

Projet Renforcer le conseil agricole pour accompagner les transitions agroécologiques de l'agriculture familiale en Afrique sub-saharienne (ACOTAF)

## International Workshop: Strategic Levers for the Development of Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services for Agroecology in West Africa

**Save the date: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023, 8:30-11:00 GMT**

☛ AFD / Bâtiment Vivacity / salle Françoise Héritier, 75012 Paris, France

And online ☛ <https://bit.ly/3okqpoT>

**OBJECTIVES:** To share results of an ongoing capitalization and action-research work on the needs, challenges and potential solutions for transforming agricultural extension and advisory services (EAS) to better support agroecological transitions in West Africa. A policy brief on the levers to develop EAS for agroecology will be presented and discussed.

**PARTICIPANTS:** About forty participants are expected to attend in person and more than a hundred online. The working language will be French, but simultaneous translation into English will be provided online. The following types of actors are expected: policy makers (ECOWAS/PAE, MEAE, FAO...), donors (AFD, EU, GIZ, Swiss Cooperation, IFAD, etc.), farmers' organizations, NGOs, research institutions, networks (GFRAS, RESCAR-AOC).

☛ **Schedule:** from 8:30 to 11:00 GMT - 10:30 to 13:00 Paris time (CET)

Time GMT	Activities
8:30 - 8:45	<b>Introduction</b> and welcome address (representative of MEAE, P. Djamen – CIRAD)
8:45 - 9:45	<b>Session 1: The importance of agricultural extension and advisory services in facilitating agroecological transitions: importance, state of the art and strategic levers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Importance of Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services (EAS) in facilitating agroecological transitions for sustainable food systems (J. Slaats - GFRAS) - 10 min</li> <li>State of the art and challenges of EAS for Agroecology in West Africa (C. Rigourd - IRAM) - 10 min</li> <li>Strategic levers for developing EAS for Agroecology in West Africa (P. Djamen - CIRAD) - 15 min</li> </ul> <p>Exchanges and debates on the three presentations</p>
9:50 - 10:50	<b>Session 2: Interactive panel discussion (Moderator C. Jacqmin - Inter Réseaux)</b> <p>The expected panelists will be representatives of ECOWAS/PAE, a farmers' organization, research, a donor and RESCAR-AOC.</p> <p>Exchanges between panelists, then interactions with other participants in face-to-face and video</p>
10:50 - 11:00	<b>Conclusions</b> of the workshop and prospects (P. Djamen – CIRAD)

☛ **NB:** This workshop is linked to the Study Day organized by IRAM on Thursday, June 29 on the theme *How to support agroecological transitions in the South?* <https://je2023.iram-fr.org/>