



## 17th Assembly of Heads of State and Government of CILSS

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Bamako, the Malian capital will host on 15 April 2015, the 17th Conference of Heads of State and Government of CILSS. During this conference, the Heads of State and Government of the thirteen CILSS member countries will look into the life, activities, problems and prospects of their common institution and make decisions to help CILSS better focus its actions to eradicate food insecurity and poverty in the region.

The Conference will be preceded by the 22nd Regional Programming and Monitoring Committee (RPMC) meeting scheduled for 9 - 11 April and the 50th session of the Council of Ministers, on April 13, 2015.

These meetings will provide an opportunity for Presidents, Ministers, Heads of State and Government of CILSS Member States to take stock of the organisation's operations since the last conference held in July 2013 in Ndjamen, and the broad strategic directions for the coming years.

Several documents will be reviewed and validated during the Regional Programming and Monitoring Committee meeting in order to make recommendations to the 50th Session of the Council of Ministers. These documents include:

- The **Executive Secretary's report**,
- The **status of implementation of recommendations and decisions of the 49th session of the Council of Ministers**,
- Various **statutory documents and specific dossiers** (results report, administrative and financial reports, 2015-2019 draft work programme, 2015 draft budget...),

Note that under the presidency of His Excellency, Idriss Deby ITNO, President of the Republic of Chad, since 2010, CILSS has scored significant achievements including, in particular the normal functioning of CILSS' management bodies, the regular holding of statutory meetings, the modernisation of administrative, financial and accounting and human resources management tools. Added to these are the increase in Member States' contributions, the gradual collection of outstanding dues from member countries and the implementation of many projects and programmes to enhance the resilience of vulnerable populations.

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