

AGIR Sahel and West Africa Where are we ?



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Challenges could be summarized in...

... two words, always the same from years :

- *ALIGNEMENT*

And

- *HARMONISATION*

From 70', West Africa has developed performant and pertinent tools, such as :

- **the "cadre harmonisé bonifié" (based on integrated phase classification),**
- **PAU, ECOWAP, CAADP/PNIA-PRIA,**
- **the "Charter for Food Crisis Prevention and Management"...**

And WA has the appropriate institutions to manage it (CILSS, ECOWAS, UEMOA...).

So why a new initiative ?

Why AGIR ?



Alliance Globale pour l'Initiative Résilience (AGIR) short history... (1)

- High-level consultation in Brussels, June 2012 on the Sahel food and nutrition crisis 'addressing the emergency, investing in resilience', because of a new "food crisis" or "chronic food crisis".
- Launch of an Alliance for resilience between the West African countries and regional organizations, their international partners and agricultural producers, civil society and the private sector: to achieve a substantial and durable improvement in the resilience of the most vulnerable populations



Alliance Globale pour l'Initiative Résilience (AGIR) short history (2)

- The alliance was meant to be
 - a vehicle for close coordination among partners
 - and a mean to keep attention on food security and nutrition / resilience issues at a high level on the political agenda



Overall objective of AGIR

- “structurally reduce, in a sustainable manner, food and nutritional vulnerability by supporting the implementation of Sahelian and West African policies”



Overall objective of AGIR

- "The Alliance aims to achieve "Zero Hunger", i.e. eliminating hunger and malnutrition within the next 20 years
- Regional RoadMap adopted in Paris, April 2013 at the RPCA meeting, with a result framework and specific targets (indicators).



Specific objectives

- Improve social protection for the most vulnerable households and communities in order to secure their livelihoods
- Strengthen the nutrition of vulnerable households
- Sustainably improve agricultural and food production, the incomes of vulnerable households and their access to food
- Strengthen governance in food and nutritional security



Key principles

What AGIR is not :

- A programme
- A new financing mechanism
- A new initiative on top of existing ones (CAADP, SUN,...)
- An EU mechanism



Key principles (2)

What AGIR is :

- Creating a favourable environment for placing resilience at the heart of food security and nutrition strategies and policies
- Aligning individual and collective actions, both national and international, within the national Country Resilience Priorities (CRPs)



AGIR and subsidiarity

- At regional level: within the RPCA, the political leadership lies with ECOWAS and UEMOA. The CILSS is the technical arm and hosts the Cellule Technique and the Club du Sahel is the Secrétaire of the Alliance

- At national level, the countries will decide, according to its specific framework, which body will validate AGIR and the CRP
 - **Inter-ministerial comity on Food Security?**
 - **SUN?**
 - **PNIA?**
 - **New Alliance...**

- For the PTF, the EU has been appointed as coordinator and in each of the 17 AGIR countries, the existing lead donor will be mandated to ensure AGIR's national coordination

- As AGIR is common framework for all partners, aligned on regional policies with the "road map",
- as, at EU side, former Commissioner Andris Piebalgs pledged 1.5 billion € to strengthen food security and resilience (2014-20) and we will do more,

"Everything is for the best
in the best
of all possible worlds"





Not really...

***"one crisis chases
away the next one, today's
emergencies casting a shadow
over yesterday's priorities"***

(Ebola, Aqmi, Boko Haram...)

cf. G5 initiative....

Not really...



Each year, nearly 1 billion € has spent to response to food insecurity, in West Africa But with weak coordination and harmonisation...

Way forwards...





Way forwards...

- **Only two keys words...**
"alignement", "harmonisation"
- **Our "common partnership" should permit to see "who is playing the game" ...**
- **From political commitments to achievements : our "accoutability" to vulnerable people.**

Thank you for your attention...

