



## WAAPP Mid-Term Review Validation Meeting

### Concept Note

#### 1. Background

Within the framework of its regional strategy, the World Bank is granting support to ECOWAS to implement the West Africa Agricultural Productivity Programme (WAAPP). This Programme aims at contributing to the increase of agricultural productivity in priority commodity chains in conformity with regional priorities. Specifically, the objective of the project is to generate and disseminate improved technologies at the level of priority commodity chains of the region (roots and tubers, rice, other cereals, livestock, oil crops, cotton, fruits and vegetables, animal breeding, etc...) and create appropriate conditions for regional cooperation.

The project approach is based on the integration and harmonisation of national agricultural policies on one hand, and on the establishment of tight links between research, extension services, producers and the private sector, on the other. The project design is perfectly aligned with the objectives of ECOWAP (West Africa agricultural policy) which focuses on the promotion of agricultural commodity chains.

In its first phase of implementation, the project covers three countries with high migration, namely Ghana, Senegal and Mali. By 10 to 15 years, it would have been progressively extended to the 15 ECOWAS member countries that are eligible to the funding of the World Bank.

After two years of implementation and in conformity with the principles stated in the Project Appraisal Document (PAD), a mid-term review of the project is being organised. This mission will be conducted in the three (3) countries from April 26 to May 7, 2010.

After visits to the 3 countries and the CORAF/WECARD Secretariat by the mission teams, a validation workshop scheduled for **May 14, 2010** will be organized.

#### 2. Meeting objective

This Meeting aims at validating the outcomes of the review Mission and taking measures to improve the performances of the project.

#### 3. Expected results

The following results are expected from the Meeting:

- The strength and weaknesses related to the implementation of WAAPP are known and shared with all the project stakeholders in the three countries and with CORAF/WECARD and appropriate measures taken to improve the project performance;
- Regional collaboration and integration are strengthened.

#### **4. Meeting structure**

The meeting will be conducted in plenary sessions. One facilitator will be identified. Simultaneous translation (French-English and vice versa) will be ensured to facilitate communication.

#### **5. Date and venue :**

The meeting will take place on May 14, 2010 in Dakar, Senegal. Further information on the venue will be communicated to you in due course.

#### **6. Participants**

During this validation and synthesis workshop, important decisions will be made. In this regard, it will bring together leaders of national and regional coordination units. National delegations will comprise 5 members as follows:

- National coordinators;
- The Executive Secretary of CNRA, Mali, The Executive Secretary of FNRAA (Senegal) and the Director General of CSIR (Ghana) ;
- Directors of National Centres of Specialization (NCS);
- Financial managers;
- Monitoring and Evaluation officers.

On the whole, about thirty participants are expected to take part in the meeting constituted as follows:

- Senegal : 5
- Ghana : 5
- Mali : 5
- CORAF/WECARD : 10
- ECOWAS : 1
- Interpreters : 2
- World Bank : 3

## 7. Tentative Agenda for the Validation Workshop of WAAPP Mid-Term Review

	<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Responsible</i>
Opening ceremony	08:30 – 08:40	Welcome address by World Bank Representative	Dr Abdoulaye TOURE
	08:40 – 08:50	Address by the Representative of ECOWAS	ECOWAS Representative
	08:50 -09:00	Welcome address and opening of the Meeting	Dr Paco SEREME
	09:00 – 09:10	Presentation and adoption of the agenda	Dr Harold Roy-Macauley
Plenary Session	09 :10 – 09:20	Review of the objectives of the Meeting	Dr Vincent Mama
	09:20 – 09 :30	Overview of the organisation of the Mid-term review Mission	World Bank
	09:30 – 10:00	Report of national coordination of Ghana	Dr Abdoulaye TOURE
	10:00 -10:30	<b>Coffee-break</b>	
	10:30 -11:00	Report of national coordination of Mali	Dr Emmanuel M. SENE
	11:00 –11:30	Report of national coordination of Senegal	Dr Dama AGADIOU
	11:30 - 12:30	General discussions and organisation of work sessions	Facilitator
	12:30 - 13 00	Report and discussions on regional coordination (CORAF/WECARD)	Dr Abdoulaye Touré
	13:00 -14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
	14:00 - 15:00	Discussion on components 1 and 2	Facilitator
	15:00 -16:00	Discussion on components 3 and 4	Facilitator
	16:00 -16:30	<b>Coffee-break</b>	
	16:30 -17:00	Financial Management	Chairperson of Session
	17:00 – 18:00	General discussions	Meeting Chairperson
	18:00 – 18:30	Conclusions and Recommendations	Meeting Chairperson
	18:30 -18:45	Closure of the Meeting	Executive Director of CORAF/WECARD
	18:45	<b>End of Meeting</b>	