A REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON GRAIN TRADE IN WEST AFRICA
CTA – ROPPA – ROAC – AFRACA

Theme:
"How to structure the grain trade in West Africa: which market instruments and public policy measures?"

Under the auspices of ECOWAS and UEMOA

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29 November – 1 December 2016
Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
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AGENDA (draft)

Day 1 (Tuesday 29 November 2016)

Time	Topics	Presenters	Chairs
07.30-09.00	Registration		
09.00-09.45	Official Opening of the Conference	- President ROPPA - President ROAC - President AFRACA - Director CTA - UEMOA et CEDEAO - Minister of Agriculture, Burkina Faso -	Minister
09.45-10.15	*Group photo and coffee break*		
10.15-11.00	Presentation of the process steps of the Regional Agricultural Policy.	CEDEAO	CEDEAO
11.00-12.00	Thematic presentation 1: Changes in the West African grains market: Changes in consumption and market trends	Communicateur CILSS	CSAO
12.00-13.00	Thematic presentation 2: The challenges of developing cross-border grain value chains: - grain standards in regional trade; the post-harvest losses issue (aflatoxin, etc.), - access to funding for production, processing and marketing	Consultant Consultant	ROAC AFRACA
13.00-14.00	*Lunch*		
14.00-15.00	Thematic presentation 3: Structuring and regulation of the grain market: Regional Commodity Exchange for Grain Trade	Consultant	ROPPA
15.00-18.00 *Coffee break 16.15-16.30*	Ad'hoc session "Plug and Play", presented by CTA, introducing the topic on the potential of ICTs to support innovation in regional grain trade sectors	ICT for Agriculture young promoters, private and public digital platforms	CTA

Day 2 (Wednesday 30 November 2016)

Timetable	Topics	Presenters	Chairs
08.30-09.00	3 experiences to share: processing, trading, financing		CTA
09.00-10.00	The issue of aflatoxin and the impact on grain trade in the West Africa region	Communicator PACA and USAID Trade Hub	UEMOA
10.00-10.15	*Coffee break*		
10.20-17.00	4 Working groups: Context, challenges, recommendations		
	The grain production systems and processing: inputs, mechanisation, modernisation, storage, post-harvest losses	Group ROPPA (facilitated by AGRA + entrepreneur)	ROPPA
Lunch break 13.00-14.00	Marketing: Market information systems, storage infrastructures, cross-border circulation of products, agriculture/grains ICT	Group ROAC (facilitated by ARAA + CILSS + entrepreneur)	ROAC
Coffee break 16.00-16.15	Funding producers, processors, traders and risk-insurance systems: banks, microfinance, insurance against climate risk, market risk, bank guarantee	Group AFRACA (facilitated by UEMOA + AfDB + entrepreneur)	AFRACA
	Developing a regional grain Commodity exchange multi-year roadmap, its promotion tools, supporting partnership, its funding	Group Commodity Exchange (facilitated by CTA + USAID TH)	ECOWAS
17.00-18.00	Presentation of working group reports	Reporters of the working groups in plenary	CTA

Day 3 (Thursday 1 December 2016)

Time	Topics	Presenters	Chairs
08.30-09.00	3 experiences to share: processing, trading, financing		USAID/TH
09.00-12.00	Working Groups: programme planning		
Coffee break 10.45-11.00	Roadmap (3 years) - Study, demonstration projects, advocacy, training	Consultant	AFRACA
	Roadmap (3 years) - Study, demonstration projects, advocacy, training	Consultant	ROPPA
	Roadmap (3 years) - Study, demonstration projects, advocacy, training	Consultant	ROAC
	Roadmap for the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the conference's recommendations Draft Final Communiqué of the Conference by the Task Group	Task Group	CTA
12.00-13.00	Working Groups		
	- Presentation of the roadmap for the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Conference's recommendations - Presentation draft Final Communiqué of the Conference by the Task Group	Task Group	AGRA
13.00-15.00	*Lunch*		
15.00-16.00	Closing Ceremony - Presentation of the Final Communiqué - Address by the organisers (ROPPA, ROAC, AFRACA) - Address by the director of CTA - Address by UEMOA and ECOWAS - Closing speech, Minister of Commerce, Burkina Faso		Minister
16.00-17.00	Press conference		CTA