



**48th Ordinary Session of CILSS Council of Ministers
N'Djamena (Republic of Chad), 07 April 2013**

FINAL COMMUNIQUE



The 48th Ordinary Session of the Council of Ministers of the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS) was held on April 7, 2013 at the Hotel Kempinski, N'Djamena, Republic of Chad, under the chairmanship of Dr. Dangde Laoubele DAMAYE, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation of the Republic of Chad and CILSS Minister Coordinator.

The country delegations were led by:

1. For Burkina Faso, Mr. Salif OUEDRAOGO, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, representing Mr. Mahama ZOUNGRANA, Minister of Agriculture and Food Security;
2. For the Republic of the Gambia, The Honourable Solomon J. E. OWENS, Secretary of State for Agriculture;
3. For the Republic of Mali, Mr. Baba BERTHE, Minister of Agriculture;
4. For the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, Mr. Brahim Ould M'bareck Ould Mohamed EL MOCTAR, Minister of Rural Development;
5. For the Republic of Niger, Mr. OUA Saïdou, Minister of Agriculture;
6. For the Republic of Senegal, Mr. Haydar EL ALI, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development;
7. For the Republic of Chad, Dr. Dangde Laoubele DAMAYE, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, Minister Coordinator of CILSS;
8. For the Republic of Benin, Mr. Irénée Bio ABOUDOU, PS CONACILSS, representing Mr. Katé SABAÏ, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries;
9. For the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, Mr. TRAORE Kalilou, Chief Executive Officer at the Ministry of African Integration and Ivorians Abroad, representing Mr. Ally COULIBALY, Minister of African Integration and Ivorians Abroad.

Also took part in this session, members of the CILSS Management Committee, members of the Regional Programming and Monitoring Committee (RPMC) and the Minister Coordinator's invited guests

- Mr. Nicolas GROPER, *Chargé d'Affaires* at the French Embassy in Chad, representing the Leader of the Technical and Financial Partners;
- His Excellency Mr. Nadjib MAHDI, Ambassador of Algeria to Chad;
- Mr. Nicolas LECRIVAIN, representing the French Cooperation in Burkina Faso;
- Prof. Michel Cyr DJIENA WEMBOU, AfDB Resident Representative in Chad;
- Mr. OULD CHEIKH AHMED Mohamed Aly, Head of Agriculture, West Africa Division, AfDB;
- Mr. Olivier CADOR, Deputy Director of the *Agence Française de Développement* (French Development Agency) in Chad;
- Mrs. Candace BUZARD, Director for Economic Growth and Agriculture, USAID/West Africa, Accra, Ghana ;
- Mr. Amadou Gnagna KONATE, of the Millennium Development Goals Centre for West and Central Africa (MDG/WCA);
- Mr. Thomas GURTNON, Resident Coordinator of the United Nations System, Chad.

I- Opening ceremony

Three addresses marked this ceremony:

- The welcome remarks by the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of CILSS Statutory



meetings;

- The address by the Representative of CILSS Technical and Financial Partners;
- The opening speech by the Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation of the Republic of Chad, CILSS Minister Coordinator.

The Chairman of the Organizing Committee, Mr. MAHAMAT Mactar Ali, Director General of Crop Production and Training at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation of Chad said that his country was honoured to host this meeting and wished participants a successful session and a pleasant stay in Chad.

The Representative of the technical and financial partners, Mr. Nicolas GROPERT, Chief Advisor at the French Embassy in Chad laid emphasis on the operationalization of the CILSS/ECOWAS institutional linkage. He noted the relevance of CILSS tools for food crisis prevention and alert and food security analysis. He welcomed the arrival of new partners, including the UNDP, AfDB and IDB. Finally, he assured CILSS of the technical and financial partners' confidence, availability and active support.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Dangdé Laoubele DAMAYE, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation of Chad, CILSS Minister Coordinator, welcomed his peers. He thanked them for making the trip to Chad to take part in this session of the Ministerial Council and the Conference of Heads of State and Government of CILSS. He welcomed the presence of Benin, Côte d'Ivoire and Togo who have joined the CILSS family, thus bringing the number of Member States to thirteen (13). Lastly, he reiterated his thanks to the technical and financial partners for their continuous assistance and their commitment to support CILSS in its missions.

After the opening ceremony, the Minister Coordinator invited the AfDB representative to deliver his message to participants. In his message, the AfDB representative, Prof. DJIENA WEMBOU Michel Cyr welcomed the opportunity offered to him to share the Bank's outlook in terms of food and nutrition security and reiterated its commitment to the Global Coalition on Water in the Sahel by agreeing to be its lead institution. He suggested to the member countries to seek the African Development Funds to finance CILSS activities. He finally assured CILSS of the Bank's support.

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II- Deliberations of the Ministerial Council

The Council of Ministers examined and adopted the following items during this session:

- 1- The Executive Secretary's report;
- 2- The RPMC (CRPS) report;
- 3- The Internal audit report.

II-1- Presentation and discussion of the CILSS Executive Secretary's report

In his report, the Executive Secretary commended the arrival of new countries in the CILSS family. This report is articulated as follows: i) Context; ii) State of implementation of activities; iii) Institution steering and management; iv) Overview of the budget 2012 performance; v) Some changes and achievements; vi) Difficulties, challenges and prospects.

The Council congratulated the Executive Secretary for the quality of the report and the presentation. It also congratulated CILSS for the satisfactory technical results achieved and expressed its encouragements to the institution.

The report was then adopted by acclamation.

II-2- Presentation and discussion of the Regional Programming and Monitoring Committee (RPMC) meeting report

The Council of Ministers listened to a summary presentation of the RPMC report including the draft budget and the Plan of Operations 2013. The RPMC expressed its satisfaction at all issues examined and made proposals for improvement. It encouraged CILSS to continue its efforts in order to better cover the water and market access themes which are insufficiently taken into account as well as the concerns of the new member countries. Moreover, the RPMC invited CILSS to take appropriate action for a greater involvement of the PS/CONACILSS in the implementation of its activities.

The Council of Ministers decided to examine some of the points raised in this report during the session behind closed doors.

II-3- Presentation and discussion of the internal audit report

The internal auditor presented the internal audit report to the Council of Ministers. He noted that the financial and accounting management is relatively satisfactory. He then presented the risk mapping and management results.

Recommendations and guidance were given. The Council commended the good financial management of CILSS and the results achieved by this audit.

III- In camera

The Council welcomed the participation of its new members in these statutory meetings and urged them to take ownership of CILSS achievements. Like the partners, the Council was delighted at CILSS leadership as re-asserted in its mandate by its capacity to integrate food security, adaptation to climate change effects, sustainable natural resource management issues and the extension of its influence in the ECOWAS area and beyond. The Council noted that CILSS is a successful and attractive institution, because of the quality of the services it offers to

its clients. The Council of Ministers seeks strong support from the Conference of CILSS Heads of State.

III-1 – Draft new Revised Convention

The Council proposes aligning the tenure of office of CILSS management staff (Executive Secretary, Deputy Executive Secretary and Director Generals) with those of ECOWAS and UEMOA organs, i.e., four (4) years, renewable once. The new Convention can be submitted for signature by the Heads of State.

III-2 - CILSS/ECOWAS institutional linkage

The Council took note of the significant progress made in the CILSS-ECOWAS linkage process and considers that this matter must be resolved at the political level. To that end, and to accelerate the process, the Council solicits its settlement by the Conference of Heads of State of both institutions. The Council proposes a working session between the CILSS Current President and his ECOWAS counterpart to quickly dispose of the matter.

III-3 - Status of the Global Coalition on Water in the Sahel

The Council was delighted at the AfDB's support and its agreement to be Lead institution for the Global Coalition on Water in the Sahel. The Council was also informed of the resources the AfDB has provided to CILSS to carry on with the process and instructed the Executive Secretary to step up his collaboration with the AfDB in order to operationalize the Coalition as quickly as possible.

III-4 - Financial situation: arrears of Member State contributions, CILSS' debts

The Council refers that matter to the Conference of Heads of State and Government. In addition, the Council asks the Minister Coordinator and the Executive Secretary to look for ways and means to wipe off CILSS' debts. To that end, the Council instructs the Executive Secretary to:

- Rely on the internal resource generation arrangements;
- Seek for voluntary contributions from the Member States and
- Identify opportunities for mobilizing additional financial resources with the partners.

III -5-Setting up of a human resource organizational structure (core staff):

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The Council was informed of three scenarios proposed following the study on the setting up of a human resource organizational structure (core staff). The Council opts for scenario 1, that is to say 53 employees for an annual amount of 1 694 240 473 FCFA. The Council asks CILSS to look further into the issue of its financing.

III- 6- Retirement age increase and harmonization:

The Council agrees to the retirement age increase as follows:
62 years for the senior executive staff instead of 60 years; 60 years for the junior executive staff instead of 56 and 58 years instead of 55 years for the other employees.

III-7 – Alignment and definition of criteria for Member State contributions:

The Council considers that the level of membership dues is not the suitable way to solve CILSS financial problems. The Council invites CILSS to look further into the issue of member State contribution levels to facilitate decision-making. Criteria were proposed including: solidarity, size of population, surface area of country, payment capacity, GDP of country, etc. These criteria should be analyzed and submitted to the next statutory meetings.

III-8 - Nomination of executive staff members: Executive Secretary and DG of AGRHYMET Regional Centre

The Council refers this matter to the Conference of Heads of State and Government.

III-9-Collaboration with UEMOA

The Council recommends to CILSS to increase its partnership relationship with the other IGOs of the sub-region, particularly with UEMOA.

III-10-Construction of INSAH headquarters

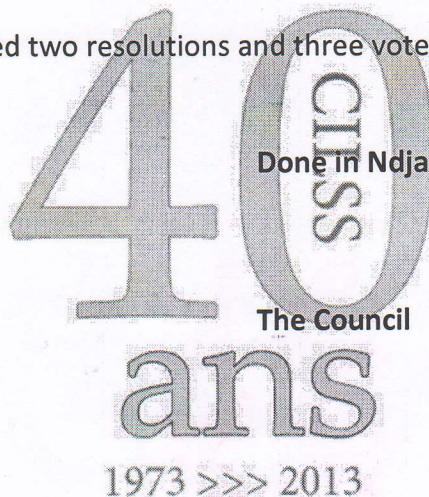
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III-11-Next session of the Council of Ministers

The Council decided to hold its next session in the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire.

IV- Resolutions

The Council of Ministers has adopted two resolutions and three votes of thanks.



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Resolution n° 1/48/CM/2013
Relating to the adoption of CILSS budget for FY 2013

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Mindfu Of the CILSS Revised Convention adopted by the 11th Summit Conference of CILS
I Heads of State and Government, held in Praia;

Mindfu Of the resolutions adopting the legal texts including the Statutes, the general
I rules of procedure, the financial regulations, the Rules of Procedures of the Council of Ministers;

Adopts CILSS budget for the year 2013, in a statement of revenues and expenditure to the amount of **Thirteen billion two hundred and forty-four million one hundred and seventy-three thousand six hundred and sixty-five (13 244 173 665) FCFA**.

I. REVENUES

They come from:

- Budgetary allocations of Member States and Donors;
- Exceptional resources and resources generated by the CILSS system.

A. Budgetary allocations

They amount to **12 992 276 804 FCFA** distributed as follows:

- **584 894 950 FCFA** from Member States for CILSS operation;
- **12 407 381 854 FCFA** from Donors.

B. Resources generated by the CILSS system and other resources

They amount to **251 896 861 FCFA** distributed as follows:

- **128 490 065 FCFA** estimated for generated resources
- **123 406 796 FCFA** as funding to be looked for.

II. EXPENDITURES

They consist of personnel costs, overheads, investment costs and intervention costs of the different CILSS entities.



1. Personnel Costs	2 162 130 264
2. Overheads	653 380 217
3. Investment	930 388 707
4. Interventions	9 498 274 477
TOTAL	13 244 173 665

Urges The Executive Secretary to actively mobilize the funds needed to carry out the activities planned in the Plan of Operations 2013.

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Resolution n°02/CM/48/2013
On CILSS - UEMOA collaboration

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- Mindful** Of the CILSS revised Convention adopted by the 11th Summit Conference of CILSS Heads of State and Government held in Praia (Cape Verde) on 21 and 22 April 1994, specifically in its articles 3, 5, 6, 25 et 28;
- Mindful** Of the Cooperative Agreement between the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA) and the Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (C.I.L.S.S.) dated 27 May 2003, specifically in its articles 1 and 2;
- Mindful** Of the Final Communiqué of the 3rd **High-level meeting on Food Security, held on 13 September 2012 in Niamey (Republic of Niger), specifically its following two recommendations:** i) Support CILSS in order to strengthen its role in support of countries in the locust-affected area, including by developing its capacity in the fields of training, applied research in locust control and monitoring of zones ecologically favourable for the desert locust development; and ii) ensure that the CILSS Centre for Agro-hydrometeorological Application serves as an advance post of the Commission for the desert Locust Control in the Western Region (CLCPRO) in the Sahel and West Africa;
- Being informed** Of projects and programmes implemented or being developed with the UEMOA Commission and the strengthening of cooperation between the two institutions;
- Congratulates** CILSS for its proven expertise in its areas of competence recognized by the Member States and the Technical and Financial Partners;
- Urges** The Executive Secretary to take every step deemed necessary to reinforce and expand cooperation and collaboration with the UEMOA Commission in CILSS areas of expertise.

Done in Ndjamen, on 07 April 2013

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VOTE OF THANKS TO
HIS EXCELLENCY MR. DIONCOUNDA TRAORE, PRESIDENT OF THE
TRANSITION OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALI


- ✚ His Excellency Mr. Salif OUEDRAOGO, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, representing His Excellency Mr. Mahama ZOUNGRANA, Minister of Agriculture and Food Security of Burkina Faso;
- ✚ The Honourable Solomon J. E. OWENS, Secretary of State for Agriculture of the Republic of the Gambia;
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Meeting on April 7, 2013 in N'DJAMENA, Republic of Chad, on the occasion of the 48th Ordinary Session of the CILSS Council of Ministers,

Express their appreciation and gratitude to His Excellency Mr. Dioncounda TRAORE, President of the transition of the Republic of Mali, for his constant support to CILSS, especially for the special generous financial contribution given to the Institution.

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**VOTE OF THANKS TO
HIS EXCELLENCY MR. IDRIS DEBY ITNO, PRESIDENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CHAD, CILSS CURRENT CHAIRMAN**

- + His Excellency Mr. Salif OUEDRAOGO, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, representing His Excellency Mr. Mahama ZOUNGRANA, Minister of Agriculture and Food Security of Burkina Faso;
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Done in N'Djamena, on 07 April 2013

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VOTE OF THANKS TO

HIS EXCELLENCY MR. IDRIS DEBY ITNO, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHAD, CILSS CURRENT CHAIRMAN, TO THE CHADIAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE

- ✚ His Excellency Mr. Salif OUEDRAOGO, Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, representing His Excellency Mr. Mahama ZOUNGRANA, Minister of Agriculture and Food Security of Burkina Faso;
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Express their gratitude to His Excellency Mr. Idriss Deby ITNO, President of the Republic of Chad, to the Government and People of Chad for the warm welcome and the many facilities granted to them during their stay in Ndjamen.

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