



Fostering Intra-ECOWAS Cooperation and Advancing Intra-African Trade in West African Agrifood Value Chains

Regional Workshop - 12 - 13 December 2023

Hotel NDiambour, Dakar, Senegal

Agenda

Schedule (GMT)	Activities	Responsible institution
DAY 1		
09:30– 10:00	Welcoming of participants	Ministry of Trade and UNCTAD
10:00 – 10:30	Opening of the workshop <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Statement by the IsDB Representative (Mr. Nazar Mohamed Eltahir Diab) 2. Statement by the representative of BADEA (Mrs. Yousra Fadol) 3. Statement by the representative of UNCTAD (Mr. Malick Kane) 4. Statement by the representative of the Minister of Trade 	IsDB BADEA UNCTAD Ministry of Trade
10:30 – 10:45	Presentation of the agenda Presentation of the participants	Ministry of Trade / Participants
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee break	
11:00 – 11:15	Achievements and key lessons from the project to strengthen the development of regional value chains and market access in 4 ECOWAS countries	UNCTAD
11:15 – 12:45	Key issues for the development of regional value chains: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of Regional Value Chains in the Context of ECOWAS (Mr. Justin Bayili ; ECOWAS) 2. The role of standards in the development of regional value chains (Mrs. Cindy Parokkil ; ISO) 3. Plastic substitutes (Mr. Glen Wilson ; SMEP) 4. Conclusions from the regional value chain assessment (Mr. Oumar Kane ; Mr. Babacar Ndiaye ; Mrs. Djenaba Konta) 	ECOWAS ISO SMEP Regional Experts

12:45 – 13:15	Panel Discussion (Plenary)	
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch Break	
14:15 – 15:00	Handing out of the DSA/per diem	
15:00 – 16:15	Lessons and project proposals from Togo : Presentation and Panel Discussion	National Consultant for Togo
16:15 – 17:30	Lessons from and project proposals from The Gambia : Presentation and Panel Discussion	National consultant for The Gambia
17:30	Coffee break and Closing of day 1	
DAY 2		
9:30 – 10:	Welcome Coffee	
10:00 – 11:15	Lessons and project proposals from Senegal : Presentation and Panel Discussion	National Consultant for Senegal
11:15 – 12:30	Lessons and project proposals from Sierra Leone : Presentation and Panel Discussion	National Consultant for Sierra Leone
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break	
13:30 – 15:00	<p>Experience sharing session on supporting Regional Value Chains and Promoting Intra-African Trade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emerging issue: development of plastic substitutes in agri-food value chains (Mr. Eric Ndeto Kyalo; The Chequered Flag Ltd - Kenya; Dr. Oluwaseyi Omoloso; Freshpact Hub - Ghana) - Topic 1 : Standardisation, quality infrastructure, regional cooperation and market access (Mrs. Cindy Parokkil ; ISO) - Topic 2 : Support to exporting businesses and market access (Mrs. Djeneba Konta) 	SMEP experts ISO Regional Experts
16:00 – 16:15	Coffee break	
16:15 – 17:30	<p>Experience sharing session on supporting Regional Value Chains and Promoting Intra-African Trade (continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Topic 3: Opportunities for export development through processing - (Mr. Oumar Kane; Mr. Babacar Ndiaye) - Donors' expectations regarding the formulation and content of projects to support the development of agro-industrial value chains (Mr. Nazar Mohamed Eltahir Diab ; Mrs. Yousra Fadol) 	Regional Experts IsDB BADEA
17:30.	Closing Remarks	

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