

West African Futures “Settlement, market and food security”

Working Group Meeting
17 March 2011
 OECD Conference Centre Paris (Room E)

Over recent years, food security issues have been placed at the top of the international agenda. The G20 Action Plan on Development endorses the Rome Principles for enhancing global policy coherence and mitigating risks to sustainable agricultural productivity, access to food, nutrition and crisis prevention. It encourages that the FAO, World Bank and OECD, in cooperation with the l’Aquila Food Security Initiative (AFSI), to increase policy coherence. At the regional level, several mechanisms or policies exist related to food security and sustainable agricultural policy: the Regional Agricultural Policy for West Africa (ECOWAP) of ECOWAS contributing to implement the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) of NEPAD, the UEMOA Agricultural Policy (PAU), the Regional Agricultural Investment Programme (PRIA) coordinated by the CILSS, among others.

The programme approved by SWAC Members aims to provide policy options and strategies based on an analysis of the links between settlement dynamics, markets and food security. A focus on settlement and market dynamics has been chosen for their insufficient integration in agricultural and food security policies as well as surrounding uncertainties. This approach is based on a development concept centred around human geography and will allow to analyse the spatial, economic and social consequences of economic growth in terms of food security. Markets are seen as a subsequent to settlements.

The objective of the meeting is to present the programme’s working hypotheses and methodology. It will also provide an opportunity for participants to share lessons gained from their own experiences and initiatives.

DRAFT AGENDA

09.30 - 9.45	Introduction Laurent Bossard, Director a.i., SWAC
09.45 - 10.00	Introduction of participants
10.00 - 10.15	Demography and mobility in West Africa Dieudonné Ouedraogo, University of Ouagadougou <i>(to be confirmed)</i>
10.15 - 10.45	Settlement and food security: concepts Michel Arnaud
<i>10.45 - 11.00</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.00 - 12.30	Discussions
<i>12.30 - 14.00</i>	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14.00 - 15.00	<i>Tour de table</i> on existing initiatives on food security, settlement and markets
15.00 - 15.30	Presentation of the analytical components of the programme SWAC Secretariat
15.30 - 15.45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15.45 - 17.00	Discussion and close