



**ACTIVITIES AND PROGRESS RELATED TO THE
REGIONAL DECLARATION ON CLIMATE
EDUCATION IN WEST AFRICA**

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INTRODUCTION

- 2022 : launch at COP27 in Egypt of the initiative for the regional declaration on education and training on climate change strengthening in West Africa, thanks to UNITAR, CILSS and Burkina Faso
- Nowadays all 13-member countries of the CILSS have joined the Declaration.

The Declaration is :

- a response to the slow to adoption of right behaviors and good practices to deal with climate change in West Africa, which compromises the future of the region in the medium and long term;
- a commitment of the CILSS member states to giving education and training on climate change an absolute priority to face climate change;
- a call upon the international community to support this major collective political commitment, which contributes to the implementation of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement about “Action or climate empowerment”.



TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO ADVANCE THE REGIONAL DECLARATION THROUGH A REGIONAL PROJECT ON CLIMATE CHANGE EDUCATION IN THE WEST AFRICA

- Technical support was provided by UNITAR (straight from the beginning of the process in 2022).
- Financial support was provided by the IDB for the concept note; full Prodoc development and feasibility study are financed by the ABEDA
- For implementation a fund raising round table was held in Vienna. The ABEDA, AGFUND, SFD, AOAD, OPEC Fund made announcements.
- Next step is effective funds mobilization.





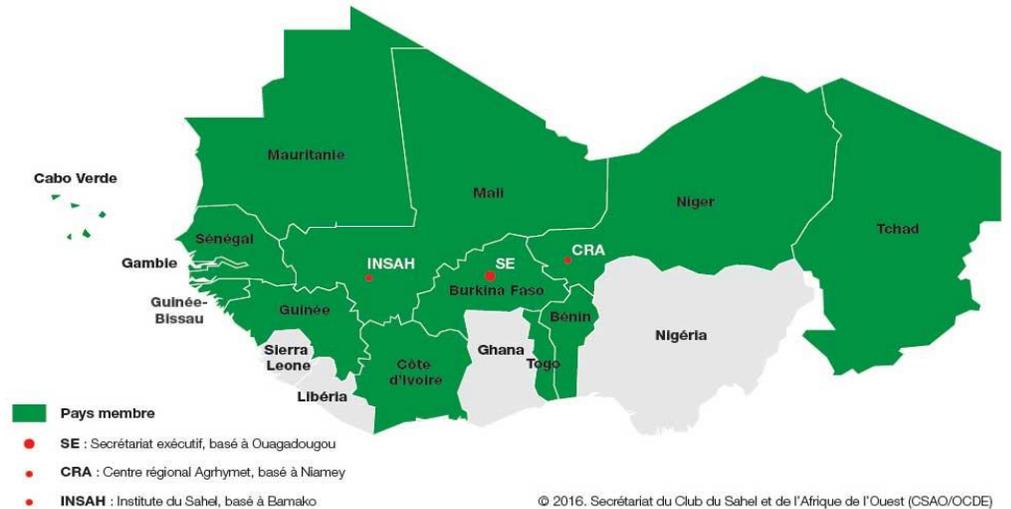
EXPECTED IMPACTS ON THE GROUND

- Improved sub-regional cooperation on climate change education, training, research and innovation.
- Changes in behavior
- Massive adoption of right behaviors and practices to deal with CC.
- Increased participation of the public, namely women and youth, in climate resilient projects et programmes.
- Increased climate resilience of the region.



- The CILSS is willing to cooperate with the GEP, the UNICEF and UNESCO who are leading strategic initiatives in the same thematic
- Opportunities for partnering is sought and this meeting is clearly an opportunity
- In the same vain, the MECCE project is most welcome to collaborate is establishing a specific Regional M&E system for the Project

COMITÉ PERMANENT INTER-ÉTATS DE LUTTE CONTRE LA SÉCHÉRESSE DANS LE SAHEL



The regional education project also supports the following priority projects/programs of the CILSS (Permanent Inter-State Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel) to ensure their climate sustainability:

- The Regional Program for Ecosystem Restoration, Food and Nutritional Security, with strengthened education and training on climate change in CILSS member countries.
- The Project for Improving Animal Health and Veterinary Public Health in West African and Sahelian Countries (ASASPV/AOS).
- The Integrated Development Program for Livestock and Meat Value Chains in Sahelian countries for export to regional and international markets.
- The CILSS is willing to sharing experiences on these thematic areas.





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