

# SWAC Seminar

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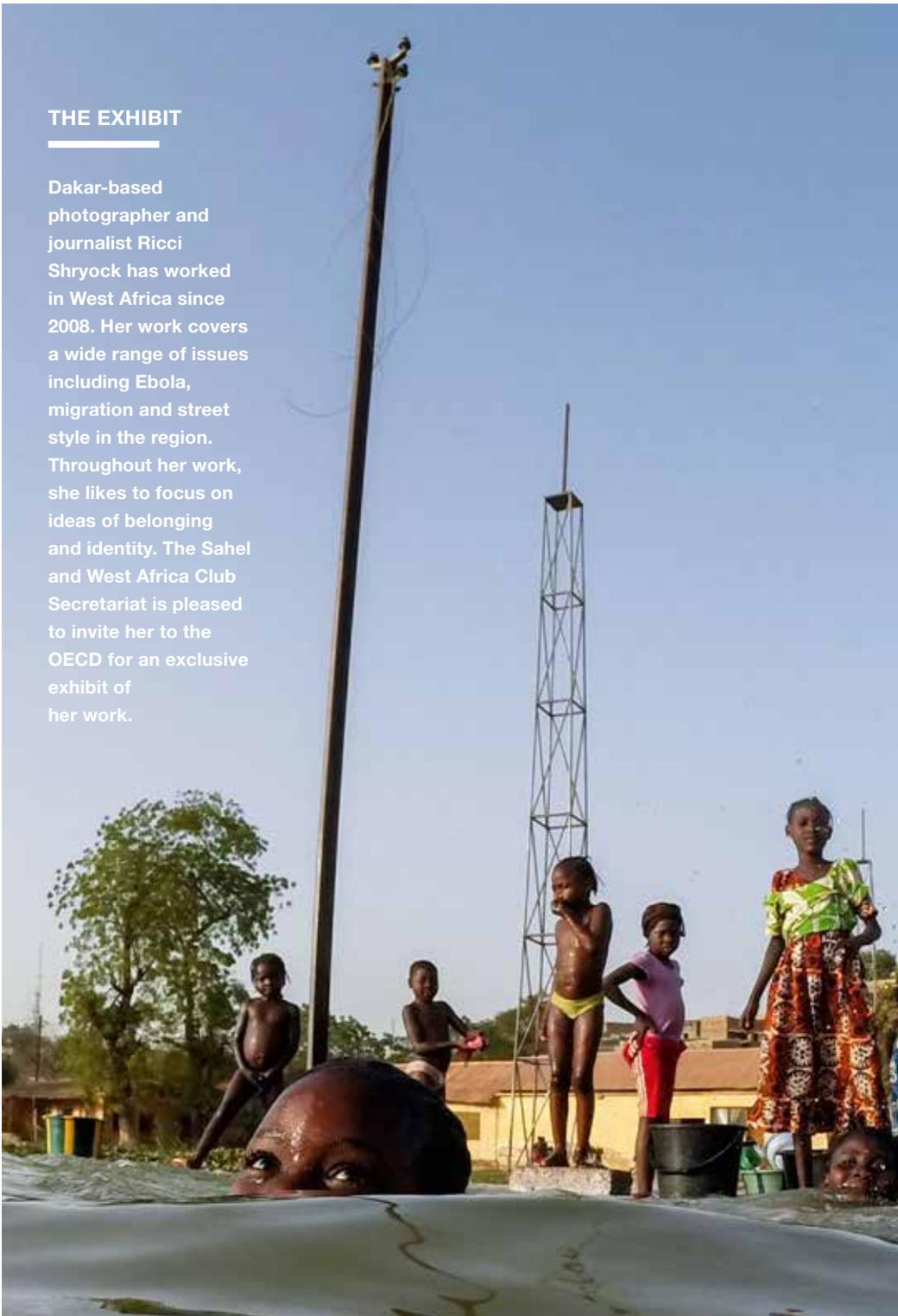
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## THE EXHIBIT

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Dakar-based photographer and journalist Ricci Shryock has worked in West Africa since 2008. Her work covers a wide range of issues including Ebola, migration and street style in the region. Throughout her work, she likes to focus on ideas of belonging and identity. The Sahel and West Africa Club Secretariat is pleased to invite her to the OECD for an exclusive exhibit of her work.



## CONTEXT

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In the framework of the Strategy and Policy Group (SPG) meeting, the SWAC Secretariat will organise a seminar to present key results of its analytical work for 2017-18, on **cities & urbanisation** and the **food economy, employment & women**.

The meeting brings together SWAC members including regional organisations, research institutions, international organisations, partners as well as local Stakeholders.

### Each session includes:

- ▶ Presentations on SWAC work by the team and partners;
- ▶ Points of view from local actors followed by discussions.

## SEMINAR OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Disseminate and share knowledge and experiences on the region's change including urbanisation and its impacts on the food economy and employment;
- ▶ Understand the role of women in trading networks and derive policy implications;
- ▶ Highlight the importance of having up-to-date and consistent statistics and further the discussion on how state-of-the-art analytical methods such as social network analysis (SNA) contribute to development.

Members and fans of the Iris Carnaval group in Bissau wait while their teammates prepare for dance practice for the big party, 5 February 2016.



## AGENDA

08:30 – 09:00 *Registration*  
09:00 – 09:15 **Introduction:**  
**François-Xavier de Donnea,**  
**SWAC President**

### **CITIES AND URBANISATION** (page 6)

09:15 – 10:00 **Presentations**  
10:00 – 10:55 **Discussion**  
10:55 – 11:00 **Next steps**

*Coffee break*

### **BORDER CITIES AND CLIMATE** (page 8)

11:10 – 11:40 **Presentations**  
11:40 – 12:20 **Discussion**

*Lunch*

### **THE FOOD ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT AND AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION** (page 10)

13:30 – 14:00 **Presentations**  
14:00 – 14:40 **Discussion**  
14:40 – 14:45 **Next steps**

*Coffee break*

### **GENDER AND TRADE NETWORKS** (page 12)

15:00 – 15:50 **Presentations**  
15:50 – 16:20 **Discussion**

### **VIEWS AND VOICES ON SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE SAHEL** (page 14)

16:20 – 17:45 **Panel**

*Cocktail and photo exhibit*

# CITIES AND URBANISATION

09:15 – 11:00

Africa is set to have the fastest urban growth rate in the world in coming decades. Cities are and will increasingly be a defining feature of Africa's social, economic and political landscape. Urbanisation and the growth of cities and their impacts on demographics, regional and local development, economy and migration need to be monitored and analysed in order to recommend adapted, territorial and sustainable policy paths. Given the pace of the transformations, there is strong demand to continuously update our knowledge and understanding of urbanisation dynamics. SWAC is currently finalising the update and analysis of the Africapolis database. The first results show that in the five years between 2010 and 2015, the number of people living in West African cities grew by more than 30 million people and 250 new agglomerations emerged. Beyond the main figures in urbanisation and city growth, this session will focus on the political, historical and cultural factors, geographic and economic conditions, morphologies, densities and accessibilities that are key to understanding observed patterns.

## Moderator

- ▶ **Laurent Bossard,**  
Director,  
SWAC Secretariat

## Panellists

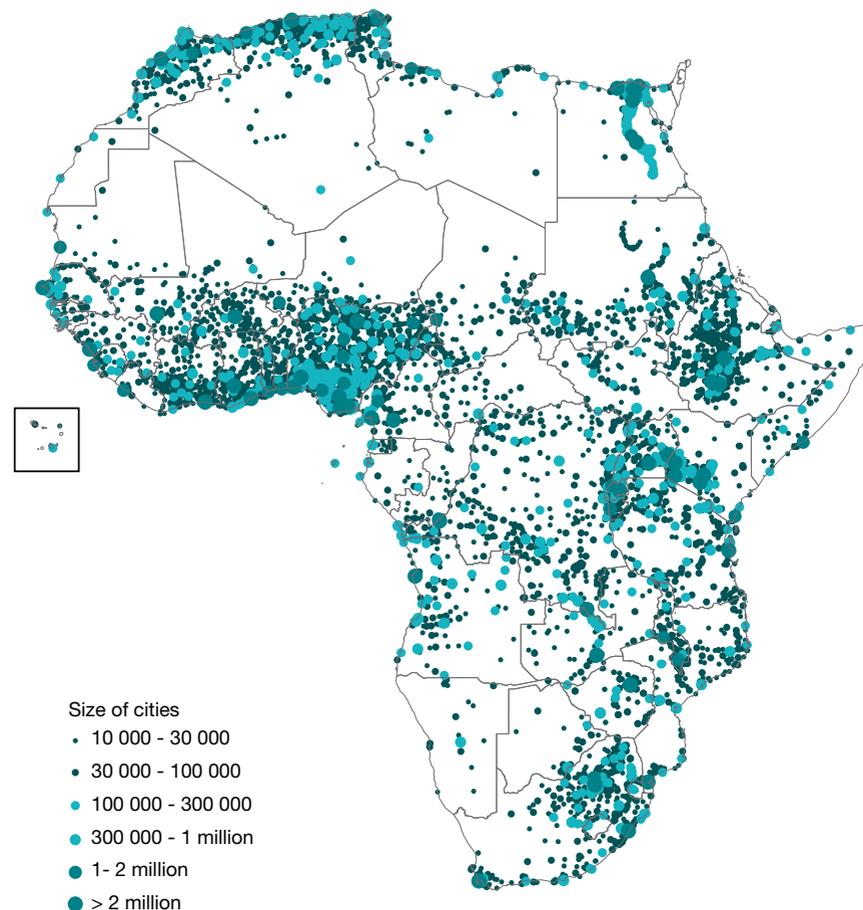
- ▶ **Philipp Heinrigs,**  
Senior Economist,  
SWAC Secretariat
- ▶ **François Moriconi-Ebrard,**  
Director of research,  
CNRS, e-Geopolis

## Questions for discussion

- ▶ What are the major urbanisation dynamics in Africa, and what do they tell us about future trends?
- ▶ How can public policies contribute to more sustainable, inclusive and balanced urban growth?

# URBAN AGGLOMERATIONS IN AFRICA

Total urban population: 567 million (2015)



Source: SWAC/OECD, Africapolis update (forthcoming)

# BORDER CITIES AND CLIMATE

11:10 – 12:20

Following COP21 and the Paris Agreement, cities are not just viewed as powerful centres of production that also generate pollution; they are also recognised as the main hubs of decision-making and drivers of change and adaptation. The urban context is therefore relevant for analysing existing resilience mechanisms and assessing sustainable development opportunities.

As part of the work of the SWAC Secretariat, climate-related risks and vulnerabilities in urban border agglomerations are mapped; horizontal and vertical co-ordination modes for cross-border climate resilience actions are discussed. The information derived from this work is supporting the development of a guide that identifies existing financial and legal tools to support West African cities to better adapt to a changing climate, and to advocate for better access to climate finance. Local actors involved in the work carried out in Gaya (Benin) – Malanville (Niger); Dori (Burkina Faso) – Tera (Niger) and the Abidjan-Lagos corridor will join the discussions.

## Moderator

- ▶ **Aguibou Diarra,**  
Former Director of  
the African Union's  
Border Programme and  
Ambassador from Mali

## Panellists

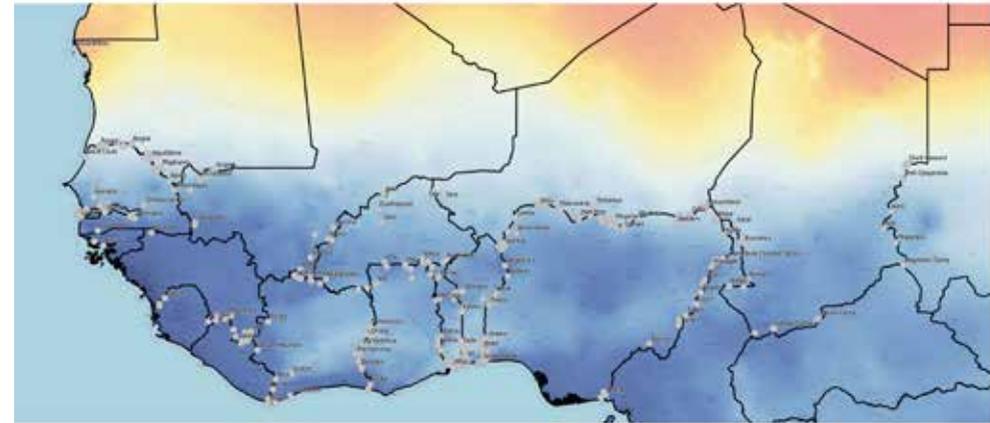
- ▶ **Marie Trémolières,**  
Head of Unit, SWAC  
Secretariat
- ▶ **Alexandra Lafont,**  
Policy Officer,  
Transfrontier Operational  
Mission (MOT)
- ▶ **Ahmed Aziz Diallo,**  
Mayor of Dori and  
Member of Parliament,  
Burkina Faso

## Questions for discussion

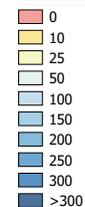
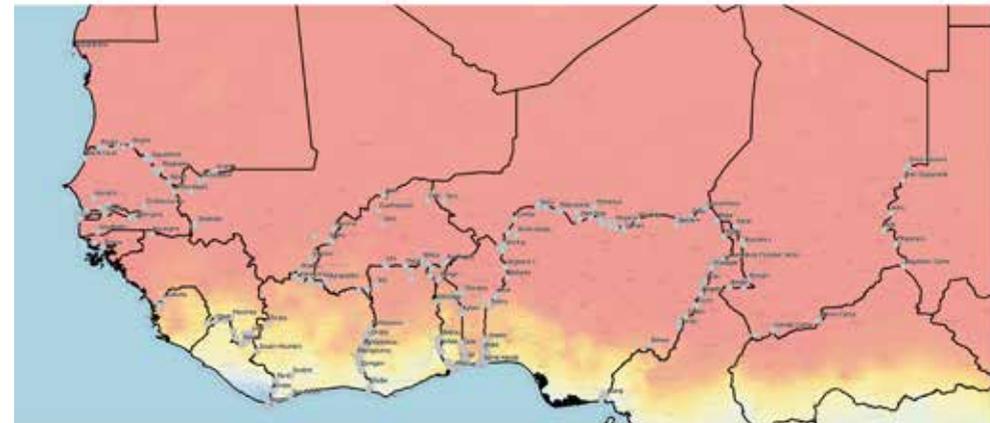
- ▶ What are the main obstacles to resilience to climate challenges in cross-border agglomerations?
- ▶ How to improve the co-ordination between local, regional and global actors in the mitigation of climate change specifically in urban areas?

# PRECIPITATION OF WETTEST AND DRIEST MONTHS IN WEST AFRICA

Wettest month



Driest month



Source and cartography: Wageningen University

# THE FOOD ECONOMY, EMPLOYMENT AND AGRICULTURAL TRANSFORMATION

13:30 – 14:45

The food economy is transforming across West Africa driven by rapid urbanisation and rising household income. These changes provide great opportunities for the West African food system to increase value added, job creation and food security. The food and agriculture sector employs two-thirds of the total regional workforce. While the majority of these jobs (78%) are in agriculture, off-farm employment in food-related manufacturing and service activities is growing in number and share. Off-farm food economy activities play a particularly important role in women's employment (68%). Women dominate employment in food processing, food marketing and food-away-from-home activities. This session will focus on the potential of the food economy in employment creation and on the implication for employment and agricultural policies.

## Moderator

- ▶ **Jonas Gbian,** Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Water Resources and the Environment, UEMOA

## Panellists

- ▶ **Philipp Heinrigs,** Senior Economist, SWAC Secretariat
- ▶ **Thomas Allen,** Economist, SWAC Secretariat
- ▶ **Thomas Reardon,** Professor and Saweda Liverpool-Tasie, Assistant professor, Michigan State University, (via Skype)

## Questions for discussion

- ▶ What are the challenges and prospects for the West African food economy in terms of job creation?
- ▶ What does the analysis imply for designing employment strategies and policies?
- ▶ Which actors, private and public, will play an important role and what data is needed to inform policy formulation?

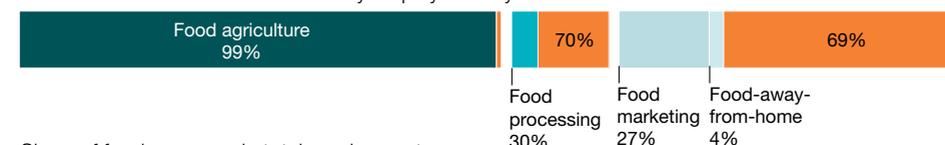
## EMPLOYMENT STRUCTURE IN WEST AFRICA

2012–15

Total employment in West Africa by sector of activity



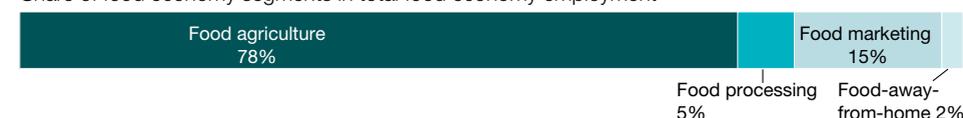
Share of food and non-food economy employment by sector



Share of food economy in total employment



Share of food economy segments in total food economy employment



Source: Allen, T., P. Heinrigs and I. Heo (2018), "Agriculture, Food and Jobs in West Africa", *West African Papers*, No. 14, OECD Publishing, Paris, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/dc152bc0-en>.

# GENDER AND TRADE NETWORKS

15:00 – 16:20

To better understand women’s participation, constraints and challenges in the food economy, SWAC is analysing a local rice trade network in the Dendi border area (Benin, Niger, Nigeria). Based on Social Network Analysis, the study allows to map and understand the structuring of activities along the rice value chain and informs on gender specific roles and relationships between actors. Combining these results with a regional study of institutional policies and partners’ strategies improves understanding of the social, cultural and economic barriers that limit women’s access and participation in regional markets and their resilience strategies. The session will focus on discussing the potential levers to enhance governance and policy frameworks in support of gender equality.

## Questions for discussion

- ▶ Starting from the example of local rice for which demand is increasing, what characteristics emerge regarding the role of women in trade networks?
- ▶ How are institutions responding to the challenges facing women traders?
- ▶ What do these results mean for local governance?

## Moderator

- ▶ **Desiree Zwanck**,  
VAM Gender Specialist,  
World Food Programme (WFP)

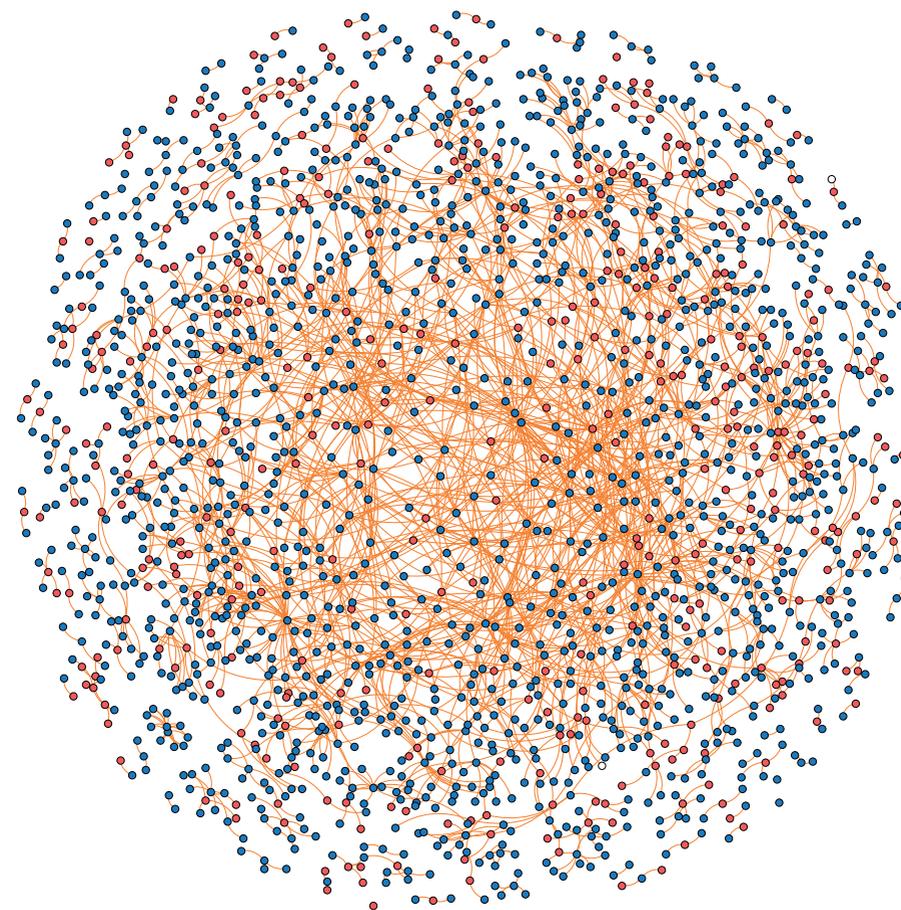
## Panellists

- ▶ **Marie Trémolières**,  
Head of Unit, SWAC Secretariat
- ▶ **Olivier Walther**,  
Visiting Associate Professor, Center for African Studies, University of Florida
- ▶ **Leena Hoffmann**,  
Researcher and Associate Fellow, Africa Programme, Chatham House
- ▶ **Hajia Salamatou Garba**,  
Executive Director, Founder, Women Farmers Advancement Network (WOFAN)
- ▶ **Lawali Dambo**,  
Lecturer and researcher, University of Niamey

# BUSINESS TIES INVOLVING MEN AND WOMEN

The relationships between 1 951 actors involved in the production, transport and sale of rice between Benin, Niger and Nigeria.

- Men
- Women



Source: SWAC/OECD, Women and trade networks in West Africa (forthcoming).  
Cartography: Olivier Walther.

# VIEWS AND VOICES ON SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE SAHEL

16:20 – 17:45

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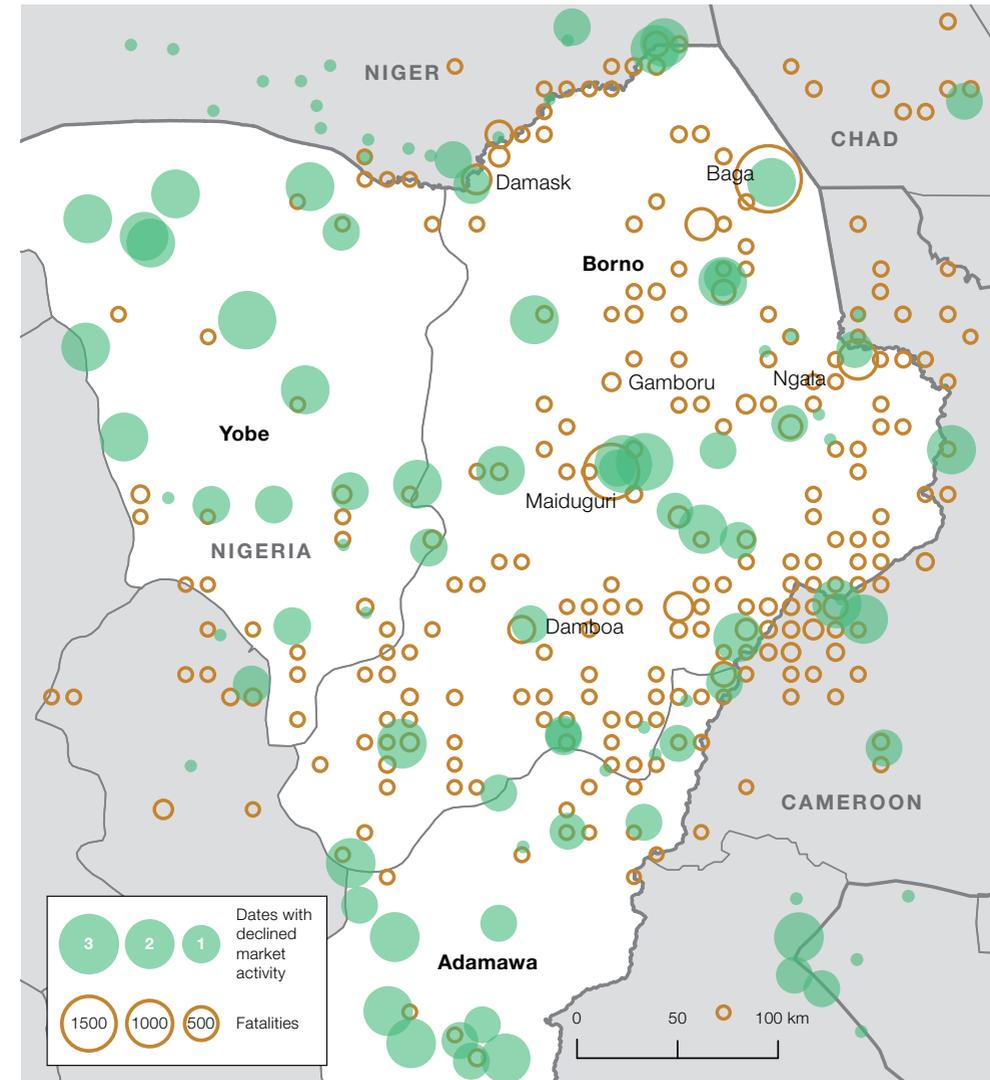
- ▶ **Laurent Bossard,**  
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- ▶ **Ibrahim Mayaki,**  
Chief Executive Officer, NEPAD-  
African Union
- ▶ **Jean-Marc Châtaigner,**  
Ambassador, Special Envoy  
for the Sahel, Ministry for Europe  
and Foreign Affairs, France
- ▶ **Zainab Akariou,**  
Adviser, Sub-Saharan Africa  
Department, Ministry of Foreign  
Affairs, the Netherlands
- ▶ **Sékou Sangaré,**  
Commissioner, Department of  
Agriculture, Environment and Water  
Resources, ECOWAS

# GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF BOKO HARAM-RELATED EVENTS, MARKET ATTACKS AND MARKET LOCATIONS

December 2014 – November 2016



Source: Van Den Hoek, J. (2017), "Agricultural market activity and Boko Haram attacks in northeastern Nigeria", *West African Papers*, No. 9, OECD Publishing, Paris, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1787/13ba9f2e-en>.

## **ON THE COVER**

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Dearest Coleman, one of the leaders of the Pink Panthers, a collective of female motorcycle taxi drivers in Monrovia, 19 February 2015.

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