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Acronyms and Abbreviations

AB	: Organic Farming
AE	: Agroecology
AIC(CSA)	: Climate-smart Agriculture
ASPH	: AgroSylvo Pastoral and Halieutic
UA(AU)	: African Union
UE(EU)	: European Union
3AO	: Alliance for Agroecology in West Africa
BOAD	: West African Development Bank
CEDEAO (ECOWAS)	: Economic Community of West African States
CILSS	: Inter-State Committee to Combat Drought
CORAF	: Western Council and African Centre for Agricultural Research and Development
CSA	: Food Safety Committee
ECOWAP	: The West African Regional Agricultural Policy
ECOWEP	: The West Africa Regional Environment Policy
EF	: Family Farm
FA (AF)	: Adaptation Fund
FVC (GCF)	: Green Climate Fund
FEM (GEF)	: Global Environment Facility
HLPE	: High Level Panel of Experts
OP	: Peasant Organisation
UEMOA (WAEMU)	: West African Economic and Monetary Union
PAE (AEP)	: Agroecological Program
PAR (RAP)	: Resilient Agricultural Practice
SAN (FNS)	: Food and Nutrition Security
WAfrONet:	: West African Organic Network
WAICSA	: West African Initiative for Climate Smart Agriculture



1. CONTEXT AND JUSTIFICATION

West Africa continues to face multiple crisis and persistent or emerging conjunctures (environmental, climate, economic, security, social, geopolitical tensions, etc.) Which negatively affect the capacity and resilience of farms and food systems as a whole at the level of individual territories. These crisis create pressures on shared natural resources and conflicts related to their exploitation. They result in a low and contrasting evolution of productivity and ASPH production. Over the years, there has been a growing precariousness and uncertainty in agroforestry and fisheries (ASPH) activities.

This situation is keeping in many countries or localities of the region, populations facing poverty, food and nutrition insecurity, mass youth unemployment, health problems and other devastating conjunctures. CILSS Regional Report 2024 on Food and Nutrition Security (FNS) in West Africa and the Sahel, shows an increase of about 40.1 million people living with food insecurity between 2023 and 2024.

These crises are thus progressively affecting the social and economic fabric of communities and sustainable

development in the region. Global and regional geopolitical tensions over the past two years have contributed to exacerbating these crises and their effects.

This situation reveals the limitations and weaknesses of the model of intensification of the agroforestry and fisheries sector (ASPH), based on a strong use of synthetic inputs, promoted over the past several decades in public policies and strategies and in development partner interventions, such as the key to ensuring food and nutrition security (FNS), poverty reduction and wealth creation. The region remains plagued by challenges that this model should face, with new crises and emerging conjunctures it engenders and/or supports.

To reverse the current trend of limitations and weaknesses in this ASPH intensification model, local communities, family farms (EFs), and their farmers' organizations (POs/CSOs) have developed over the years alternatives for the ASPH intensification sector, through Resilient Agricultural Practices (RAP), based on the principles of AE (Agroecology), OA (organic farming)

and CSA (Climate-Smart Agriculture). These RAP are increasingly validated by research institutions and public structures in charge of the development of the ASPH sector. Many solutions or techniques proposed by OA, AE and AIC have been consolidated with scientific knowledge. To reinforce this promotion and scaling-up dynamic of AE, OA and AIC, the Alliance for Agroecology in West Africa (3AO) and the West African Organic Network (WAfrO Net), propose to pool their action strategies, their efforts and resources. This translates into a commitment to jointly organize a regional forum of AE, AB and CNA in West Africa this year 2024. This initiative is supported by ECOWAS (CSA, GCF Readiness, EAP), the ActionAid NGO from Nigeria and other development partners.

Taking full account of the challenges of AE, AB and AIC for the development of sustainable food systems and food sovereignty, regional institutions (ECOWAS, WAEMU, CILSS) and their member countries are increasingly driving forward, Strategies, instruments and policy measures for intensification and strengthening that take into account the principles of AE and OA and AIC. At ECOWAS level, the PAE (agroecology programme), the ECOWAP and the regional climate strategy are part of this perspective.

Many regional and national financing institutions (BIDC, BOAD, AfDB, Banque Agricole du Sénégal, etc.) have also launched mechanisms to fund EF and grassroots community initiatives for climate change adaptation and mitigation.

The AU (African Union) 2063 agenda through aspiration 1 (“a prosperous Africa driven by inclusive growth and sustainable development”) takes into account the agroecology issue, which is becoming a directive for its interventions in the ASPH sector and those of Member States. At the global level, many initiatives and commitments are made, aimed at developing or strengthening mechanisms for financing climate resilience, FNS, development of sustainable food systems, sustainable management of biodiversity, that affect AE, OA and AIC. The EU and many bilateral cooperations contribute to these mechanisms.

Despite growing recognition of AE, OA and AIC at various levels (national, regional and global) and the proliferation of existing and announced financial mechanisms (Climate Fund, Adaptation Fund, Global Environment Facility, Least Developed Countries Fund, WAICSA etc), the financial flows actually allocated to EFs and local communities for scaling up solutions provided by EA, OA and AIC remain extremely low. The High Level Expert Group (HLPE) of the Committee on Food Safety (CSA), in a report in 2019, indicated that the public funding and investments made in 2019 for organic agriculture and agroecology were estimated at 1,5% of the total development aid budgets.

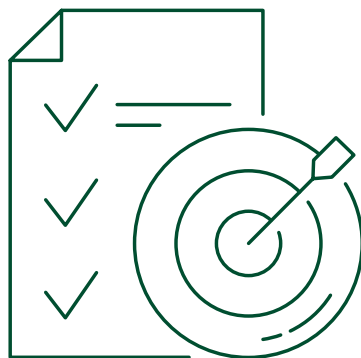
The impact of OA, EA and AIC will be difficult to achieve the scale necessary to meet the current challenges in the ASPH sector if financial support for their scaling remain so low. In view of these critical issues of funding for

the scaling up of EA, OA and AIC, 3AO and WAfrONet have chosen to place the regional forum of EA, OA and AIC that they are organizing together under the global theme: Financing the transformation of sustainable food and nutrition systems for food sovereignty in West Africa through organic agriculture and agroecology: what policies, mechanisms and instruments?.

This forum will thus be a multi-stakeholder framework for making an in-depth analysis of the opportunities and challenges of financing AE, AB and

ICA for food sovereignty in West Africa. It will also be a matter of making recommendations to policy makers and development partners for increasing policies and strategies that take into account AE, AB, AIC and the funding of their scaling up. This forum should also allow AE, OA and AIC stakeholders to renew their commitments to work alongside regional institutions, national public structures and local communities to support the scaling up of OA, AE and AIC for the realization of food sovereignty in the region.





2. FORUM SPECIAL EDITION OBJECTIVES

2.1. Global objective

The overall objective of the forum is to contribute to the development of sustainable food systems for food sovereignty in West Africa, through the implementation of public policies and interventions that truly value the structural solutions provided by the RAP to the means of AE, OA and AIC.

2.2. Specific Objective

This AE, OA and AIC forum for food sovereignty has the following specific objectives:



- Deinestrategiguídelinesto boost the institutionaland organi- zational frameworks of actors in agroecology, organic farming, climate-smart agriculture and for the renewal of the multi-annual plans of 3AO and WAfrONet;



- Analyze funding mechanisms (dynamics, challenges and perspectives) and share research results on funding, aiming at scaling up OA and AIC in West Africa for food sovereignty;



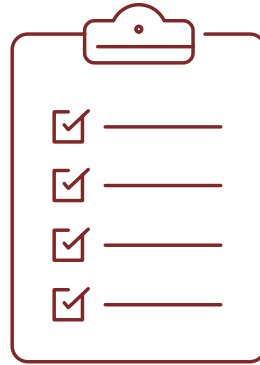
- Share information on the trajectories of public policies and strategies supporting AE, AB and AIC;



- Organize a space for political dialogue with the authorities of regional institutions (ECOWAS, WAEMU, CILSS, CORAF, etc.);



- Launch 3AO Digital Knowledge Management Platform.

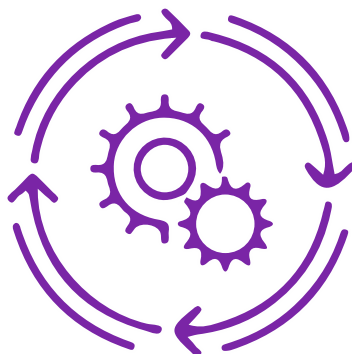


3. EXPECTED RESULTS

The expected outcomes of the agroecology forum include :

- Strategic guidelines to revitalize the institutional and organizational frameworks of 3 AO, WAfrONet and the renewal of their multi-year plans have been formulated;
- The dynamics, challenges and perspectives of funding mechanisms for scaling up AE, OA and AIC in West Africa for food sovereignty were analysed and proposals are made to improve their effectiveness;
- The challenges and perspectives of public policies and strategies in support of AE, OA and AIC are known by AE, OA and AIC stakeholders;
- Commitments and perspectives are adopted by the political decision-makers of regional institutions (ECOWAS, WAEMU, CILSS, CORAF etc.) for better consideration of AE, OA and CSA in regional policies and strategies, and greater collaboration with PO, CSO and private sector networks;
- 3AO's Digital Knowledge Management Platform is officially launched and widely known.





4. METHODOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND STEERING FRAME

4.1. Methodological approach to the preparation and management of the forum

The Forum will take place over four (04) days, combining plenary sessions and parallel thematic panels. The forum activities are organized around three (03) major steps :

- **Step1** : pedagogical and logistical preparation and communication ;
- **Step2** : management of the forum process ;
- **Step3** : exploitation of the conclusions and results of the forum.

These 3 steps comprise 25 sessions that will take place through introductory presentations, parallel panels and communication spaces, and group workshops to formulate proposals for actions and recommendations.

4.2. The Steering Frame of the Forum

The organizational framework adopted to lead the preparation and management of the proceedings of the forum is constituted by the following bodies :

- A teaching committee comprising :
 - 4 representatives of 3 AO ;
 - 4 WAfrONet representatives ;
 - 2 representatives of ECOWAS.



5. DESCRIPTION OF THE ACTIVITIES

1

Step1 : PEDAGOGICAL AND LOGISTICAL PREPARATION

The objective of this step is to create the pedagogical and logistical conditions for effective stakeholder participation, smooth functioning of the forum and achievement of results. The activities of this step consist mainly in :

- (i) defining the specifications and implementing the agenda of the 06 bodies of the steering framework of the forum (Pedagogical committee, communication and visibility commission, secretariat commission, health and safety commission, local committee) ;
- (ii) the development of all recommended documents and educational tools ;
- (iii) the mobilization of all logistics and technical supports, financial and political, necessary.



2

MANAGEMENT OF THE FORUM'S WORK

The objective of this step is to ensure that the themes of the forum and relevant conclusions, recommendations and resolutions are properly exploited. This step consists of seven (07) sequences taking into account the opening and closing ceremonies and the thematic works in number of 5 :



- (i) AE issues - AIC - OA – organizational dynamics and major actions of 3AO and WafroNet,
- (ii) Issues, landscape and challenges of funding mechanisms (Climate, biodiversity, food security) to support AE, OA and AIC;
- (iii) Issues, landscape and challenges of funding mechanisms (Climate, biodiversity, food security) to support AE, OA and AIC ,
- (iv) AE – OA and issues related to critical issues of the ASPH sector (sustainable management of natural/land resources and biodiversity - gender/inclusion - SPG - digitalization) and
- (iv) Public policies on AE, OA and AIC in West Africa

The table below shows a breakdown of the contents of these seven (07) sequences.



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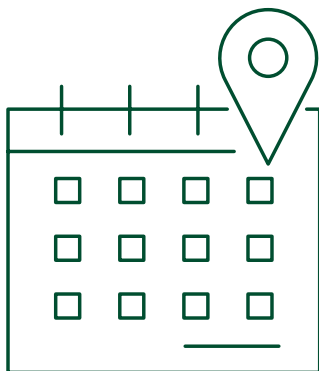
Step 3 : EVALUATION OF CONCLUSIONS – FORUM RECOMMENDATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS



The objective of this step is to create the conditions and put in place the modalities for ensuring a wide dissemination and exploitation of the results of the forum. The main activities at this step are :

- (i) finalization of the general synthesis report of the forum,
- (ii) dissemination of the general report through the communication channels of regional institutions , public structures, 3AO, WafrONet and their members,
- (iii) Limited consultation meeting with political decision-makers of regional institutions (ECOWAS, WAEMU, CILSS , CORAF),
- (iv) review meeting of the pedagogical committee and organizing committees (online),
- (v) The establishment of an organisational framework and a roadmap for follow-up to the forum's conclusions, recommendations and resolutions.

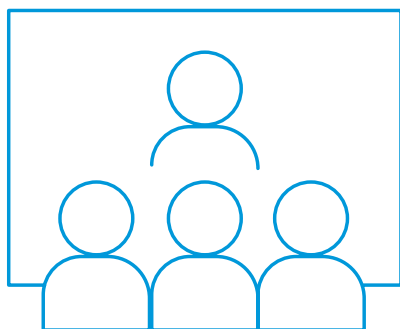




6. DATES AND VENUE OF THE FORUM

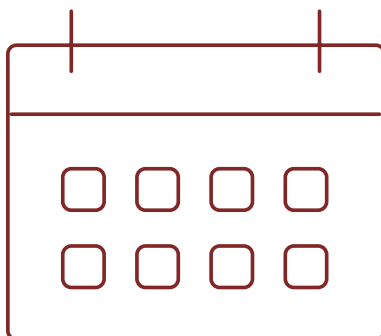
The forum will be held over an effective period of four (04) days from 21th to 24th of October 2024. The forum will be held in Abuja, Nigeria, in a hybrid format (both online and face-to-face participation).

The forum is chaired by the Chairman-in-Office of the ECOWAS Commission.



7. FORUM PARTICIPANTS

Le forum regroupera environ 400 participants comprenant des représentants(tes) des réseaux d'OP, d'OSC et structures membres de 3AO et de WAfroNet ; des institutions techniques et d'intégration régionale et continentale ; des institutions de financement nationale, régionales et internationales ; des coopérations bilatérales et multilatérales ; des institutions nationales et régionales de recherche ; et des ONG et AgriAgences nationales, régionales et internationales.



8. AGENDA PROVISOIRE

FIRST DAY			
SEQUENCE	HOUR	CONTENT	SPEAKERS/FACILITATORS
Sequence 1: Welcome and opening of the forum proceedings	8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Welcome and registration of participants	Forum Secretariat
	9:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.	Session 1: Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome address from the local committee representative • Word from the ActionAid representative • Word from the representative of development partners • Word from the President of WafrONet, • Word from the Chairman of the 3AO Steering Committee, • Artistic animation • Speech by the President of the ECOWAS Commission • Opening Address by the Minister of Agriculture of the Federal Republic of Nigeria Family photo	Master of Ceremonies
	10:20 - 10:50	Visit of the stands by the authorities	
	10:50 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Coffee break	Logistics Commission
	11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Session 2 (plenary): Actions of ActionAid, 3 AO and Wafronet	

Sequence 2: AE – AIC – OA issues – organizational dynamics and major actions of 3AO and WafroNet		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ActionAid presentation on strategic partnership Presentation of the balance sheet of 3AO actions Presentation of the balance sheet of WafrONet actions 	Speakers: ActionAid, 3AO, WafrOnet Facilitator: Ouedraogo Karim
	12:00-13:00	Session 3(plenary):: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> communication 1: dynamics of alliances and training and learning systems for AE, OA and AIC actors: Issues, trajectory – challenges and perspectives. communication 2: MOOC and agroecology Discussion 	Speaker: IRPAD Esup Montpellier Facilitator: Cheick Omar BA
	1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Instructions for group work	Facilitators
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.		Lunch break	
	2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Session 4: parallel group work <u>Group 1 – 3AO:</u> future directions and lines of action; strengthening alliances and coalitions for synergy and greater effectiveness of its action – strengthening training.	Group 1 moderator: Goita Mamadou
		<u>Group 2 – WafrONet:</u> future directions and lines of action; strengthening alliances and coalitions for synergy and greater effectiveness of its action – strengthening training.	Group 2 moderator: Assane Gueye

<p>Sequence 3: Issues, landscape and challenges of financing mechanisms (Climate, biodiversity, food security) to support AE, OA and AIC</p>	<p>3:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Session 5: Introduction to the theme of the sequence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication 3: Global financing mechanisms (climate, biodiversity, food and nutrition security, etc.) supporting AE, OA and AIC for food sovereignty: Issues, opportunities, challenges and perspectives • Communication 4: Financing mechanisms for the agroecological transition of AB and AIC in the ECOWAS region and Sharing of the study on the financing of agroecology <p>Discussions– conclusions</p>	<p>Speaker:IPES FOOD</p> <p>Facilitator:Karim Ouedraogo</p> <p>Speaker:ECOWAS Director of Agriculture and Rural Development</p> <p>Facilitator:Goita Mamadou</p>
<p>4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p>		<p>Coffee break</p>	
<p>Continuation of sequence 3: Issues, landscape and challenges of financing mechanisms (Climate, biodiversity, food security) to support AE, OA and AIC</p>	<p>4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Session 6 - Actors Panel</p> <p>Panel 1: regional, national and local financing mechanisms for AE, OA and AIC (climate, biodiversity, food and nutrition security, etc.) for food sovereignty: issues, opportunities, challenges and perspectives</p> <p>Questions – discussions with the panelists</p> <p>Main conclusions</p>	<p>Speakers:AfDB, IFAD, Banque Agricole Senegal, Ministry of Agriculture of Benin, Ministry of Finance of Nigeria, FFORA, CIRAD</p> <p>Facilitator: Cheick Omar BA</p>
<p>SECOND DAY</p>			
<p>Continuation of sequence 3: Issues, landscape and challenges of financing mechanisms (Climate, biodiversity, food security) to support AE, OA and AIC</p>	<p>08:30-08:45</p>	<p>Instructions for group work</p>	<p>Facilitators</p>
	<p>08:45-10:30</p>	<p>Session 7: parallel group work:</p> <p>Group work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group 1: development of synergies and anchoring between the different institutions and financing mechanisms - Group 2: possible actions and measures of regional institutions (ECOWAS, UEMOA, CILSS, CORAF) to improve the mobilization of financing for 	<p>Groups with their rapporteurs and chairmen</p>

		<p>the intensification of AE, OA and AIC?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Group 3: improve access of OP and CSO networks to different financing mechanisms (climate, biodiversity, food and nutritional security, etc.)? - Group 4: Presentation of research work on the financing of AE, OA and AIC; - Group 5: presentation of ongoing action research initiatives (Agricord/EU): achievements - challenges - perspectives 	
10:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.		Coffee break	
Continuation of sequence 3: Issues, landscape and challenges of financing mechanisms (Climate, biodiversity, food security) to support AE, AB and AIC	11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	<p>Session 8: Presentation of the conclusions of the group work in plenary session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary presentation of the work of the 5 groups; • Discussions - exchanges - conclusions 	<p>Group rapporteurs</p> <p>Conclusions: facilitators</p>
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.		Lunch break	
Sequence 4: AE – AB and issues related to critical questions in the ASPH sector (sustainable management of natural/land	2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	<p>Session 9: Introduction to the theme of the sequence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication 5: Highly hazardous pesticides in West Africa: agroecology and organic farming as alternatives • Communication 6: dynamics of the evolution of agricultural and pastoral lands, forest areas and fisheries resources: issues and challenges • Communication 7: the issues and challenges of 	<p>Heinrich-Boll-Stiftung and ActionAid</p> <p>Mamadou Sissokho</p> <p>Chariton Namuwoza</p>

resources and biodiversity – gender/inclusion – SPG – digitalization)		SPG for the promotion of organic and agroecological production and intra-regional trade	
	3:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Session 10: Parallel thematic panels	Speakers: , RBM, CORET, COFENABVI, CILSS, CIKOD Ghana, FNGN
		Panel 2: resilient agricultural practices – sustainable and inclusive exploitation and management of agricultural and pastoral lands to prevent conflicts between resource users	Facilitator: Jacques André
	3:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Panel 3: resilient agricultural practices – exploitation and management of forest areas and fisheries resources to ensure resource sustainability, improved EF incomes and food sovereignty	Speakers: OPFA Guinea, OPFA Benin, OPFA Togo, OPFA Senegal, REPAO/FENAGIE Fishing, Federal Ministry of Environment Facilitator: FAO
	3:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Panel 4: Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS), regional trade prospects and standardization	Speakers: CENABIO, ACTIONAID, OBEPAB, NOAN, , AMSP Facilitator: AGRICOL AFRICA
	3:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Panel 5: Role of young people and women in promoting AE of AB and AIC: what support strategies and approaches?	Speakers: NAFSL, AFAO, APIL, CNCR, ECOWAS, BvAT Facilitator: CORAF
	3:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Panel 6: Production and dissemination of peasant seeds for food sovereignty: assessment/achievements –	Speakers: COASP, CNOP Mali, EnDA, DioBass, SOL, ASPSP
			challenges – perspectives – what actions of POs/CSOs?
	3:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Panel 7: What digitalization approach to support the scaling up of AE, AB and AIC for food sovereignty.	Speakers: CPF, ROPPA, AFDI, CNOP G, Eweco Concept, Apps and Scripts Facilitator: Professor Jones Lemchi

	3:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Panel 8: Agroecological and organic inputs (fertilizers, pesticides), what collaborations, what support for greater production, greater quality and better access to markets	Speakers: SAIN school farm, Bioprotect, CNABIO, Enda, CIRAD, ActionAid, Facilitator: ARFA
	4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Coffee break	
	5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Visit the exhibitors' stands	
THIRD DAY			
Sequence 5: Public policies on AE, OA and AIC in West Africa	08:30-09:00	Session 11: Introductory communication 7: dynamics, issues and challenges of the formulation and implementation of national and regional public policies supporting AE, OA and AIC in West Africa	DOT/ARAA Konlani
	09h-09h45	Session 12: Plenary panel Panel 8: Policies – Public strategies and partner intervention	Speakers: ECOWAS, UEMOA, CILSS, FAO, Ministries of Agriculture
		in support of EA, AB and AIC for sustainable food systems: dynamics – instruments and implementation measures – challenges – perspectives – expected roles of PO and CSO networks	Nigeria, Senegal, WafrOnet, 3AO, APSS Facilitator: IRPAD
	09:45 – 11:00	Session 13: parallel group work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1: ensure better anchoring between public financing policies and strategies for AE, AB and AIC at national and regional level • Group 2: improvements (guidelines, measures and instruments, etc.) of public policies at regional (ECOWAP, PAU) and national level to ensure more effective consideration of AE, AB and AIC for food sovereignty • Group 3: possible roles and actions of PO and CSO networks to contribute to a more effective implementation of national and regional public policies supporting EA, AB and AIC • Group 4: what public policies and interventions to ensure the 	Groups with their rapporteurs and chairmen

		<p>scaling up of agroecological solutions, organic farming and AIC for the restoration and management of natural resources (land, fisheries, water resources, biodiversity and forest areas)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 5: promote the production of organic inputs, in sufficient quantity and of good quality for the needs of AE and AB actors • Group 6: how to strengthen the role of women and young people in the action of OPs and CSOs for TAE, AB and AIC; what approaches to digitalization of services to effectively support their commitment and their initiatives 	
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.		Coffee break	
Continuation of sequence 5: Public policies on AE, OA and AIC in West Africa	11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	<p>Session 14: Feedback from group work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restitution of the 6 groups • Exchanges • Summary – conclusions of the presentations and discussions 	Conclusions: facilitators
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.		Lunch break	
Continuation of sequence 5: Public policies and action research on AE, OA and AIC in West Africa	4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	<p>Session 15: Limited consultation with the authorities of regional institutions (ECOWAS, UEMOA, CILSS, CORAF)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • presentation of 3AO, WafrONet, and the main conclusions of the forum • presentation of the expectations of 3AO and WafrONet vis-à-vis regional institutions in relation to the scaling up of AE, OA and AIC; 	<p>ECOWAS UEMOA CILSS CORAF 3AO WafrONet</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • official submission of the contribution note; • Official launch of the digital knowledge management platform 	
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.		Coffee break	
	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Mass sport – football match	3AO, WafrOnet
	From 7:30 p.m.	Evening celebrating AE and AB in West Africa	Participants
FOURTH DAY			
Sequence 6: Assessment and outlook for the Forum	8:30-10:30	Session 16: forum evaluation/rating	Participants Main Moderator
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.		Coffee break	
Sequence 7: Institutional activities of 3AO and WafrOnet and closing of the forum work	11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Session 17: Perspectives consultation between 3 AO, WafrONet and ActionAid for perspectives (future collaboration, roadmap for monitoring the forum recommendations, orientations for the next forum, etc.)	3AO, WafrOnet, ActionAid
1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.		Lunch break	
Sequence 7: Institutional activities of 3AO and WafrOnet and closing of the forum work	2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Session 18: Parallel internal sessions:: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Side Events of WAfrONet and other partners (steering committee meetings, project-based stakeholder forums, etc.) - 3AO steering committee consultation 	3AO WafrOnet
	4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Closing ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the summary of the conclusions of the work and recommendations • Presentation of the actors' statement • Word from the representative of the local committee • Word from the representative of development partners 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Word from the President of WafrONet • Word from the ActionAid representative in Nigeria • Word from the Chairman of the 3AO Steering Committee • Artistic animation • Word from the President of the ECOWAS Commission • Closing Remarks by the Minister in Charge of Agriculture of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 	
	5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Review meeting of the educational committee and other commissions	steering Committee

