

WEST AFRICAN FUTURES

SETTLEMENT, MARKET AND FOOD SECURITY

2nd Working Group Meeting Paris, 27-28 October 2011

OECD Conference Centre (Room D)

The work undertaken in the “West African Futures” (WAF) programme analyses the impact of settlement and market trends on food security. It emphasises the importance of homogeneous information and harmonised statistics for improving regional food strategies.

The Sahel and West Africa Club (SWAC) Secretariat’s WAF notes, which are regularly shared with members of the Working Group as well as researchers and experts, highlight some of the statistical inconsistencies in settlement data. Through the analysis of key variables, such as urbanisation, settlement, agricultural transformation and regional trade, and their links to food security, the Secretariat proposes a new interpretation of agricultural and food prospects.

The analysis draws on available statistics, existing resources and research and on inputs from the Working Group meetings.

At this second meeting, Working Group members will discuss the questions raised in the notes and debate on perspectives and define next steps in connection with the agendas and strategies of the regional organisations and their partners.

Key results of this process as well as guidelines and tools for regional food security policies will be presented in a forum in 2012.

— AGENDA —

Thursday, 27 October 2011

- 08.30 – 9.15** **Welcome and coffee**
- Session 1** **Settlement and food security: Data consistency and regional indicators**
- 09.15 – 09.30** Introduction: Work programme and objectives (Laurent Bossard, Director of the SWAC Secretariat)
- 09.30 – 09.50** WAF: Overall scheme of study and variables considered: Preliminary results (Michel Arnaud)
- 09.50 – 10.10** West African characteristics and demographic transitions (Dieudonné Ouedraogo)
- 10.10 – 10.30** Approach and results of the Africapolis project on harmonised urbanisation regional data (François Moriconi-Ebrard, CNRS/Africapolis)
- 10.30 – 10.45** The evolving relationship between urban/rural (U/R) and economic growth (Thomas Allen, consultant)
- 10.45 – 11.00* *Coffee break*
- 11.00 – 12.30** **Debate**
- 12.30 – 14.00* *Lunch break*
- 14.00 – 14.15** Food security and the evolution of non-agricultural and agricultural population (Léonidas Hitimana, Programme Officer/SWAC Secretariat)
- 14.15 – 14.30** Indicators of food security (Henri Josserand)
- 14.30 – 14.45** FAO's experience with the CountrySTAT project in improving the quality of statistical indicators (Paul N'Goma-Kimbatsa, FAO)
- 14.45 – 15.45** **Debate**
- 15.45 – 16.00* *Coffee break*
- 16.00 – 16.15** Integration of informal economic cross-border networks (Olivier Walther, CEPS/INSTEAD)
- 16.15 – 16.30** Informal economy and food security (Léonidas Hitimana, Programme Officer/SWAC Secretariat)
- 16.30 – 17.30** **Debate and conclusion**
- 17.30* *Reception*

Friday, 28 October 2011

- 09.30 – 09.50** Creating a harmonised database of settlement in West Africa (Jean-Marie Cour)
- 09.50 – 10.45** **Debate and tour de table:** How do regional and international organisations deal with regional data consistency and harmonisation?
- 10.45 – 11.00* *Coffee break*

Session 2 **Dynamics of the intra-regional market**

- 11.00 – 11.15** Regional trade, food balance sheets and food security (Thomas Allen, consultant)
- 11.15 – 11.30** Dynamics of the regional cereal trade (Boubacar Diallo, MSU-Bamako)
- 11.30 – 12.30** **Debate**
- 12.30 – 14.00* *Lunch break*
- 14.00 – 14.15** Formal and informal flows, dynamics of a regional reality (Vanessa Adams, Trade Hub)
- 14.15 – 14.30** Market integration: Mapping of markets sheds (Philipp Heinrigs, Programme Officer/SWAC Secretariat)
- 14.30 – 15.30** **Debate**
- 15.30 – 15.45* *Coffee break*

Session 3 **Prospects and next steps**

- 15.45 – 16.45** Exchanges on the next steps of the WAF programme
- 16.45 – 17.00** Summary and roadmap