opportunities offered by regional financial institutions Chair : CEDEAO Panelists : BOAD, EBID
10 :00-10 :30 am	Coffee break
10 :30am-1 :00pm	Panel 9 : Funding opportunities offered by international institutions and agencies Chair : ECA Panelists : ADB, IDB, AFD, JCA, USAID, AECID, German Cooperation
1 :00pm-2 :30pm	Lunch
<i>Session 4:Current/ongoing funding Experiences of rice value chains in West Africa (WAEMU experience, contractual forms developed by large private groups, etc.)</i>	
2 :30 pm-3 :30pm	Panel10 : The forms of contracting developed by public agencies Chair Panelist : Director of Office du Niger
3 :30pm-4 :30pm	Panel 11 : Contracting experiences promoted by private actors Chair: FAO Panelists : Representatives of Senegal and Côte d'Ivoire
4 :30pm -5 :00 pm	Coffee break

5 :00 pm-5 :30pm	<p>Panel 12 : The experience of the OLAM group Nigeria</p> <p>Chair : FAO Panelists : Nigeria and Representative of OLAM Group</p>
5 :30pm-6:00pm	<p>Wrap-up of the day</p> <p>Chair : Hub Rural</p>
Day 3: Thursday, November 19, 2015	
<i>Session 5 : Recent developments in the environment of rice production</i>	
9 :00-10 :00am	<p>Panel 13 : State of information systems AfricaRice</p> <p>Policies and instruments for regional trade facilitation DCDLC & DCC</p> <p>Policies for improved competitiveness of the value chains DIPSP & DI</p>
10 :00 am- 11 :00am	<p>Panel 14 : Dialogue between project developers and finance institutions</p> <p>Chair : ECOWAS Panelists : ADB, IDB, AFD, JICA, USAID, AECID</p>
11 :00am- 11 :30am	Coffee break
11 :30am-1 :00pm	<p>Presentation, discussion and validation of the declaration on rice</p> <p>Chair : ECOWAS/WAEMU Panelists: participants</p>

1 :00pm-2 :30pm	Lunch
D. Presentation, discussion and validation of the declaration on rice	
4 :00 pm-4 :30 pm	Arrival of HE Prime Minister of the Republic of Senegal
4 :30 pm-5 :00 pm	Presentation of the Policy and adjustment Framework of ECOWAP and the renewed Compact Presentation of the Declaration on Rice Presentation of the Declaration on the West Africa Agricultural Productivity Programme
5 :00 pm-5 :30 pm	Closing Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remarks by the Chairperson of the Framework ofPOs • Remarks by the donor’s Representative • Remarks by the President of the WAEMU Commission • Remarks by the President of the ECOWAS Commission • Closing Remarks by HE Prime Minister of Senegal
5 :30 pm-6 :30 pm	Press Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Prime Minister of Senegal or his representative • The Presidents of the WAEMU and ECOWAS Commissions or their representatives • The representative of donor Group • The Chairperson of the framework of the POs’ Network