



COMITE PERMANENT INTER-ETATS DE LUTTE CONTRE LA SECHERESSE DANS LE SAHEL
PERMANENT INTERSTATE COMMITTEE FOR DROUGHT CONTROL IN THE SAHEL
COMITÉ PERMANENTE INTER-ESTADOS DE LUTA CONTRA A SECA NO SAHEL

اللجنة الدائمة المشتركة لمحاربة التصحر في الساحل



PERMANENT INTERSTATE COMMITTEE FOR DROUGHT CONTROL IN THE SAHEL:

“ 50 years of commitment at the service of Sahelian and West African populations ”



The Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel was created on September 12, 1973, following the great drought in the Sahel during the '70s. The committee, established for the sake of active solidarity between peoples, is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary this year.

Today, it is composed of 13 member states: Burkina Faso, Benin, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Chad, and Togo. Two states, Sudan and the Central African Republic, are waiting to join

The CILSS is involved in the entire ECOWAS area, including Mauritania and Chad, which totals 17 countries.



Over the past half-century, the CILSS has strongly supported these states and the Sahelian and West African populations by establishing mechanisms, instruments, and tools that allow for a better understanding and effective coping with the challenges of sustainable development in the region. These challenges include drought, the adverse effects of climate change, the lack of water and energy control, the malfunctioning of the regional food processing market, food insecurity, population issues, and training.

Thanks to the CILSS with the support of the technical and financial partners, the region will not be surprised any more by natural disasters (floods and droughts).

The celebration of this fiftieth anniversary throughout the year 2023, with its major events, will be a great moment of exchange, sharing, and communication to highlight the benefits and knowledge acquired by the institution for the member states and the resilient populations.

This celebration will also provide an ideal context for the CILSS to deliver a high-level defense speech to its technical and financial partners, aiming to enhance strategic partnerships in preparation for the financing of its work plan for 2023-2027, aligned with its 2050 vision for achieving its new mandate

MANDATE

"To invest in the research for food and nutrition security and fight against desertification and climate change effects achieving a sustainable development in the Sahel and West Africa".

VISION

" By 2050, with the fully deployed technical and scientific savoir-faire of the CILSS, it will contribute to the well-being of the Sahelian and West African populations".

It offers a range of five strategic focuses:

1. Nutrition and food security
2. Natural resources management/climate change
3. Water management
4. Access to markets for agro-sylvo-pastoral products and fisheries
5. Population, gender, and development

The sixth interdisciplinary and strategic focus is titled "Governance and Organizational Development," ensuring political coverage, coordination, management, and monitoring of the CILSS system



STATUTORY BODIES

The CILSS is ruled by the following statutory bodies:

- Conference of the heads of the states and / or of the governments
- Council of Ministers;
- Regional Committee for Program and Monitoring;
- Executive Board;

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

The CILSS is located in three countries:

- The Executive Secretary is located in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.
- The Sahel Institute, a specialized institution, is based in Bamako, Mali.
- AGRYMET CCR-AOS, the regional climate center of West Africa and the Sahel, is a specialized institution based in Niamey, Niger



FIVE REGIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS(RSP)

"The CILSS interventions are carried out by the following five regional support programs:

- Nutrition and food security (RSP/NFS)
- Regional support program for natural resources management and climate change (RSP/NRM(CC))
- Regional support program for population, gender, and development (RSP/PGD)
- Regional support program for market access of agricultural and food processing products (RSP/Markets)
- Regional Support Program for water management (RSP/WM)



FOUR (4) SUPPORT UNITS

There are four management support units (MSUs) responsible for technical and administrative support:

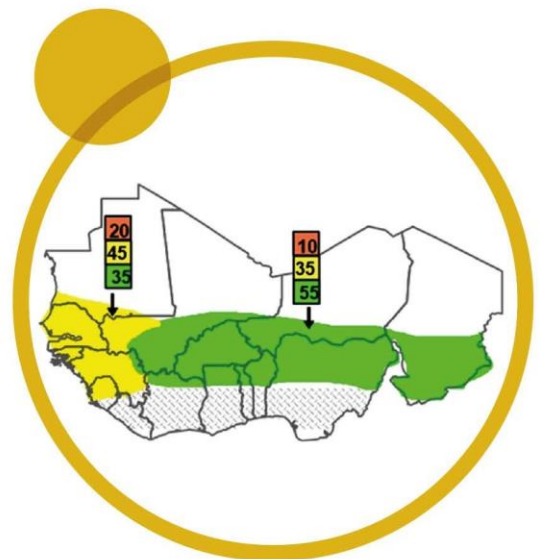
- Management support unit for administration, finance, and accounting (MSU-AFA)
- Management support unit for information, communication, and document resources (MSU/ICD)
- Management support unit for human resource management (MSU/HRM)
- Management support unit for planning and follow-up evaluation (MSU/PFE)



FIVE (5) SERVICE CENTERS

There are also five service centers provided by the CILSS for member states and technical and financial partners. These centers offer the following main services:

- Support for defining and implementing sector-specific policies
- Basic and continuing training
- Information services
- Research and knowledge sharing
- Multi-country pilot project



THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

Month	Date	Activities
Mars	March, 28 th	Official ceremony for the launch of the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary by the Coordinating Minister
May to September		<p>Animation in the member states</p> <p>Documentary films on CILSS interventions and their impacts in member states</p> <p>Communication: on the contributions (role and place) of the CONACILSS in the implementation of the CILSS mandate</p> <p>Conference on the valorization of non-timber forest products and challenges of agri-food products</p> <p>Conference: border transhumance as a tool of interstate solidarity, impacts on natural resources and the economy of host countries</p> <p>Conference: role of the CILSS in the fight against desertification - achievements and challenges, technical services open days</p> <p>Exhibition and sale of non-timber forest products, agro-sylvo-pastoral processed products, and handicrafts</p>
June	June 15th	Round table on the financing of the 2023-2027 five-year work plan and the 2050 strategic plan of CILSS
July	July 26-27 th	International conference on the challenges and issues of building a resilient regional market for agro-sylvo-pastoral products in the Sahel and West Africa, held in Bamako
	September 4	The CILSS programming and follow-up regional committee
	September 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official launch of the celebration week • Open days • Exhibition and sale of non-timber forest products, agro-sylvo-pastoral processed products, and handicrafts. Stand animations
	September 6	
	September 7	
	September 8	<p style="text-align: center;">Panels</p> <p>Panel 1: Transhumance breeding in a context of civil insecurity: issues and challenges</p> <p>Panel 2: 50 years of providing information to the people of the Sahel and West Africa</p> <p>Panel 3: 50 years of training and capacity building</p>
	September 9	Council of ministers
	September 10	<p>- Sports and festive activities - open days</p> <p>- Exhibition and sale of non-timber forest products and agro-sylvo-pastoral processed products</p>
	September 11	Reception of heads of state and government
	September 12	<p>Summit of Heads of State and Government of the CILSS</p> <p>Official ceremony of celebration</p> <p>-Formal speeches</p> <p>-In-camera signing of the revised CILSS convention</p> <p>-Final statement of the Association of Municipalities of Erdre and Gesvres (ACEG)</p> <p>-Closing speech</p> <p>-Gala dinner and awards</p>



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