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COMITE PERMANENT INTER-ETATS DE LUTTE CONTRE LA SECHERESSE DANS LE SAHEL  
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**35<sup>ème</sup> Journée du CILSS**  
**12 septembre 2020**

# Webinar

Friday, September 11th, 2020 - 9 am UTC



## 35th CILSS Day 12 September 2020

Theme: "The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on food and nutrition security in the Sahel and West Africa and CILSS adaptation efforts for information production".

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

## ORGANISATION OF A WEBINAR ON THE THEME OF THE 35th CILSS DAY

August 2020

## **BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE**

The Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) was officially declared a pandemic in March 2020. Like a "Tsunami", this pandemic affected a number of CILSS Member States and marked a halt in socio-economic activities with measures such as border closures, lockdown of major cities, etc.;

This shutdown seriously impacted all sectors at different scales. Analysis of information from the Crisis Prevention and Management Mechanism (PREGEC), indicates that the food and nutrition security situation was already a concern in April 2020 with nearly 17 million people in food and nutrition insecurity and 50.8 million people under stress likely to switch to crisis phase by June-August 2020, if the crisis continued.

The series of natural disasters, conflicts and epidemics that affected the West Africa and Sahel region have undermined the ability of the populations to access rich, nutritious and diversified foods to meet their nutritional needs. The impact of COVID-19 thus added to the pre-existing situation to aggravate food and nutrition insecurity and further degrade the livelihoods of the most vulnerable people by reducing basic foodstuff availability and accessibility.

The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and the set of mitigation measures taken to slow the rate of infections in the sub-region has seriously impacted the food and nutrition security of the populations. The reduction in the purchasing power of households and States, the increase in food prices, the food supply problems and the difficulties encountered in implementing food security and nutrition programmes have adversely affected the food and nutrition security of households in the region.

CILSS has taken urgent actions in favour of the populations and its Member States to adapt to the pandemic and to assist them in their quest for better food and nutrition security, especially during this challenging period.

With regard to the effects or impact of COVID 19, the activities of CILSS have focused on the four dimensions of Food and Nutrition Security, namely:

- Availability: (agro-forestry-pastoral and fisheries production, including stockpiles);
- Accessibility (traffic, markets, access capacities, infrastructures, etc.);
- Utilization (nutrition and others);
- Stability in time and space.
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CILSS and its Member States started monitoring the effects of COVID-19 in March 2020 by focusing on the different dimensions mentioned above.

In addition, CILSS information production efforts in this COVID-19 era focused on the efforts of national and regional information systems to adapt to the situation, while showing the limits and gaps to be corrected.

To provide an opportunity to discuss the short and medium term effects of this pandemic on food and nutrition security and on the living conditions of the populations, CILSS has chosen to celebrate its 35th Day under the following Theme: "**The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on food and nutrition security in the Sahel and West Africa and CILSS information production adaptation efforts**".

By choosing this theme, CILSS seeks to address a constant concern, that of strengthening the resilience of the Sahelian and West African populations to face recurrent food and nutrition crises, exacerbated by this global health crisis.

Specifically, and taking into account the current context, the CILSS Day will be celebrated at the regional level via a Webinar on the selected theme. This Webinar will be moderated by a high-level panel of experts.

The present terms of reference focus on the organisation and conduct of the said panel in the form of a Webinar.

## **I. OBJECTIVES:**

### **1.1 Overall objective**

The purpose of this Webinar is to inform CILSS Member States about the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and the adaptation measures needed to address it in the area of food and nutrition security.

### **1.2 Specific objectives:**

Specifically, it aims to:

- Present an overall picture of the effects of COVID-19 pandemic on the food and nutritional security conditions of the populations in the CILSS area (reduced purchasing power, disruption of markets and price structure of basic foodstuffs, impacts on the agro-pastoral sector);
- Share Member States' experiences in terms of monitoring impacts and especially adaptation measures at the national level;
- Share the measures taken by CILSS to help adapt to the effects of COVID-9;
- Present the information system (PREGEC, RPCA) which is used to produce and disseminate information;
- Present the main lines of the Regional Response Plan developed by CILSS (with large-scale short- and medium-term actions).

## **II. EXPECTED RESULTS**

The expected results at the end of this Webinar shall be as follows:

- An overall picture of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on food and nutrition security of the populations in the CILSS area is presented;
- Experiences of member countries in terms of impacts and especially adaptation measures at the national level are shared;
- Measures taken by CILSS to help adapt to the effects of COVID-19 are shared;
- An information and monitoring system (PREGEC/RPCA) which is used to produce and disseminate information is presented;
- The main lines of the Regional Response Plan developed by CILSS are presented.

## **III. EXPECTED DELIVERABLES OF THE WEBINAR**

These include, but are not limited to:

- Webinar Report
- Brief documents on the situation of CILSS member countries

## **IV. PARTICIPANTS**

The public concerned shall be composed of:

### **1. Political authorities:**

- CILSS Minister Coordinator;
- Ministers in charge of CILSS matters in the Member States;
- CILSS Executive Secretary.

### **2. Technical and Financial Partners (TFP):**

- Leader of TFPs;
- Institutional partners (ECOWAS, UEMOA, ALG, ABV...)
- Development Partners (World Bank, AFD, EU, USAID, IDB),
- Technical Partners (FAO, SWAC, ARAA, CORAF, CARE....)

### **3. Other participants:**

- Permanent Secretaries of CONACILSS;

- CILSS Board of Directors (ES, DES, DGs of Specialised Institutions, Internal Auditor, Head of UAM, PRA Coordinators, Project Coordinators...)
- CILSS Experts
- General public, via CILSS Facebook page

#### **4. Panelists**

- High-level personality known for his/her expertise on food and nutrition security issues in the CILSS area (Moderator);
- 13 Panelists (one panelist per CILSS Member State);
- 3 panelists/experts from the CILSS System on food and nutrition issues.

#### **V. WEBINAR METHODOLOGY**

The following approach will be used to achieve the objectives of the Webinar:

- The high-level moderator in food and nutrition security will introduce the theme of the 35th CILSS day by providing information on the current situation in the world and in the CILSS region. He/she will also be responsible for moderating the Webinar;
- The designated CILSS experts will each make a presentation in accordance with the specific objectives defined, with an emphasis on the activities carried out to help Member States to adapt to them;
- The Member States will, in turn, make short presentations on the situation at the national level, highlighting the mitigation measures taken at their level;
- Panel facilitation and discussions with participants by the Moderator;
- A summary of the work will be made by the Moderator.

#### **VI. WEBINAR PERIOD**

The Webinar will be held in advance on **Friday, September 11, 2020 via ZOOM meeting from 09:00 to 12:00 (UTC).**

## VII. DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME (UTC TIME)

Time	Activity	Person in charge
08h30-09h00	Opening and connecting participants to the Webinar platform	Head UAM-CID/IT
09h00-09h30	<b>Opening ceremony:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome from the CILSS ES (5mn)</li> <li>- Broadcasting of the video message of the Current Chairman of CILSS, Marshal <b>Idriss Déby ITNO of Chad</b>, President of the Republic, Head of State.</li> <li>- Introduction and presentation of panelists by the High-Level Moderator</li> </ul>	Head of UAM-CID
09h30-10h00	Introductory presentation by CILSS on the status of the effects of COVID-19 and the activities carried out in relation to food and nutrition security and the adaptation of the information system (theme of the 35th CILSS Day)	CILSS Panelists 10 minutes per panelist
10h00-10h50	Status of effects and actions taken by each country	Panelists/countries
10h50-11h30	Panel facilitation	Participants
11h30-11h45	Wrap-up by the Moderator	High-level Moderator
11h45-12h	<b>Closing ceremony:</b>  Closing remarks by the Executive Secretary	CILSS DES
12h	End of CILSS 35th Day Webinar	

For and on behalf of the Executive Secretary,

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