



## PRESS NOTE

### Restrictive meeting of the Food Crisis Prevention Network in the Sahel and West Africa (RPCA)

*organised by the Secretariats of CILSS and SWAC/OECD*

21-22 April 2011, OECD Conference Centre, room CC7, (2 rue André Pascal, 75016 Paris)

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This restrictive meeting provides a platform for exchange between West African actors and their main development partners within OECD member countries with respect to food security issues. As the lean season is approaching, network members will review the food and nutrition situation in the Sahel and West Africa, aiming to propose policy measures to prevent possible food shortages and nutritional crises. They will also assess progress made in the implementation of the RESOGEST initiative and other regional initiatives and on the repercussions of the increases of world foodstuffs prices on the West-African markets and its impact on the Food security.

#### **Objectives:**

- ⇒ In-depth analysis of the 2010/2011 agricultural campaign and the food and nutrition situation in the wake of the lean season;
- ⇒ Proposals for practical, technical and policy measures for the prevention and management of possible food and nutrition crises;
- ⇒ Discussion of progress made in the implementation of regional initiatives and studies.

Journalists are invited to attend as observers the meeting.

A press conference is scheduled on 22 April 2011 at 12am.

#### **About the RPCA**

Since its creation in 1984, the Food Crisis Prevention Network (RPCA) is a unique forum for discussion and exchange on food security issues, facilitating decision-making to better prevent and manage possible food crises. It brings together West Africa's main food security actors (experts and representatives from development partners (EC, FAO, UNOCHA, WFP, etc.), CILSS, some specialized NGOs and farmers' organisations). As an open and informal forum, it analyses the food situation of the region, improves information-sharing among key stakeholders and promotes concerted and consistent actions.

The network's activities are facilitated/led by the Secretariats of CILSS and SWAC.

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