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## Dialogue for Action and Brokerage in West Africa: Fostering Knowledge, Communication & Innovation Hubs

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## Title: From National Policies to Regional Agricultural Investment Plans for Food and Nutrition Security- The ECOWAS Experience.

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Topic : which of these topics is addressed through the business / initiative

Panel 2: innovation and digitalisation in agriculture: paving the way for entrepreneurs, agritech and foodtech start-ups

Panel 3: short value chains: innovative ideas for mitigating socio-economic pandemic impacts in agriculture and food sector

Panel 4: agroecological transitions of food systems: new ideas to link together the health of agroecosystems, animals and humans

## ECOWAP Objective

The overall objective of the 2025 strategic policy framework is to contribute in a sustainable way to meeting the food and nutritional needs of the population, economic and social development and poverty alleviation in the member states, and inequalities between territories, zones and countries.

### Four Specific Objectives .

1. Increasing agro-forestry-pastoral and fisheries productivity and production through diversified and sustainable production systems.
2. Promote inclusive and competitive agricultural and food value chains oriented towards regional and international demands.
3. Improve access to food, nutrition and resilience for the vulnerable populations
4. IMPROVE THE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT, GOVERNANCE AND FUNDING MECHANISMS OF THE AGRICULTURAL and food sector,





## KEY ELEMENTS OF THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT PLANS

1. Principles of subsidiarity, solidarity and complementarity
2. Participatory and consultative process of prioritization
3. National ownership and national priorities for food and nutrition security
4. ANCHORED TO THE CAADP AND ECOWAP-2025, AGENDA 2063 AND sdgs
5. Partnership through a comprehensive compact with national development actors operating in the agriculture sector.



### Priorities of the regional agriculture investment plan

1. Combatting hunger and malnutrition
2. Adaptation to climate change
3. Strengthening resilience to food and nutrition insecurity
4. Promoting employment , vocational training and securing the status of producers , farmers, women and youths.





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5. Systematic gender mainstreaming
6. Promotion of competitive and inclusive value chain
7. Cross –sector governance
8. Upgrading of agricultural information systems.





## Food and Nutrition and Sustainable Agriculture Challenges in West Africa.



1. Ensure Food Security and Sovereignty cover the nutritional needs of the population.
2. Modernize family farms, increase their resilience and better integrate them into the markets.
3. Promote activities for the intensification of sustainable and climate friendly production systems.
4. Structure and develop efficient, labour intensive value chains.

### KEY ECOWAS PROGRAMMES, STRATEGIES AND ACTORS THAT ADDRESS PRESENT FOOD AND NUTRITION AND SUSTAINABLE CHALLENGES.

1. ECOWAS Rice Offensive Programme
2. WestAfrica Agriculture Transformation Programme
3. Fisheries Governance Programme





4. Livestock Development Programme
5. Agriculture and Nutrition Resilience Project- PAGR-SANAD
6. Fruit Flies Control Project
7. West Africa Transformation Project
8. FAW Control Programme
9. ECOWAS Food Reserve Programme
10. Zero Hunger Initiative

Note: There are over 50 projects/ programmes implemented during the ECOWAP timelines.





Key Actors - ECOWAS Member states, Farmer based Organizations, Private Sector, Civil Society Organizations, Development Partners including the ECOWAP Donors Group, Regional and National Research Centres, Regional and Continental Organizations.

Strategies - Partnership, Coordination, Resource Mobilization, Knowledge Management, Monitoring and Evaluation, Mutual Accountability, Technology Transfers.







# Way Forward



1. Increased investment in agriculture based on Malabo 2014 Declaration.
2. Scaling up of proven agriculture technologies in the region.
3. Implementation of social protection programmes to mitigate the impact of Covid-19 , climate change.
4. Promotion of regional trade in food commodities.
5. Value chain development to create employment opportunities for youths and women.
6. Agriculture as a business- Private sector participation.





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