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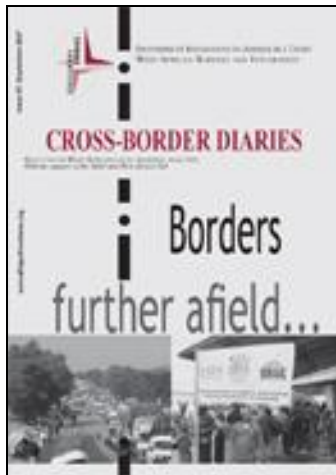
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September

Cross-Border Diaries, n°7: Borders further afield...



The Diaries have decided to explore other boundaries and regions: those which have received a great deal of media coverage like the United States-Mexican border, others that have been planned out as in China, or which have been transformed into economic corridors in the great Mekong, those in regions exiting from crisis such as Kosovo, or where now exist regional highways like the "Maputo corridor" linking up South Africa with Mozambique. Common areas of interest in West African border co-operation: economic concerns highlighting complementarities, administrative impediments, cultural identity, inter-ethnic links to preserve even under pressure. From this it can be concluded that there is cohesiveness among all border peoples.

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Food Security Information Note, n°13

"Should satisfactory agricultural and food prospects be expected?"

The outlook for the agricultural and food season is positive. After a late start to the agricultural season in mid-July accompanied by irregular rains, rainfall was intense throughout the region during August and September. Significant flooding affected several countries in the Sahel and West Africa. Evaluation of the impact is currently underway. Besides these waves of flooding, the agricultural situation is generally satisfactory throughout the Sahel and West Africa. The food situation seems equally good. Agricultural product markets remain well-supplied. However, agricultural and food perspectives remain linked to rainfall activity at the end of the rainy season. More particularly, rain continuing at least until mid-October could be a serious determining factor. A selection of information sources and reference documents completes this monthly information note.

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August

Contributions to Orientations of the 2008-2012 Work Plan

The aim of this document is to contribute to the debate on the content of the SWAC Work Plan for the 2008–2012 period. This document will serve as a reference for the SPG meeting to be held at the SWAC headquarters in Paris on 13 and 14 September 2007. To this end, this document proposes a framework for debate punctuated with questions. It is by no means a binding framework, as other issues may be raised by participants. The results of this joint, free and open debate will contribute to the development of a draft five-year Work Plan that will be submitted to the SPG meeting in January 2008 for review and approval. > [download the information note](#)

Food Security Information Note, N°12

"Coping with the consequences of flooding!": The late and irregular rains in July were replaced by flooding affecting many of the Sahelian and West African countries: Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, the Gambia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Mauritania, and Senegal. The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs estimates that approximately 65 000 people were affected by flooding in July and August. What are the consequences for the agricultural and food situation? What stance and what actions need to be taken? As usual, this issue also provides a selection of information sources and reference documents. > [download the Information Note \(N°12\)](#)

July

Atlas on Regional Integration in West Africa: Coffee



Admittedly, West Africa's current share of the global coffee market is not very significant. But it could become so in the coming 20-25 years. Firstly, because coffee is a profitable crop, especially in areas where cocoa cannot be grown. Furthermore, increased freight costs have given West Africa a comparative advantage with a view to global competitiveness. Finally, there are limited possibilities for additional production in other regions of the world. This chapter of the Atlas on Regional Integration in West Africa provides a global overview of the world coffee production and consumption and the stakes in international trade. It then analyses the evolution and prospects of the West African coffee market.

> *e-version upcoming*

Food Security Information Note, N°11

"A slow start to the rainy season in the Sahel until mid-July 2007"

Besides these seasonal forecasts, the 2007/2008 Agricultural Campaign throughout the Sahel is off to a rocky start due notably to irregular rains. This issue presents a general analysis of the food and agriculture situation in West Africa in July 2007. It also raises some key issues and provides a selection of information sources and reference documents. > [download the Information Note \(N°11\)](#)

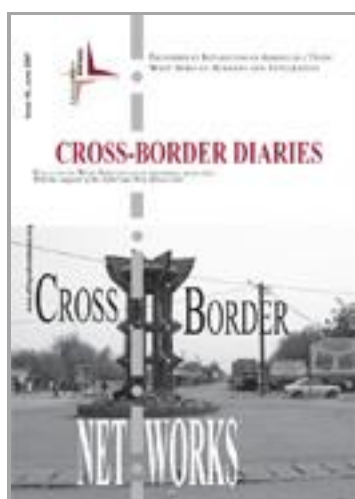
Atlas on Regional Integration in West Africa: Rural Areas and Agricultural Changes



Rural development policies cannot look to the past to prepare for the future, for over the last 45 years, West Africa's rural landscape has witnessed deep-seated changes. The growing population and urbanisation have turned West Africa into a regional market. Rural and urban areas, local and national levels are closely interlinked and interdependent; they have jointly entered the competitive era. This chapter of the Atlas on Regional Integration in West Africa, a joint ECOWAS/SWAC activity, focuses on the rural environment and agricultural changes in West Africa. The work has benefitted from inputs of the Rural Development Division of the FAO's Sustainable Development Department.

> [download the Atlas Chapter](#) (4,9 Mb)

Cross-Border Diaries, N°6 : Cross-Border Networks



This edition of the Border Diaries is a composite, travelling all along the already-explored borders... It examines the progress accomplished in the ECOWAS pilot operations in the zones of Niger-Nigeria, Mali-Burkina Faso, and focuses more on Senegambie Meridionale. It also reports on other areas: Dosso and Gaya embroiled in a passionate debate on the future of a dry port; a meeting in Tillabéri with the aim of curbing the violence linked to border transhumance. Out of the field, the Diaries closely follow the development of the new African Union's Border Programme which is inspired by West African experiences and the SWAC's work in the region.

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Karakoro Basin Pilot Operation - Summary Record

The second meeting, organised in Kayes (Mali) in February 2007 within the framework of the Karakoro Basin pilot operation, validated the 2007-2010 cross-border action plan. The summary record reviews the Basin's border co-operation issues and potential. It also provides an overview of the zone based on outcomes of three studies, presented at the workshop: (i) Infrastructure; (ii) Dynamics of the Local Economy; and (iii) Natural Resources Management. This pilot operation is conducted within the framework of the ECOWAS Cross-Border Initiatives Programme. It is co-ordinated by the GRDR, WABI's network partner along with the SWAC and ENDA-Diapol. The initiative was officially launched in Nouakchott (Mauritania) in September 2006. The next meeting is scheduled for September 2007, to be held in Bamako (Mali).

> [download the summary record of the Kayes meeting](#)

Policy Coherence for Development in Fisheries

Using existing case study material on fisheries in seven West African countries from ENDA Diapol (Cape Verde, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mauritania, Senegal) and the UK Department For International Development (Sierra Leone), the SWAC and the OECD's Fisheries Division have jointly developed an analysis of policy coherence across a number of broad policy areas. The work is an initial overview of policy coherence in fisheries in West Africa and serves as a practical tool for dialogue among policy makers in a region characterized by a dynamic fisheries sector of particular importance. The intent is to present the results of the analysis and the methodology developed at a regional meeting of policy makers, private sector and civil society actors and disseminate a synthesis of the main results to OECD member countries working in this region. In particular, the analysis covers fisheries and aquaculture management, trade and environmental policies and provides a cross-sectoral analysis on the interplay between these policy areas within the regional West African context.

> > *e-version upcoming (French)*

Food Security Information Note, N°10

"Will there be an exceptionally favourable lean period in the Sahel?"

The meeting of the CILSS Mechanism for Prevention of Food Crises in West Africa (PREGEC) confirmed the favourable food trends in West Africa observed since the beginning of 2007. In addition to the monthly analysis of the food situation in West Africa, this issue presents initiatives such as CORESA, AGRIS, etc. which aim to develop better synergistic actions with regard to food security in the Sahel and West Africa. The Note also raises key issues and provides a selection of information and document reference sources.

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May

Atlas on Regional Integration in West Africa: Oil and Gas



All major international energy firms are investing heavily in Africa, wells are being drilled along the entire coast from Morocco in the North to Namibia in the South as well as in the interior. Production and proven reserves have attained new heights. Currently, several factors are influencing oil production in West Africa: strong global demand, prices at levels not seen in almost thirty years, new technologies in oil and gas exploration and production, etc. This chapter of the Atlas on Regional Integration shows the current situation of world oil and gas production and the role West African oil and gas is predicted to play over the next decades. It also highlights some of the future challenges and stakes in the region.

> [download the chapter \(4,3 Mb\)](#)

Livestock in West Africa



“Processing of Agro-food animal products in the Sahel and West Africa: essential for strengthening intra and extra-regional trade”

The fact that urban West African consumers are increasingly geared towards processed foods has often been neglected in the analysis of the evolution of the African food system. Policy Note No. 6, produced within the framework of the SWAC initiative on “Potentials and Challenges for Strengthening the Regional Market” focuses on the analysis of this phenomenon and its impact on intra and extra-regional trade. There is a gap that needs to be bridged between food consumption patterns and animal product marketing systems.

[> download Policy Note No.6](#)

Information Sheets on Cross-Border Pilot Operations

Creation of a Cross-Border Radio Stations Network in Sénégal méridionale

The work carried out by the SWAC and its WABI network partners over the past three years illustrates, through its concrete field-level experiences, the great potential of cross-border radio station networks to strengthen West African integration. This information sheet describes the creation and evolution of the cross-border radio stations network in the Sénégal méridionale region. *> light e-version upcoming*

Community Radio Stations, New African Integration Actors

At a time when development issues are being addressed increasingly more at the sub-regional level than at the national level, community radio stations are starting to play a determining role in the strengthening of West African integration. This information sheet presents achievements, opportunities and challenges of this new cross-border co-operation tool.

[> download the Information sheet](#)

Follow-up to the Karakoro Basin Pilot Operation

This Cross-border Land Planning Programme is a result of extensive lobbying carried out by the GRDR in the Senegal River Basin (Mali, Mauritania, and Senegal) for over thirty years. It is based on numerous cross-border cooperation agreements and conventions linking Mali and Mauritania since independence. This information sheet takes stock of the evolution of this pilot operation from its origin to today.

[> download the Information sheet](#) (English/French)

Follow-up to the Kano-Katsina-Maradi (K2M) Pilot Operation

The aim of this pilot operation in the cross-border area between Niger and Nigeria is to launch a cooperation process with regard to food security among local actors on both sides of the border and to propose a mechanism to monitor cross-border trade flows in the region. Following a preparatory mission carried out by the SWAC and its partners in May 2007, workshop to be held in Katsina (Nigeria) in September 2007 will officially launch the pilot operation in this region.

[> download the Information sheet](#)

An Integrated Development Strategy for the Apiculture Industry between Senegal, the Gambia and Guinea Bissau

This Information sheet analyses the impact and potential of the beekeeping industry as a driver for development in the cross-border zone of Sénégal-gambie méridionale. This pilot operation, implemented since 2006 within the framework of the ECOWAS Cross-border Initiatives Programme (CIP) provides support to the development of the beekeeping industry on both sides of the border, leading to a proposal to set up a network of beekeepers. The sheet presents their main areas of cross-border action.

> [download the Information sheet](#)

Food Security Information Note, N°9

An overall satisfactory food situation going into the 2007 wintering period: This issue presents a general analysis of the food and agriculture situation in West Africa in March 2007. It also raises some key issues and provides a selection of information sources and reference documents.

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April

Summary Record of the Strategy and Policy Group Meeting

The Summary Record of the [SWAC's Strategy and Policy Group Meeting](#), held on 25 and 26 January 2007 in Berlin, outlines key results of the two-day meeting: The first day was devoted to the presentation of the [SWAC's 2006 Progress Report](#) as well as to thematic presentations by the SWAC's Heads of Unit on the following topics:

- [What Future for the Youth in West Africa? \(French\)](#)
- [The Challenges of Food Security in the Sahel and West Africa](#)
- [Migration in West Africa: Perceptions and Realities | PPT presentation \(French\)](#)
- [Human Security in West Africa: Governance and Development Stakes \(French\)](#)

> [download the summary record](#)

Food Sovereignty in West Africa: From Principles to Reality

This document was prepared by the Sahel and West Africa Club for the First Regional Forum on Food Sovereignty organised by ROPPA (Niamey, 7 – 10 November 2006). Sahelian countries and principal donors drew up and adopted a Food Aid Charter in 1990, setting out principles directly in line with food sovereignty concerns. Food aid was an important cereal supply method for the region, and within this context, this Charter aimed to reduce the negative impacts food aid might have on the construction of structural food security based primarily on local production and regional markets. It also intended to integrate aid with rural development policies and food security programmes. This contribution proposes a cross-analysis of trade, agriculture and cooperation policies in the area of food security.

> [download the working document](#)

Food Security Information Note, N°8, April 2007

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March

Rural Environment in West Africa



The SWAC produced, in collaboration with the FAO, a working document on the rural environment in West Africa. Agricultural activity remains the great consumer of land and resources in the rural environment, but generates increasingly fewer jobs. Communities and areas are diversifying in terms of land cover and economic activities; more people are attracted to urban/sub-urban and coastal areas hoping to find employment. This publication will soon be synthesized in a new chapter of the Atlas on Regional Integration in West Africa. It examines the transformation of the rural environment and illustrates with numerous maps the issues linked to territorial coverage and management, production dynamics and reviving rural areas.

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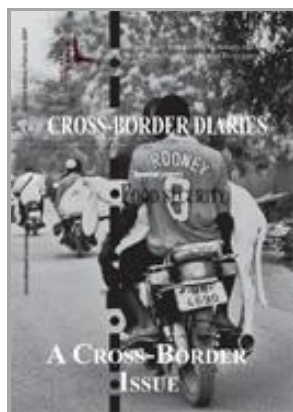
February

West Africa: a region in movement

This working document was elaborated upon the request of ECOWAS as reference to facilitate exchanges and discussions at the ECOWAS Commission Retreat that was held in Ouagadougou from 26 February - 3 March 2007. While providing information on West Africa and ECOWAS, it also addresses a large number of strategic key questions concerning the region's future. The document will be finalised following the Retreat.

[> download the working document \(French\)](#)

Cross-Border Diaries on Food Security



This special edition of the cross-border diaries focuses on food security in West Africa. It includes a special report on food security and cross-border trade in the Kano-Katsina-Maradi (K²M) corridor, an analysis of the 2005 food crisis in Niger, a presentation of the Food Crisis Prevention Network (FCPN) and various interviews with food security experts. Two local cross-border initiatives are presented: The cross-border network of Senegambian community radio stations and the creation of a network of Senegambian beekeeping professionals.

[> special edition, February 2007 \(2,5 Mb\)](#)

CD-Rom - Outcomes of Meetings in 2005 and 2006

The "Governance, Conflict Dynamics, Peace and Security" Unit compiled a CD-Rom including all summary reports and presentations of meetings held in 2005 and 2006.

Aquaculture in West Africa

Information note on the role and evolution of aquaculture in West Africa: The majority of the West African population depends on fish-based resources for their daily sustenance. With the emergence of aquaculture around the world, the opportunity for West Africa to harness this technology is of keen interest to both the public and private sector.

> [download the information note](#)

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January

SWAC 2006 Progress Report

The Sahel and West Africa Club's 2006 Progress Report is based on the Orientations of the 2005-2007 Work Plan validated by the Strategy and Policy Group in November 2004. The Orientations document is therefore an essential tool to accompany the reading of the Progress Report. > [download the 2006 Progress Report](#)

Atlas on Regional Integration in West Africa: Africa and China



China is currently the third world economic power after the United States and Japan. As the third-ranking trading partner, strategic investor, development partner and future financial source, China is shaking up the balance of power established on the continent since independence. The impact is so great that traditional partners – Europe and the United States in particular – are forced to review their relations with Africa. This chapter of the Atlas on Regional Integration in West Africa examines the issues involved in these new dynamics. As the Chinese strategy is first and foremost African, the "Africa and China" chapter focuses on the entire continent, even though West Africa is studied whenever possible.

> [download the chapter \(5,8Mb\)](#)

The Future of Livestock in the Sahel and West Africa



The Sahel and West Africa Club has developed in collaboration with its partners (CILSS, ECOWAS, ROPPA, UEMOA), a series of policy notes on the future of livestock in the Sahel and West Africa. This SWAC initiative on "Potentials and Challenges for Strengthening the Regional Market" aims to contribute to the two first ECOWAP objectives (Economic Community of West African States Agricultural Policy): (i) Increase food security by reducing the dependence on food imports; (ii) Reducing poverty > [Six policy notes are already available.](#)

SWAC Calendar on Cross-Border Co-operation for 2007

The SWAC's Cross-Border Calendar 2007, created by the Local Development and the Process of Regional Integration Unit, invites you to discover various border regions and border issues in West Africa. By presenting various West African pilot border areas, community projects and cross-border initiatives, it illustrates that cross-border co-operation is a driver of regional integration, development and peace.

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