

**ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES (ECOWAS)/
STANDARDS AND TRADE DEVELOPMENT FACILITY (STDF)**

**WORKSHOP ON FRUIT FLY CONTROL IN WEST AFRICA
29-30 SEPTEMBER 2009, BAMAKO, MALI**

BAMAKO DECLARATION ON FRUIT FLY ACTION PLAN FOR WEST AFRICA

Preamble

Underlining our deep concerns regarding the far-reaching negative impact of fruit fly on West African fruit and vegetable production and export;

Emphasizing the need to ensure quality fruits and vegetables for local consumption as well as export;

Reaffirming the findings of the scoping study on the damage inflicted by fruit fly in West Africa (Italtrend study) and of the recommendations of the Bamako validation workshop of 29-30 July 2008;

Reiterating our commitment to setting up the required mechanisms, both in-country and at the regional level, to control fruit fly;

Recognizing that the implementation of the Regional Action Plan to control fruit fly is fundamental for increasing production of, and enhancing trade in, high quality fruits and vegetables from West Africa;

Re-emphasizing the need for a coordinated response to control fruit fly in West Africa in line with the Paris Principles on Aid Effectiveness, namely ownership, alignment, harmonization, managing for results and mutual accountability;

Reminding that the Regional Action Plan is a regional program with national components and not an aggregation of national programs coordinated at the regional level;

Recalling that several bilateral/ regional/ multilateral donor programs related to fruit fly control are currently implemented in selected West African countries;

Underlining that fruit fly control shall be fully integrated into the implementation of ECOWAS' agricultural policy (ECOWAP);

Re-assuring that on-going technical and financial assistance aimed at controlling fruit fly will be pursued and ensuring that these initiatives be part of the Regional Action Plan to control fruit fly in West Africa;

Hereby declare as follows:

We, Member States of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS):

- (i) validate the recommendations of the complementary study and Regional Action Plan on fruit fly control in West Africa prepared by COLEACP;
- (ii) re-iterate our commitment to prioritize fruit fly control in strategies and planning documents related to inter alia, poverty reduction, trade and agriculture development documents at national and regional level;

We, bilateral and multilateral, technical and financial, partners:

- (i) validate the recommendations of the complementary study and Regional Action Plan on fruit fly control in West Africa prepared by COLEACP;
- (ii) re-iterate our engagement to assist ECOWAS and its member states to control fruit fly, both financially and technically, to the extent that resources allow, and through capacity building, provided that requests for such assistance be demand driven and channeled through appropriate mechanisms;
- (iii) re-affirm that actions to control fruit fly in West Africa, as contained in the Regional Action Plan, should guide future donor activities at the regional and national level, whether these activities be managed through a multi-donor pool fund or by donors bilaterally.

We, participants to the Workshop held in Bamako, Mali, agree on the following road map towards the implementation of the Regional Action Plan:

- (i) revise and finalize the draft Regional Action Plan in line with comments made during the workshop by 15 October 2009 close of business;
 - (ii) call upon the beneficiary countries to integrate the Regional Action Plan as a priority in National Agricultural Investment Programs (NAIP)
 - (iii) call upon the ECOWAS Commission to submit the final Regional Action Plan to the next Council of Ministers for adoption;
 - (iv) call upon the ECOWAS Commission and its Member states to include the summary findings of the regional action plan to control fruit fly in West Africa in the Regional Agricultural Investment Program (RAIP) which will be discussed at the International Conference for Agricultural Investment in November 2009;
 - (v) recommend that the Regional Action Plan be presented for further consideration by bilateral and multilateral partners at the next ECOWAS Aid for Trade Review scheduled in 2010;
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